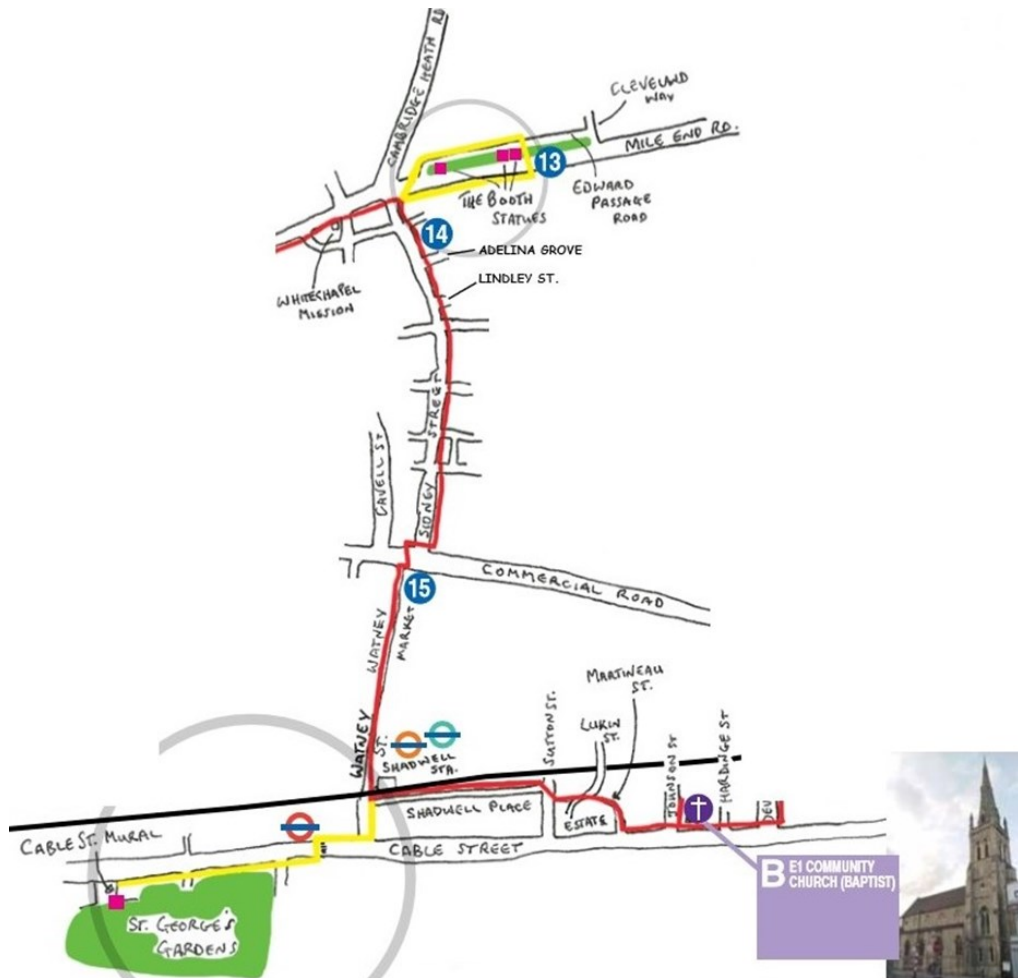


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STAY AT HOME LONDON WALK 2020

Stage 4 — Big Names and Big Revelations .
Whitechapel Mission to E1 Community Church



The 2020 Walk in Tower Hamlets is postponed until **24th April 2021**. Please bring your 2020 map and support us then. For 2020 we are providing this 'armchair' version of the walk, in seven sections. We hope that you will enjoy it and then donate to Unlock just as you would have done if you have been out walking the London Streets for us this year, if not more so! See page 6 for details. Unlock needs the funding that you provide more than ever. When the COVID 19 emergency is over the poorest communities will have been hit the hardest and those are the places where Unlock's work will be needed more than ever! We are relying on you to make that possible.

Unlocking Real life stories of urban people
Revealing Good News of the down to earth Christ
Releasing life changing skills and confidence

WALK THIS WAY



From the Whitechapel Mission we walk to the large road junction and cross first north (left) over the Whitechapel Road, then turn right and cross Cambridge Heath Road and continue forward as the road changes from Whitechapel Road to Mile End Road. Soon you will reach a minor road running parallel with the major one. The stretch of grass and trees lying between the two roads is known as Mile End Waste or Verge. It is one of the remnants of a large common area known

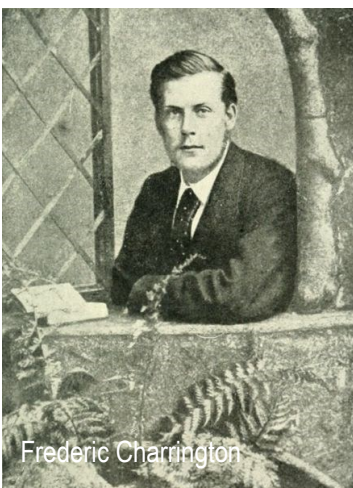
variously as Mile End Green or Stepney Green which once ran from here eastwards across what is now Stepney Green and Stepney Green Park to St Dunstan's church which we will pass later. At the beginning of this area you will see a bust of William Booth (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Booth). Keep walking using the minor road called Edward Passage Road and you will arrive at the statues of William and Catherine Booth (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine_Booth).



"The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, heaven without hell." — William Booth

While you contemplate the immeasurably good works this couple were responsible for you may also want to reflect on a less major figure, but one whose life's work can be seen as complimentary and important locally. So, with your back to the Mile End Road and the Booths to either side of you look at the building facing these statues; it houses Tower Hamlets Mission.

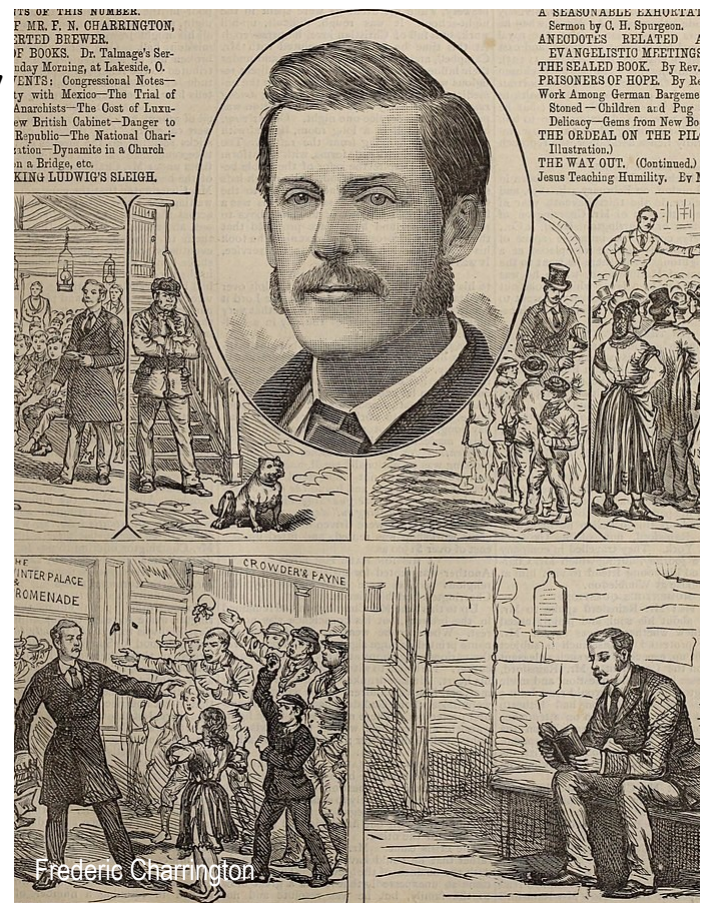
A wealthy young man, Frederick Nicholas Charrington (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederick_Nicholas_Charrington), who had recently become a Christian was walking through Whitechapel when he came across an all too familiar scene. Outside a pub there was a clearly impoverished woman with a family of children of various ages. She was standing pleading to a man (her husband), begging him to leave the pub and give her some of his wages so she could feed their children. The man was furious and wanted to get back into the pub, so he knocked her down



violently and when young Fred, a thin, shy 20-year-old tried to intervene, he too was knocked down by the man. As Fred looked up from the ground he saw the name of his family company on the front of the pub – Charrington. His father owned the huge brewery just a short distance along from where you are now standing (the site is now a retail park) and he was the owner of a truly vast brewing and public house empire.

Young Fred walked along to the offices where he had been working that morning, stepped into his father's office and told him he was renouncing his inheritance, was leaving the company and would devote his life to helping change the plight of the poor. He went on to open a school, lead a fight to clean up the Music Halls, become an ardent worker for the Temperance Movement and was a member of the London County Council for Mile End. Eventually, at the age of thirty, he built the Great Assembly Hall in Mile End which held five thousand people and was crowded on Sundays when poor and destitute people sat down for tea prior to the evening service. It had a coffee tavern, bookshop, and numerous other activities taking place. The hall was bombed during the war, but the work still continues, mainly helping local addicts and other vulnerable people through Tower Hamlets Mission (https://www.towerhamletsmission.org/Tower_Hamlets_Mission/Home.html).

Continue east for a few metres and you will find a pedestrian crossing over Mile End Road (next to the King Edward VII bust) then turn right to retrace your steps back to the large road junction and turn left into Sidney Street.



Sidney Street seems unremarkable with its mixture of types of Local Authority housing interspersed with newer commercial developments. An enormous building site on the right soon after entering the street is the largest development on the street for decades. The small row of houses enjoys the presence of yet another bust of a famous person, who is subject to one of the quiz questions.



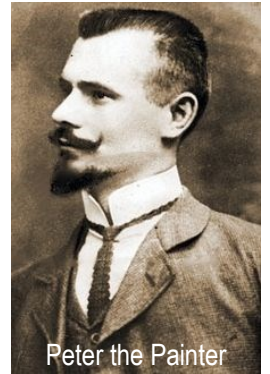
The name of the street may be familiar to you as there was a famous siege at the bottom of the street early in January 1911. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Sidney_Street)

The story begins at the end of December 1910 with a botched robbery of a jewellery shop in Houndsditch by a group of Latvian anarchists. In the escape from the scene, the robbers killed three policemen and wounded two other policemen and killed one of their own.

During the hunt for this gang they gained information that three of them were holed up in a tenement block at 100 Sidney Street. After a six hour long siege which involved both the police and the army, mysteriously the building caught fire and only two Latvians were found dead.

Two things of note in this story was the fact that Winston Churchill, the then Home Secretary was directly involved in this very public, but quite messy affair (and the first siege to be filmed). This group were very odd and more than just anarchists, they were robbing to raise funds for the revolution - supporting Lenin, Stalin and co. And when the trial finally took place a year later, those who had been arrested on or around the time of the siege were all acquitted.

The last two blocks of flats on the righthand side of the street are close to where the siege took place and the first is named Siege House. The second (faced in large red panels) is called Painter House, named after Peter the Painter (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_the_Painter), one of the alleged gang members who was never arrested.



Peter the Painter



Watney Street Market

At the end of the road on your right you will find a pedestrian crossing just past the junction. Use it to cross over to Watney Street Market, which has been serving the different communities of the local area since the beginning of the Victorian era. The market ends in a shallow flight of steps and a ramp. Once back on the street keep on the righthand pavement and follow the road down past the station (Shadwell) and keep on through the railway arch.

At the bottom of the road is Cable St; turn right here, watching out for cyclists and cross the street using the zebra crossing. Turn right to

continue walking along to the Mural commemorating the Battle of Cable street ([https://](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Cable_Street)

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Cable_Street). On Sunday the 4th of October 1936, Oswald Mosley planned a march with his British Union of Fascists through the heart of the East End with the express intention of intimidating the Jewish population of the area.

An estimated 20,000 anti-fascist demonstrators turned out to oppose the march and were met by

6,000–7,000 policemen (including mounted police), who attempted to clear the road to allow 2,000–3,000 fascists to march there. After a long, hard series of protests, Mosley agreed to go elsewhere but the battle continued between the





Cable Street Mural

protesters and the police ending with some 150 demonstrators arrested, and around 175 people injured including police, women and children.

Retrace your steps after looking at the mural, reflecting on the long history of racial conflict that has helped shape this community.

After crossing the road again, continue on to St Mary's Cable street, a fine pale stone coloured church on the corner with Johnston Street. Crossing over, walk up Johnston Street, past the church, to the modern, red bricked Hall adjacent to the church where the E1 Community Church is based.

The E1 Community Church continues to follow the tradition of many churches in this area, seeking out the needs and concerns of the population it serves and finding ways to support and serve the people. As an active member of East London Citizens, it has taken an active role in supporting work such as the London Living Wage (<https://www.livingwage.org.uk/>) and the local actions around protecting young people from knife crime.



Proof that E1 Community Church both listens and responds to needs can be seen in the Geoff Ashcroft Community (<https://www.geoffashcroftcommunity.com/>)

which is a direct response to the isolation and lack of community that people suffering mental or emotional distress can experience. Started in February 2006, the project was named after a local young man who took



St Mary's Cable Street

his own life after failing to find support for his mental and emotional distress. The church's response was to establish a community which offers a place of belonging and safety where members can be empowered to improve their emotional and mental well-being and connect with the wider community.

When you visit you will discover the value of different worshipping communities working together. St Mary's (high Anglican) has inherited a large church and parish hall where there is ample space to share with another small (Baptist) church with no premises. It takes vision, commitment and generosity of heart on both sides to enable two communities to be able to work together and worship alongside each other so successfully.



On the following pages you will find the factsheet for E1 Community Church, a reflection, a Bible reading, an Unlock story, a prayer and an activity.



PLEASE DONATE TO SUPPORT UNLOCK'S WORK

- Online via Virgin Giving : http://www.unlock-urban.org.uk/support_donations.php
- By Bank Transfer to Account No: 65031179; sort code: 08-92-50; quoting ref: WALK
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Due to COVID 19 the Unlock Office will be running on extremely minimal staffing over the summer of 2020.

Donations via Virgin Giving and Bank Transfer save Unlock money and time, and get the funds into our account much faster. Cheques will take considerably longer to process in the current circumstances.

For this year only, we will not be able to acknowledge individual donations (donations via Virgin Giving will be acknowledged automatically) , as we will have neither the staff nor the necessary details to do so.

Please be assured that we are more grateful than we can possibly say for your generous and faithful support.



Key Distinctives

E1 Community Church is one of many expressions of what God is doing in Tower Hamlets. We aim to be a Jesus centred church that is:

Local

Jesus chose to reveal himself locally: In the flesh. We are committed to community that helps make sense of our faith locally: Here where we live.

Working for peace

Jesus told us to find peace with God and our neighbours however different from us they may be. We will work for God's peace in our church, in our homes and on our streets.

At the edge

Jesus said he was good news for those who often found themselves at the edge of society. We want to be good news as well.

Multi-voiced

The Holy Spirit speaks through all of Jesus followers. To hear God speak we need to listen to each other when we worship, in making decisions and when we collaborate with others.



Mission

The Geoff Ashcroft Community (GAC)

GAC is a place of welcome for those who sometimes feel isolated, providing a safe place for growth and discovery and sharing tools to live happier lives. This community meets on Thursdays from 11am – 2pm sharing a meal and varied activities such as music, craft and games.

E123 Welcome Refugees

E123 Welcomes Refugees is a partnership of 4 local churches; E1 Community Church, Salvation Army Stepney, Victoria Park Baptist Church & Bethnal Green Mission Church. As part of the wider Community Sponsorship movement we have built a team that has: found a house, raised 10,000, made plans to welcome a family to the neighbourhood and are ready to apply to the home office to sponsor a Syrian family who are at present in an UNHCR refugee camp.

Messy Church

A few times a year we run Messy Church – connecting with local families, being creative and sharing the stories of Jesus.

Helping Hands

Once a month we suspend 'normal' Sunday evening church to work together helping out people in the neighbourhood who can't keep their gardens in order. We can also do some simple DIY jobs. We begin the morning in prayer, then go to work before enjoying a great lunch together.

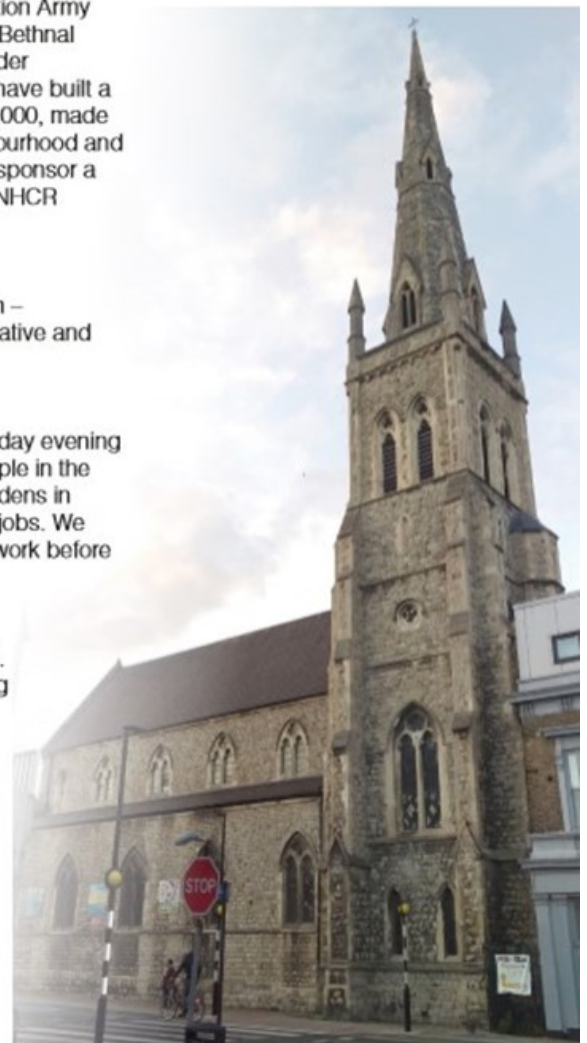
Community Organising

We are a member church of Citizens UK. Citizens UK is best known for introducing the Real Living Wage and its work on supporting migrant rights in the UK. Locally in Tower Hamlets we are working with other churches, mosques, schools and universities to develop local leaders to win change on issues such as affordable housing, youth safety and air quality.

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Reflection

We have all experienced that feeling when it all suddenly makes sense. “Ah yes!” you cry, “Now I understand!”

Sometimes it will be a simple thing that had not made sense and at other times it may have been a difficult problem or issue you were trying to work out.

These are the times when we feel we have had a revelation. It’s a sudden dawning of realisation and God’s hand may have been what gently nudged you into the light.

Inspiration happens to us all the time without us realising it or recognising it. Knowing just the right thing to say when a child falls over or is upset, calling up your best friend to see if she is OK and discovering that she needed your call just at that moment in time.

Occasionally the realisation of the truth and divine inspiration come together in a sudden shock that completely changes the course you were taking. In ordinary life this may end up in a change of job or the beginning of a new relationship. We all experience these God given moments; sometimes it turns an ordinary person into a very special person who will end up changing many people’s lives.

People like Carrington and Booth may be rare but the fact is that God is taking a hand in our lives in many unexpected ways that may be smaller than their moments of truth but will be just as important to us in our personal lives.

So, why don’t you try and recall some of the small inspirations and revelations you have experienced in the last week? How did they make your life that little bit better? How did they affect those around you?

Once you have started to appreciate how God can often work in your life see if you can think of a bigger moment of truth that really did change your life. Was it a moment in a classroom, something someone said or was it something that touched your heart unexpectedly?

Unlock Stories:

It's Not My Fault (Liverpool):-

The group told stories about situations when they had been blamed for something someone else did, we then watched a video of the crucifixion

As it finished two group members were sat teary eyed and deeply moved. At which point someone else said, 'The bread smells ***** great, I'm gettin it out!' Despite this seemingly divided reaction, the time eating what we have cooked actually provides a space for Reflective discussion and eating the food means that more dominant chatty participants make room for others to talk! So as we chewed it over (sorry!) it became clear it was the first time that any of the group had made the connection that Jesus was taking the blame for them.



God Thinks I'm Alright (Liverpool):

After preparing the veg together and putting the soup on to simmer, I asked, 'Have you ever made something that you are proud of?' Given the nature of the group, the responses were quite amazing, including re-upholstering a 3 piece suite and carving book ends that are still used some 20 years on. 'How did you feel?' was the next question, to which someone responded 'Kinda too big on the inside, like there wasn't enough room for how pleased I was and I might burst.' We shared a few more experiences and then went through a pictorial account of the creation story. Finishing by saying that when God made all those things and when he made each of us, He thought it was good, He probably had the same feelings you did when you were pleased with what you made'... there was a moments silence, one of those holy feeling pauses, then, reverently, 'That's boss, that is. God thinks I'm alright.'



Colossians 1: 23 . . You must not allow yourselves to be shaken from the hope you gained when you heard the gospel.

1 Samuel 2:8

He lifts the poor from the dust and raises the needy from their misery.

He makes them companions of princes and puts them in places of honour.

The foundations of the earth belong to the LORD; on them he has built the world.

PRAY FOR

Lord, I pray that you let your Holy Spirit surprise me today. Let the Spirit open my eyes to let me see the truth and open my heart to guide me towards the work you want me to do. Amen

GIVE THANKS for the huge footprints of the Booths and F. Charrington

PRAY FOR 21st century Christians to follow in their footsteps. Whose footsteps are you tracing?

ACTIVITY

- Everyone's into Rainbows at the moment. In the Bible they are a sign of hope and promise.
- Draw yourself a rainbow and colour it in.
- On each band of colour make a note of a time when God has shown you some new promise, insight or direction.
- Give thanks for each of those moments and ask God at help you follow them up faithfully.



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