St. James's Piccadilly

Identification
EBN 309001
Name St. James's Piccadilly
Alternative Name St. James's Church
Construction Type church
Current Status existing [completed]

Location
Continent Name Europe
Country Name United Kingdom
State Name England
Metro Area Name London Metro Area
City Name London
District (1st level) City of Westminster
Postcode W1
Address (as text) 197 Piccadilly
Main Address 197 Piccadilly
St. James's Piccadilly

Map

Description

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<th>brick</th>
<th>limestone</th>
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Spatial dimensions

| Height (structural) | 162.4 ft | Height (tip) | 162.4 ft |

Years and costs

| Year (construction start) | 1676 | Year (construction end) | 1687 |

Features & Amenities

- City landmark
- National landmark

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Facts

- In 2005, solar panels were installed on the south side of the church's roof.
- The Bishop of London and the Earl of St. Albans laid the foundation stone on April 3, 1676.
- The font is of white marble and its cover is attributed to master wood carver Grinling Gibbons.
- The interior of the church features a memorial plaque to Sir Richard Croft, Baronet, obstetrician to Princess Charlotte.
- In the interests of safety, the tower's height was reduced in 1955.
- The church's west side features a plaque to Sir Thomas Elmsley Croft, Baronet, son of Sir Richard Croft.
- St. James's is Grade I Listed.
- The interior comprises a nave of five bays some 11.2 metres (37 feet) in width. On each side are galleried aisles taking the total internal width to around 20.4 metres (67 feet).
- In 1940, most of the spire and roof were destroyed by German incendiary bombs; restoration commenced in 1947 and was completed in 1954.
- The galleried aisles and nave are separated by Corinthian columns which support the roof trusses.
- The exterior is faced with red brick with dressings and quoins of Portland stone.
- The west and east walls feature shallow projecting bays resulting in a nave with an interior length of 26.7 metres (87 feet and six inches).
- The church was consecrated in 1684.

Involved companies

Architect

Sir Christopher Wren
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