

Welcome to the 24th Unlock London Walk

This year we are celebrating Basil Cracknell's inspired invention of the Unlock/EUTP inner city sponsored walk by doing his first walk again, (see the separate tribute to him). A large part of Walk no.1 was on the Isle of Dogs, through the wreckage of the once great docklands. We have re-visited it on several walks, the last being in the Millennium Year. But no previous walk has given us the experience of the shock effect of such an amazing transformation in 24 years. That mind-blowing change has to be our theme, and it is starkly contrasted with the half of the route south of the river, where little that we pass through has changed, though our check-point stop at the Salmon Youth Centre is a marked exception to that.

"Transformation" is a word firmly embedded in the New Testament, where there is great attention to what result any change might bring. The measure is always towards the fullness of Christ. We have to examine all transformation in that way. The Isle of Dogs is full of startling contrasts between what has changed and what has not. It is a symbol of the increasing gap between the prosperous and those who struggle but are excluded from that success. The fullness of Christ is a measure not just for our individual life, but for human enterprises on the huge scale of Canary Wharf, or the human-sized warmth of the "City of peace" and "Cafe forever" you will go to at the London City Mission in Glengall Grove.

While you walk, ponder and pray on these things, and give thanks for the life and Christian dedication of Basil Cracknell, the source and inspiration of our 24 walks.

Peter Hall.

HOW TO GET THERE The area is well served by tube, bus and train.

BY TUBE

Jubilee Line, to stations London Bridge, Bermondsey, or Canary Wharf.

BY RAIL

Dockland Light Railway, any branch brings you either to Shadwell and/or Isle of Dogs stops.

- London Bridge-Dartford (South Eastern) links with DLR at Greenwich.
- Fenchurch St. Station, near Tower Bridge.

BY BUS

Our recommended route-shortening buses, the **47**, from Liverpool St. to Lewisham, or the **188**, Russell Square to North Greenwich, getting on and off near checkpoints C and D.

HOW YOU CAN SHORTEN THE ROUTE

- We recommend using buses 47/188 between checkpoints C and D.
- Use the many convenient DLR stops, as you choose, to shorten without missing checkpoints.
- The alternative route provided via Thames footpath which omits the Museum and the Surprise Stop.

Length of route: approx. 81/2 miles (shorter route 8 miles)

DON'T FORGET

The route can be walked in either direction You can begin anywhere on the route

Start at any time after 9am at any church checkpoint, but with time to get back again by 5pm. Note: Surprise Stop is open 10.30am - 3pm.

Get your map stamped at each checkpoint Do the quiz

Take time to learn about the churches you visit and about Unlock

ALWAYS use pedestrian crossings



Whilst every care has been taken in the design and compilation of this map & notes, Unlock cannot accept any liability arising from any inaccuracy within any part of this document or for any injury sustained whilst doing the walk.

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For wheelchair users !

- Go clockwise, to avoid a steep ramp under Vaughan Way (see Hermitage Basin inset)
- 2. Tower Bridge is not wheelchairfriendly: use the RV 1 bus route, stops are marked on south and north of bridge.

ROUTE INFORMATION

Beware confusing Canary Wharf DLR station with Canary Wharf Jubilee Line Tube station.

Date of next year's walk is April 19th 2008