

Guildhall

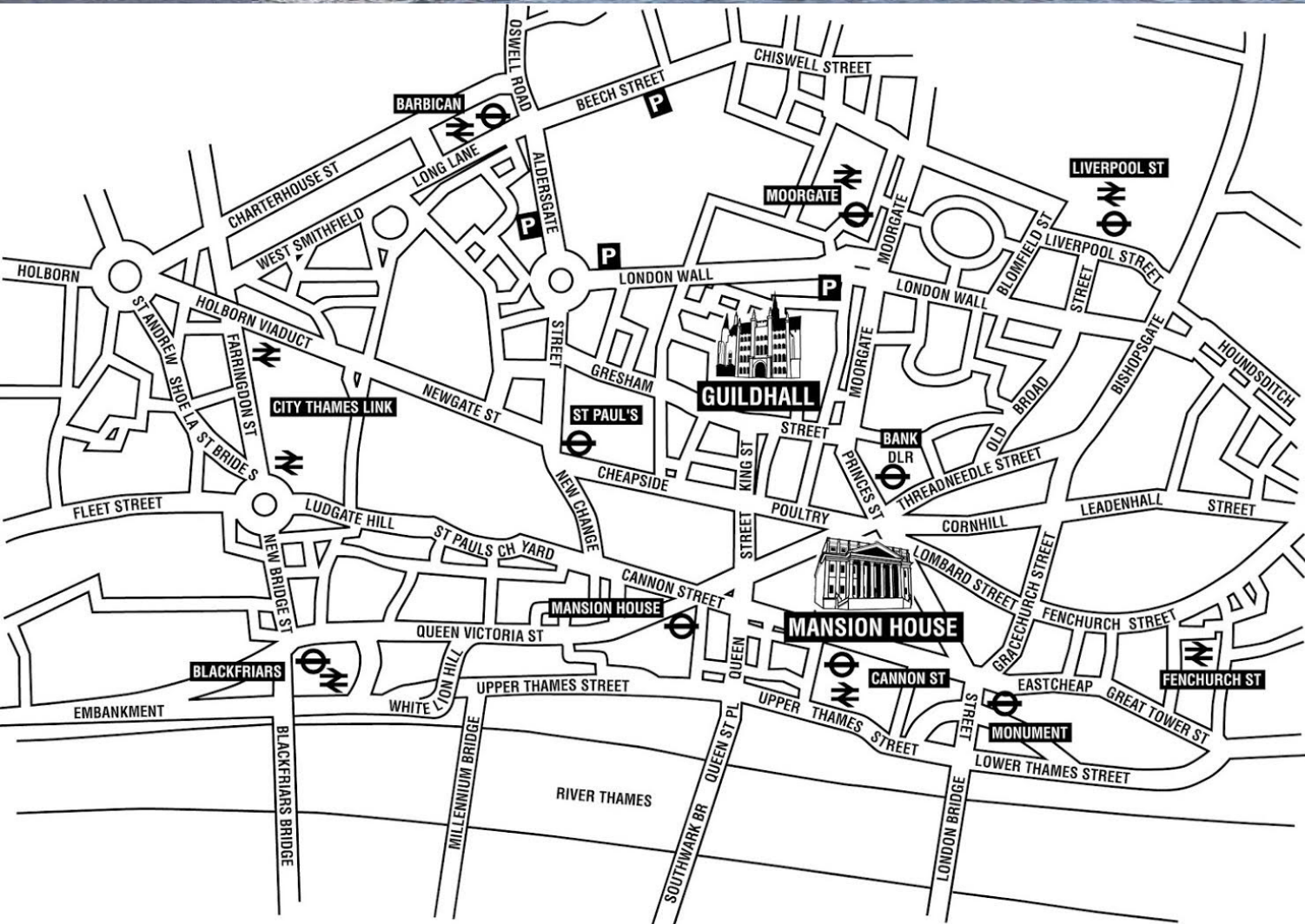


City of London Corporation

The historic centre and governing body of the Square Mile, the City Corporation supports and represents the interests of its businesses and residents, and promotes London as a world-leading place to do business.



Location



History



Built between 1411 and 1440, Guildhall was designed to reflect the power and prestige of London and its leaders - in an era when the Lord Mayor of London rivalled the monarch for influence and prestige.

The stage for state trials and remonstrances to kings, Guildhall has played a key part in London's dramatic history. Peers, an archbishop and a queen were tried here for treason; the Great Fire raged through in September 1666, and the Great Hall's roof was razed once again during the Blitz.



Guildhall today



Still the City's civic and ceremonial centre, Guildhall continues to play host to royal, national and international occasions, such as HM The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, state visits, the annual Lord Mayor's Banquet held since 1502 - and private commercial events.



