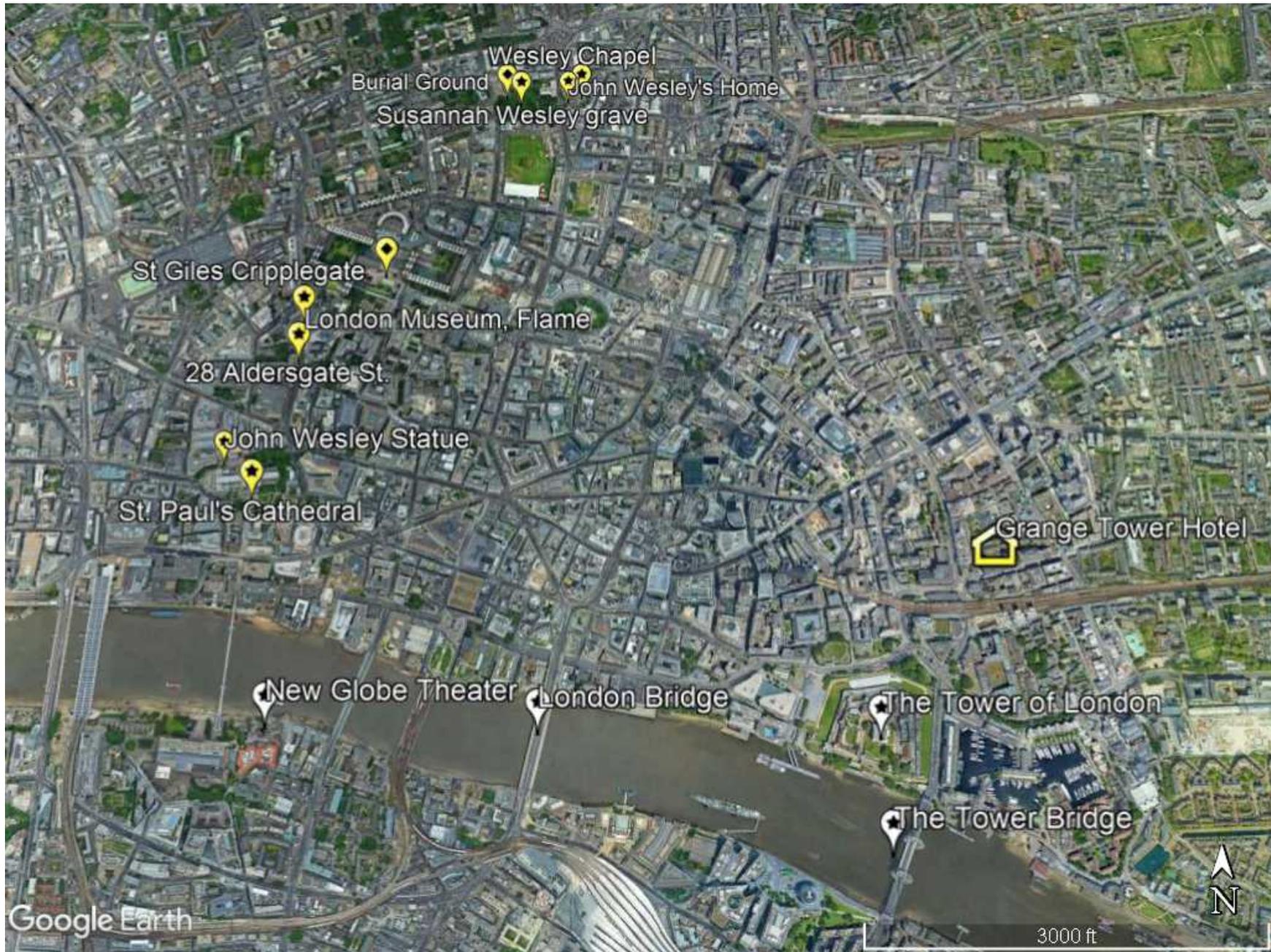


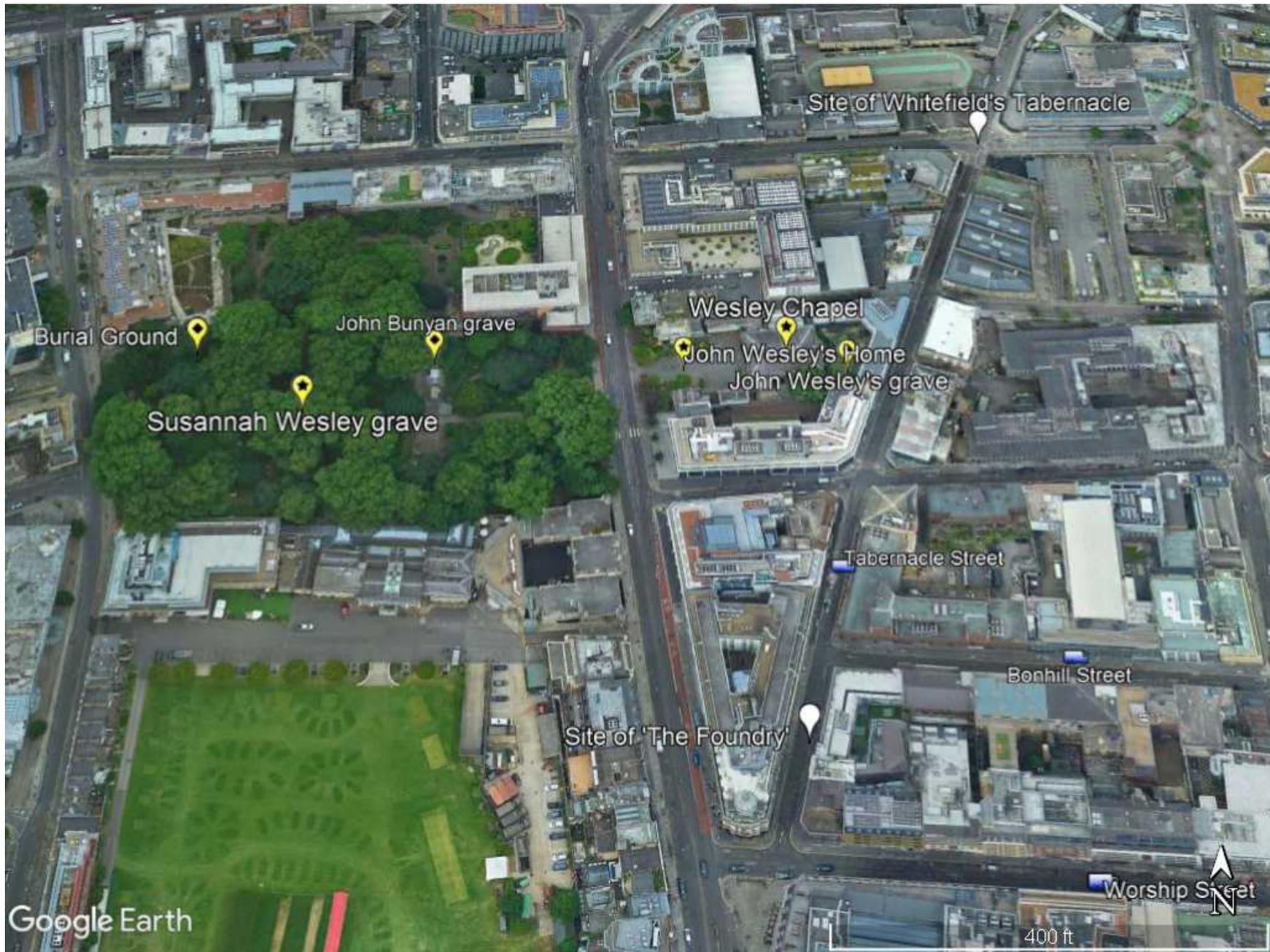
Aldersgate Walking Tour



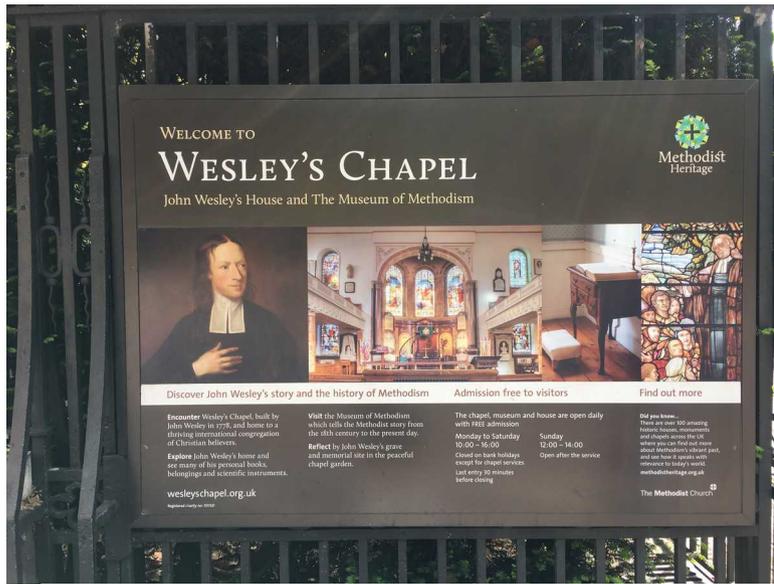
This set of maps/photos will cover a tour of sites that are significant to John Wesley's life and ministry. Betty and Phill Brown were on the tour during a vacation in London on Aldersgate Day, May 24, 2019.



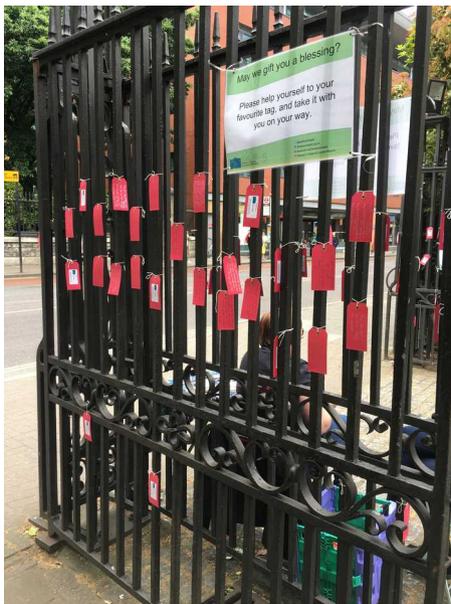
This map shows the Thames River, some familiar places (Tower of London, et al), our hotel and the Aldersgate Walk (yellow markers) from St. Paul's Cathedral to Wesley Chapel.



This map shows a view of Wesley Chapel, John Wesley's Home and grave site. The burial ground contains the grave of John Wesley's mother, Susannah. (The following pictures were taken during a visit on May 23, the day before the walking tour.)



The sign is on the fence in front of the property. Wesley's chapel is at the back. John Wesley's home is the tall building to the right of the courtyard.



The gate on the left has "blessing tags" to be posted and shared. The doorway to the right of the chapel enters a room with furniture from "The Foundry"



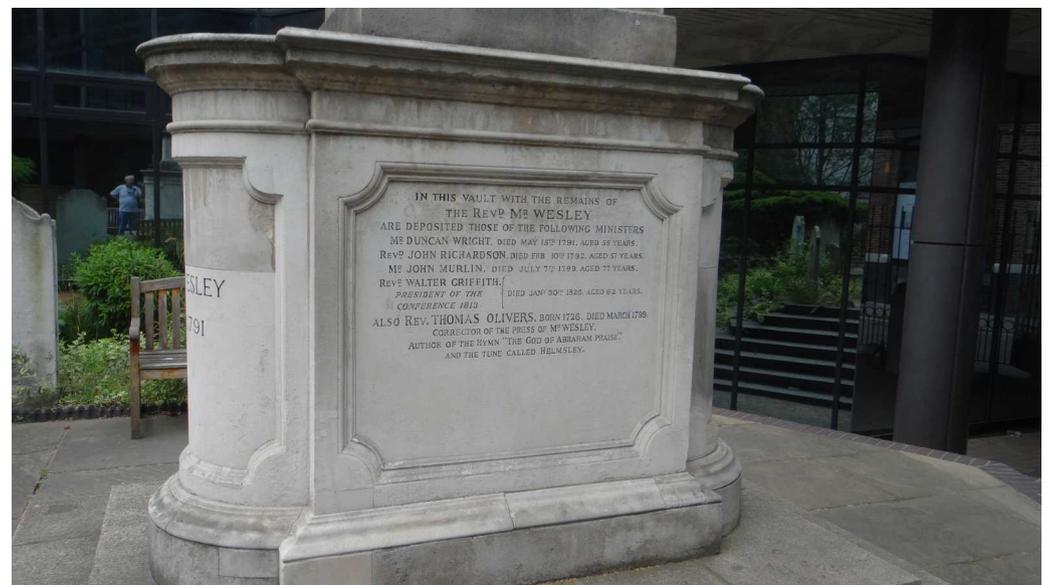
The chapel, built in 1778, is much as it was in Wesley's day though the stained glass windows are later additions. The 3-story pulpit allowed Wesley to look over the congregants. The three panels present Jesus' two greatest commandments, and the Apostle's Creed. The baptismal font on the right has Wesley's original font in the bowl.



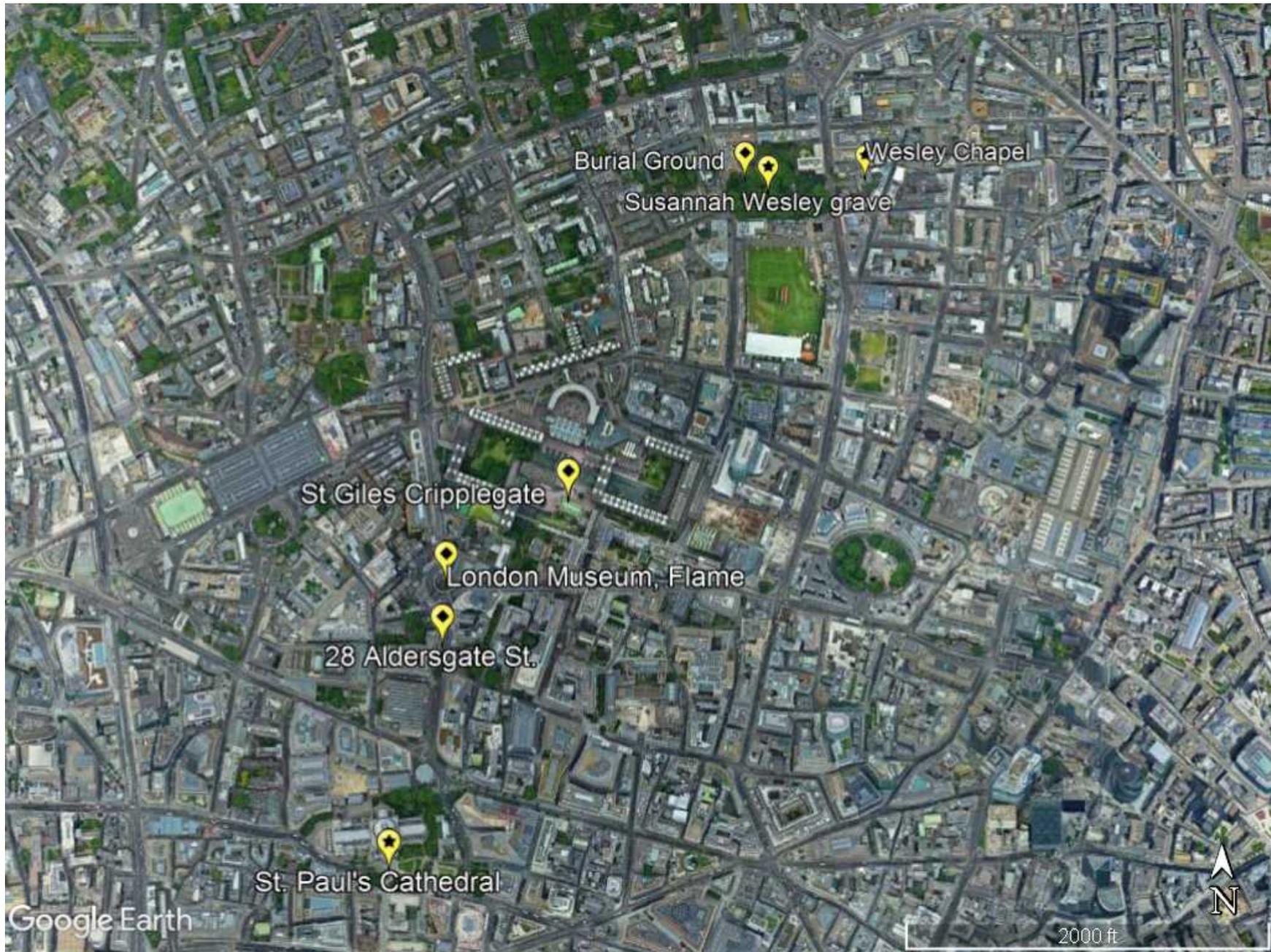
The furniture items are from "The Foundry", which served Wesley from 1739-1779, and are in a room to the right of the chapel. The organ was Charles Wesley's.



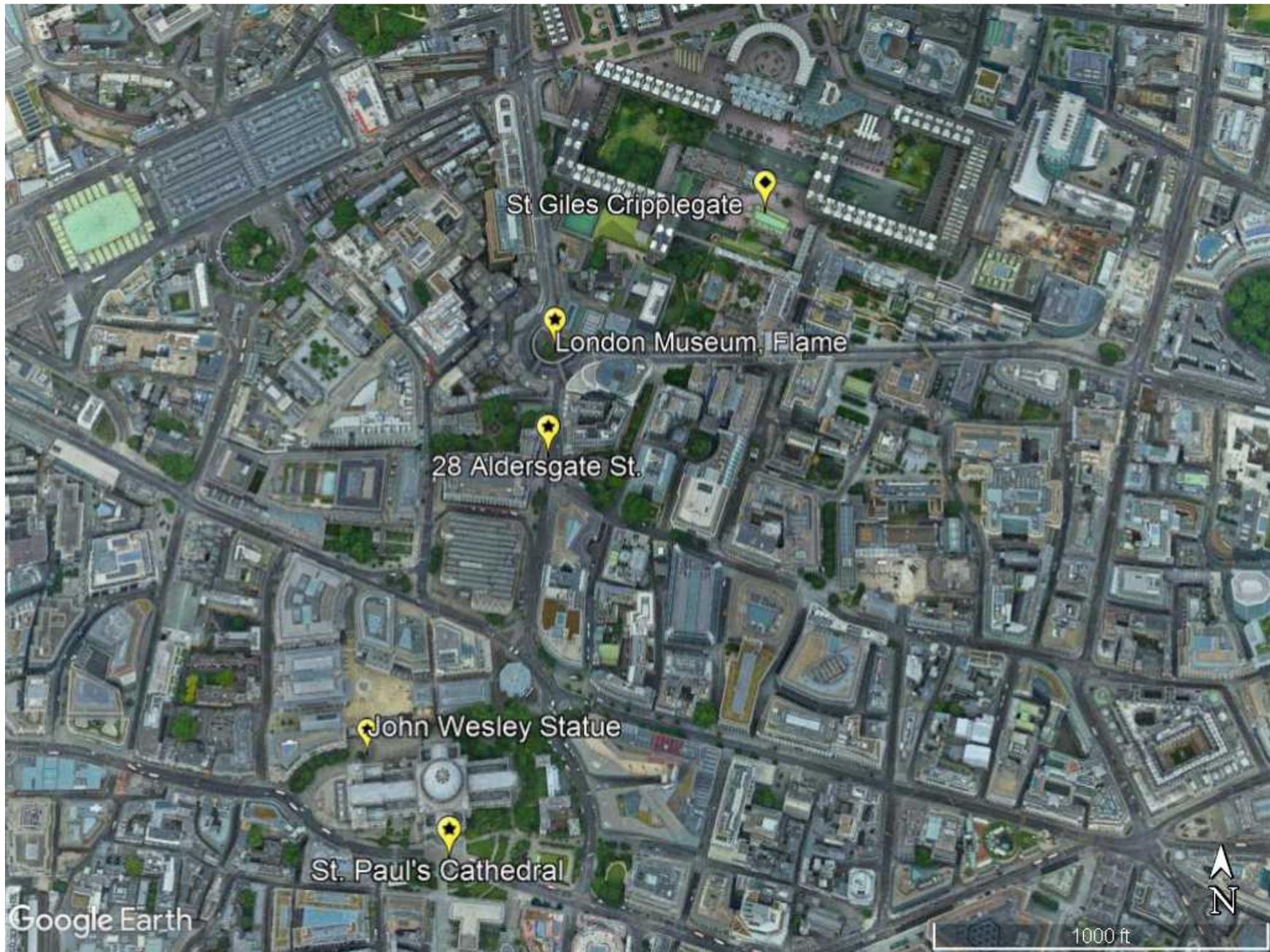
The doorway enters Wesley's home, of which the first three floors are open to visitors. The item in the top right photo is his "horse riding bench". The third photo on the bottom row was taken in his prayer room, called the "power house" of Methodism.



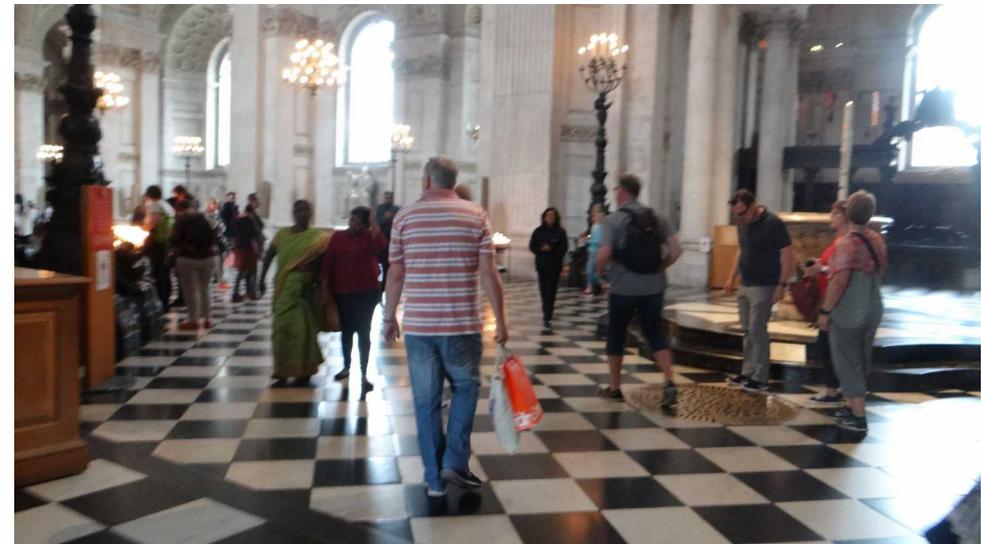
The grave site shown here is behind the chapel on the same property. Besides John Wesley, there are a number of other ministers interred here and listed on the base of the monument.



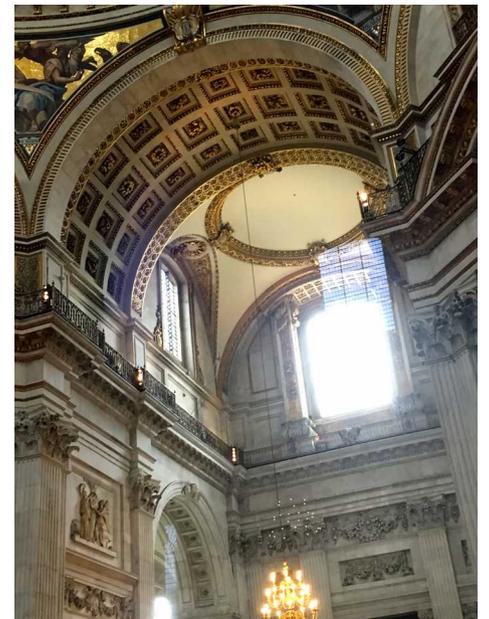
This map shows the route of the “Aldersgate Walking Tour” from St. Paul's Cathedral to the “Bunhill Field Burial Ground” and Wesley Chapel. The yellow place markers show important sites along the way.



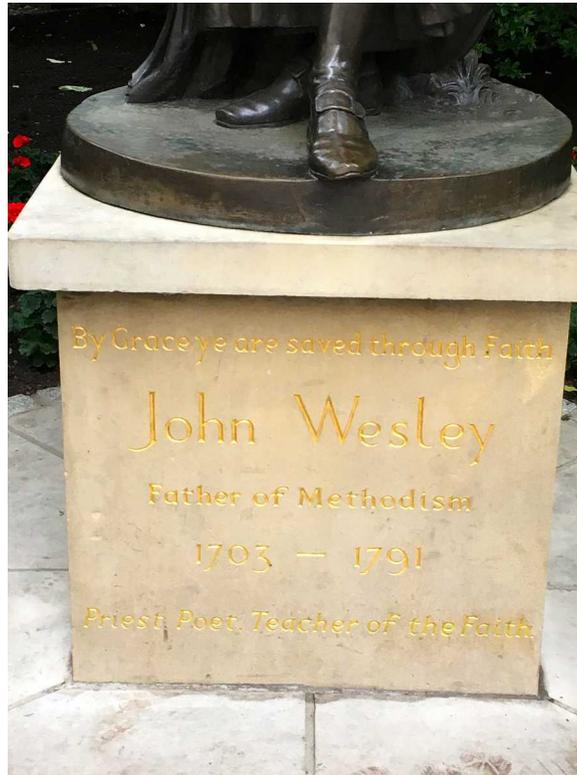
This map shows the first part of the walking tour. It actually begins at a statue of John Wesley on the northwest corner of the St. Paul's cathedral property. 28 Aldersgate St. is the site at which John Wesley attended the Bible Study on Romans. A plaque on the fence marks the spot.



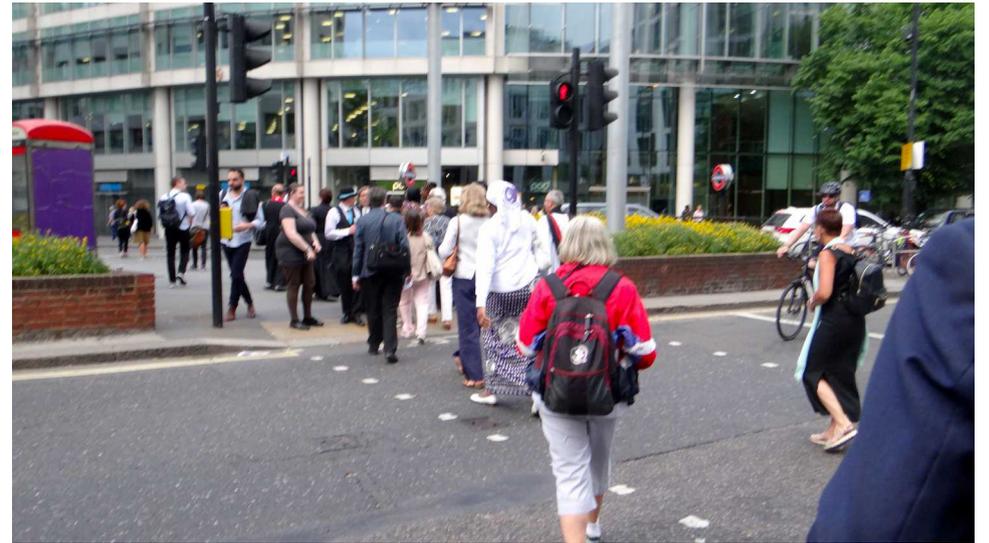
The top picture shows St. Paul's Cathedral on the approach from the bridge over the Thames. The bottom pictures were taken on entry to the Cathedral.



These pictures show the area where a special service for the day was held.



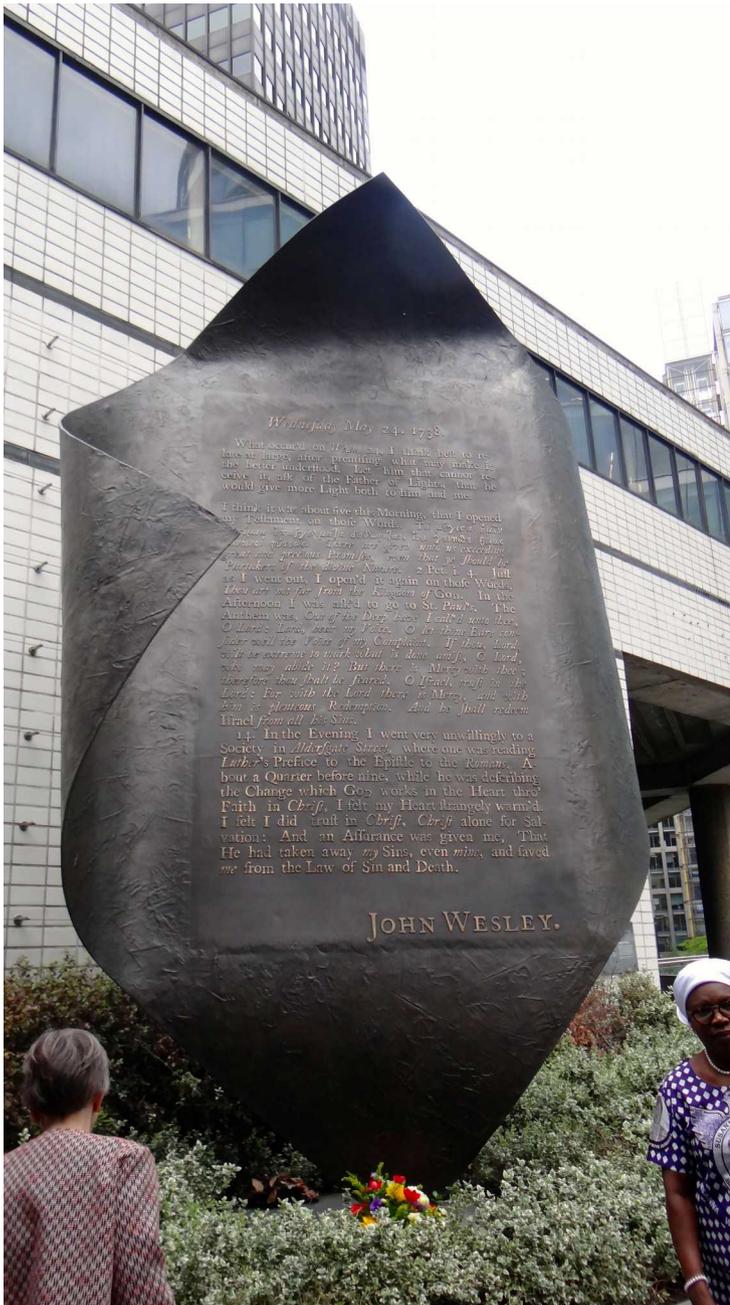
After exiting the cathedral, a commemorative service was held at the statue of John Wesley. London District Chair. Nigel Cowgill, and Dr. Jennifer Smith led the service.



At the completion of the service, the group was cautioned about staying together and taking care in crossing roadways. It was a diverse group with representatives from several countries.



The group paused at “28 Aldersgate Street” where Wesley had his “heart warming” experience. After crossing the street, the group ascended to an elevated walkway that took them to the Museum of London's large bronze statue of the “Aldersgate Flame”



A program was presented at the flame which included a reading of John Wesley's journal entry and the singing of hymns.



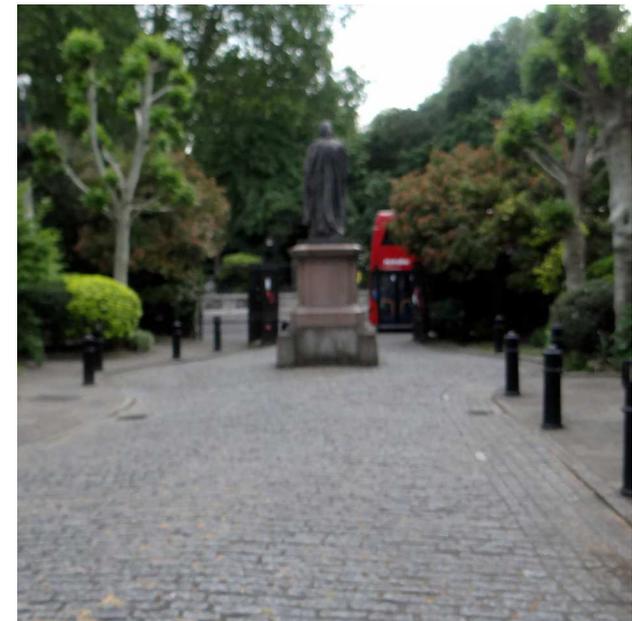
This map shows the second half of the tour from the museum to the Bunhill Field Burial Ground and the Wesley chapel. “Finsbury Square” was not on the tour but is noted as the site of Wesley's introduction to open-air field preaching by George Whitefield.



St. Giles church was noted for the exclusion of Susannah Wesley's father for "non-confirmity". John Wesley later preached there after his own exclusion from St. Paul's. The group used the back entrance to the cemetery. John Bunyan's vault is shown here.



Following a brief program the group gathered at the grave of Susannah Wesley, mother of John Wesley. Betty is shown with Jennifer Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel.



The group moved from the Burial Ground to Wesley Chapel (across the street) where a service was held, followed by a social time...and, for us, a walk back to the hotel.

