





Trinity Church



St. Paul's Chapel



About Us

#### Welcome

Welcome to the Trinity Wall Street tour app, which provides virtual tours of both Trinity Church and St. Paul's Chapel. Founded in 1697, Trinity is the city's oldest Episcopal parishes.

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#### The First Church



The current Trinity Church building is the third to occupy this site. It was consecrated in 1846. The first church building was opened in 1698, built next to land that was a public burial ground before the church was founded. It was bought from a Lutheran Congregation for the "sum of twenty pounds current money of New Yorke." The location was at the head of Wall Street, which traced the line of the colony's original boundary wall built by the

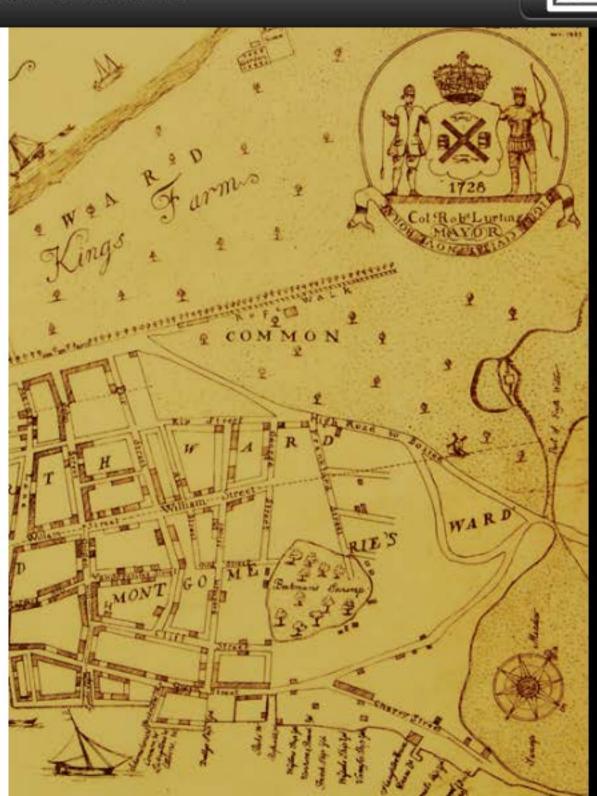


## The Queen's Farm



After Trinity Church opened, Benjamin Fletcher, Governor of New York, granted Trinity a seven-year lease on a large tract of land known as the King's Farm. The lease encompassed land from present-day Fulton Street to Christopher Street west of Broadway. In 1705, Queen Anne, who succeeded King William III as the sovereign of England, made this land grant permanent.

Renamed the Queen's Farm and

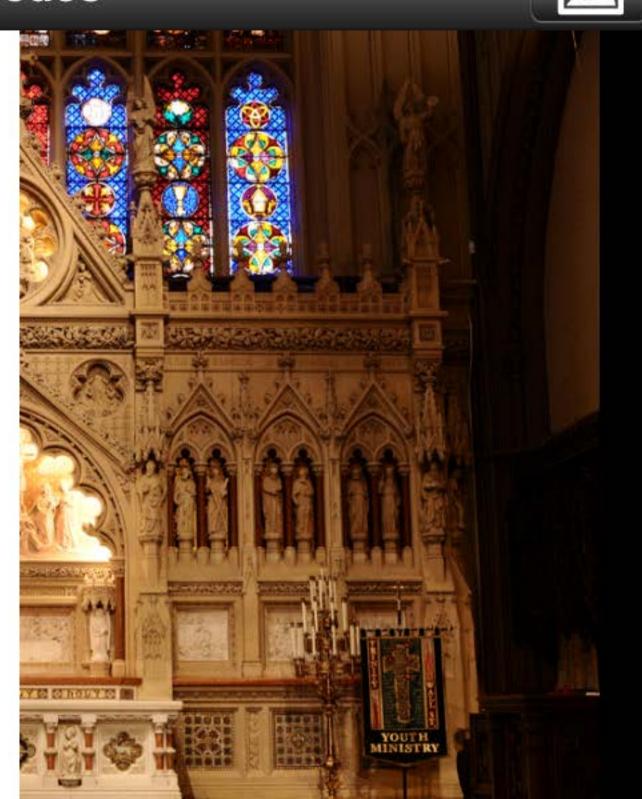


#### Reredos



Although Richard Upjohn designed almost every aspect of Trinity Church, there are two notable pieces he did not design: the Caen stone statuary wall, called a reredos, and the Italian marble high altar, both of which sit underneath the Chancel Window.

The reredos was added in 1877 as a gift of John J. Astor and his brother William Astor given in remembrance of their father,



#### **Stained Glass Chancel Window**



Behind the altar is an impressive work of art: the colorful stained glass chancel window. Stained glass was innovative for the time, as plain glass was the standard in most 19th-century churches in the United States. The windows were designed by Richard Upjohn, who sketched the artwork and supervised the workmen that put the windows together in a shed behind Trinity Church. The window features Jesus in the center with, from left to right,



#### **Alexander Hamilton**



Trinity's churchyard is home to many notable people in the history of New York and the United States. Perhaps none are as well known as Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury and a Founding Father. His image is seen daily because it appears on the U.S. \$10 bill.

Born on the island of Nevis in what was then the British West Indies, Hamilton moved to the United States in 1772, on the eve

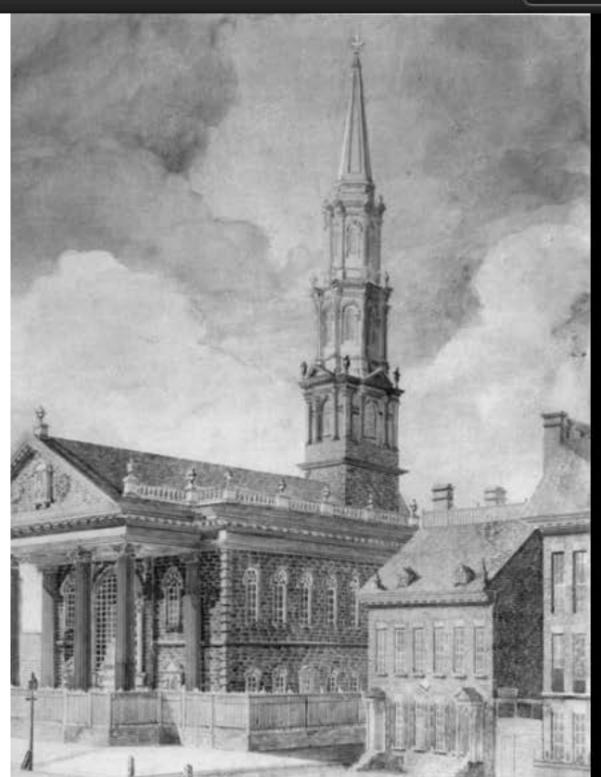


# St. Paul's Chapel and the Great Fire



As New York grew, its population moved north. To capture the expanding congregation and reach parishioners living "uptown," Trinity built two chapels in the mid-1700s: St. George's in 1752 and St. Paul's in 1766. St. George's no longer exists, but St. Paul's stands proudly at Broadway and Fulton Street, the only colonial-era church remaining in Manhattan.

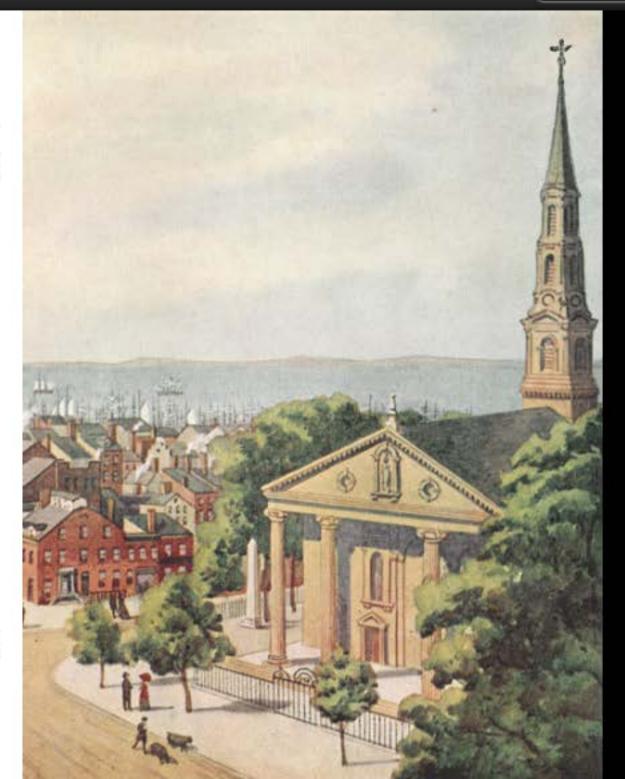
Ten years after St. Paul's opened,



# A Chapel of Ease



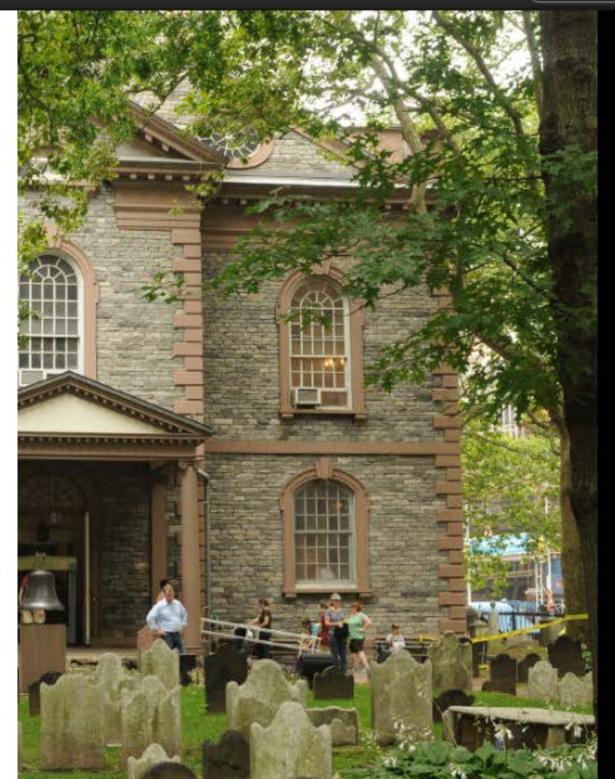
When it first opened in 1766 as an outreach chapel of Trinity Church, St. Paul's Chapel was considered a "chapel of ease" for those that did not want to walk along unpaved streets to Trinity, a few blocks to the south. When Trinity was destroyed in New York's Great Fire of 1776, St. Paul's survived thanks to a bucket brigade that doused the building with water. It became the primary worship space for those that had attended Trinity.



#### **Architecture**



St. Paul's Chapel is an example of Georgian Classic-Revival style architecture from the 18th century. It is constructed of native Manhattan mica-schist with brownstone quoins at its corners. It is thought that the design for the chapel was adapted from a pattern by James Gibbs, the British architect of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church in London, to which St. Paul's bears some resemblance. The windows in the Chapel are plain glass, which allows natural



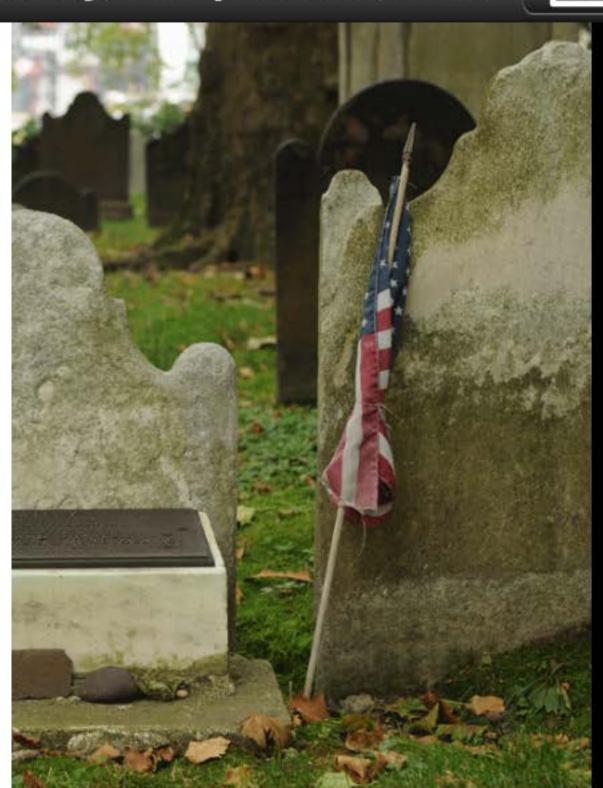
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# John Bailey, Philip Turner, Jo...



Behind Thomas Addis Emmet's monument are several notable burials from the Revolutionary era. Some gravestones are not legible, but a few can be located by the veteran star markers that stand in the ground near the tombstones.

In the middle of the southeast churchyard is the grave of John Bailey, who is said to have forged George Washington's Battle Sword in Fishkill, NY, while the



# **Bell of Hope**



Directly behind the Church Street entrance to St. Paul's Chapel is the Bell of Hope. It was presented in September 2002 to the City of New York by the Lord Mayor of the City of London as a symbol of solidarity on the first anniversary of September 11, 2001. It is rung annually on September 11, and has also been rung to honor the victims of the London, Madrid, Mumbai, and Moscow terrorist attacks.

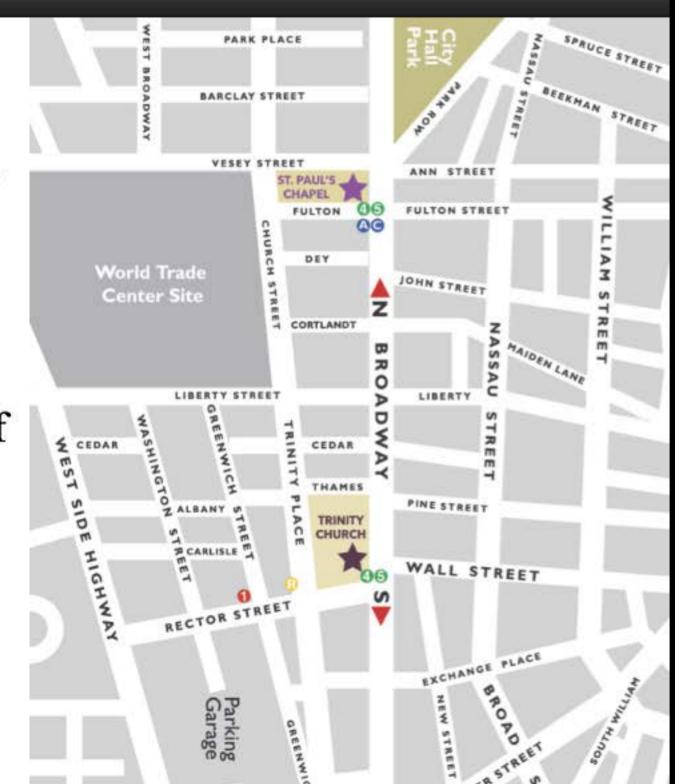


## Visitor Information

# **About Trinity Wall Street**

Located at the head of Wall Street,
Trinity Church has been part of
New York City's and our nation's
history since its charter in 1697.
Today, the organization has grown
to include many important areas of
focus and is collectively known as
Trinity Wall Street.

Most importantly, Trinity Wall Street is an Episcopal parish offering daily worship services



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