**Virtual Tour – St Paul’s Cathedral Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 11am**

I have visited St Paul’s Cathedral many times in recent years, but I haven’t been on a tour of it since I was a teenager, so it was a pleasure to join Cathedral Guide Jill Finch on this virtual tour. Staring on the steps outside the Great West Door we learnt about Christopher Wren’s ‘crew’ and as we went around the cathedral, we saw examples of how they each contributed to Wren’s masterpiece and how we came to have the building we have today. On entering the cathedral Jill guided us around as if we were there. We marvelled at the Dome and Wren’s Great Open Space and stopped along the way to hear about the memorials, mosaics and paintings that adorn the cathedral. I was particularly pleased that Jill talked about William Holman-Hunt’s painting The Light of the World that can be found in the Middlesex Chapel. It has been a favourite painting of mine since I was a child as a copy hangs in the Parish church in Devon where I grew up. We heard about links to the livery companies, saw pictures of St Paul’s during WWII, noted details, such as the space rocket in the American Chapel, to look out for next time we visit as well as going up to the triforium and down to the crypt to hear about some of the famous people resting there.

The hour flew by on this fascinating tour and I could have carried on for longer as we had the benefit of being in the comfort of our own homes with no weary feet to spoil the enjoyment.

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