

In 1865 The Christian Mission, which became The Salvation Army in 1878, was founded in the East End of London. A lot has changed in Whitechapel since then, but this guide will help you find some of the important locations associated with The Salvation Army in its earliest years.

1 The Blind Beggar Public House*
From Whitechapel underground station turn left along Whitechapel Road to The Blind Beggar Public House on the corner of Cambridge Heath Road. In June 1865 William Booth met a group of mission workers holding a street meeting outside the Blind Beggar Public House. He addressed the assembled crowd and the missionaries were so impressed with his preaching that they invited him to lead a series of meetings in a tent in a nearby Quaker burial ground.



Friday: 2pm – 4pm
Saturday: 12pm – 4pm

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From Vallance Gardens you can see Hanbury Street where the first Salvation Army Rescue Home began. Mrs. Elizabeth Cottrell began bringing saved prostitutes to her home on Christian Street in 1881 and when her house became too crowded in 1884, the work moved to a refuge on Hanbury Street.



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6 Hanbury Street
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2 and 3 and 4 The Bust, The Statue and the Mural*
The bust of William Booth was unveiled in 1927. The statue (at the other end of what now remains of Mile End Waste) was erected to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of his birth by General Arnold Brown in 1979. The mural on the side of the solicitors building was painted in 2011 and is a montage of influential East End characters. There is a key explaining the mural which is located on the door of the solicitors' office.

5 The Tent at Vallance Gardens*
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BOUNDLESS EAST END TOURS



Not quite done touring?

Abney Park Cemetery

South Lodge, Abney Park, Stoke Newington High Street, London N16 0LH

Closest Tube Stop: Manor House on Picadilly Line

Closest Train Station: Stoke Newington

Bus Routes: 73, 67, 76, 106, 243, 276

Visit the Gravesite of William and Catherine Booth, General Bramwell and Commissioner Florence Booth, Commissioner Railton, Elijah Cadmen and the Booth-Tuckers, etc.

Stoke Newington Cafe

9 Abney Park Terrace
Cazenove Road
Stoke Newington
N16 7HA

We will be open on Wednesday to Friday from 10am to 5.30pm and on Saturday from 11am to 4pm.

International Heritage Centre

William Booth College,
Camberwell, London
SE5 8BQ

Closest Train Station: Denmark Hill Station

Bus routes: 40, 176, 185 and 484 stop outside the College.

During the 150th anniversary Boundless Congress, the Heritage Centre will be open as follows:

Monday 29 June	9.30am – 8pm
Tuesday 30 June - Friday 3 July	9.30am – 5pm
Saturday 4 July	10am – 5pm
Sunday 5 July	Closed
Monday 6 July	9.30am – 4pm

8 Booth House Lifehouse

23 New Road bears a blue plaque indicating that on Sunday 3 September 1865, Professor Orson's dancing academy was used for the first indoor Christian Mission meeting. When the Saturday night dancers left in the early hours of Sunday morning, the missionaries would move in with brooms and benches to prepare the room for Sunday worship. This arrangement went on until 1867.

7 The Dancing Academy

Booth House, named after the Founder, is a purpose built residential centre for 150 homeless men opened by Her Majesty The Queen. The primary purpose of Booth House is to prepare formerly homeless men for independent living. As a 'lifehouse' the service engages residents into healthcare, treatment, employment, education and employment services so that they can sustain independent living in the community. A key part of their work is to re-connect clients with their family. Booth House encourages each individual to have a sense of personal dignity and for that to be recognised by others. Booth House also works to serve the local community and reach the needs of people. Booth House looks forward to welcoming Congress delegates to the East End of London.

Pop-up café:
Friday: 2pm – 4pm
Saturday: 10am – 12pm

Events

Free access on first come first served basis:

Monday 29th June, 6.30pm
Salvation Army exhibition launch and Conference: Poverty in the East End: Past and Present

Tuesday 30th June, 6.30pm
'Blood on the flag' – Major Nigel Bovey, Editor of The War Cry and author of Blood on the Flag, presents an account of The Salvation Army's fight for survival against the Skeleton Army.

Saturday 4 July 2.30 – 3.30pm
Archives Film event: John Anscombe (Salvation Army) will be presenting a number of short films from the past and present work of The Salvation Army in East London.

11 Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives

Tuesday 30th June, 2.30pm
Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives, 277 Bancroft Road, London E1 4DQ

Workshop: William Booth's East End. A chance to explore unique historical materials that chart the development of The Salvation Army in the East End

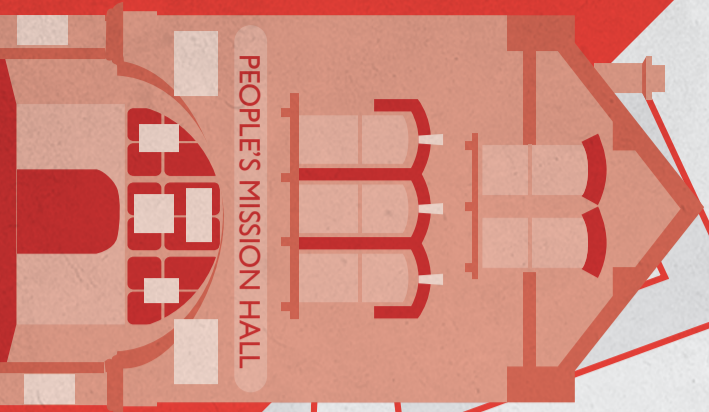
Thursday 9 July at 6 – 7pm
Archives Film event: Tony Fletcher, film historian, will be presenting a number of short films from the historic work of The Salvation Army in East London, Britain and internationally, including film of India.

9 The People's Mission Hall

Across the street from the Booth House used to be where the People's Mission Hall stood. This was where the Headquarters of the Mission were transferred to from the Eastern Star and it remained there until The Salvation Army set up its international Headquarters in Queen Victoria Street in 1881. The current IHQ remains on that same spot between St. Paul's Cathedral and the Millennium Bridge.

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153-175 Whitechapel Road
London E1 1DN



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COMMERCIAL RD

WHITECHAPEL RD

MILE END RD

Cambridge Heath Rd

Fieldgate St

Greenfield Rd

Old Montague St

Hanbury St

Settles St

Parfett St

Myrdle St

Romford St

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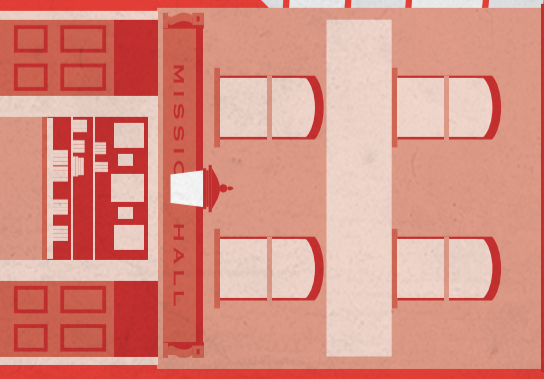
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MISSIONS HALL

The Christian Mission
220 Whitechapel Road



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