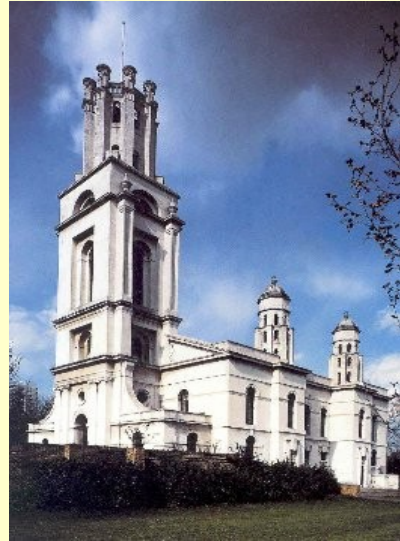


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**Join us for a Eucharist
on Wednesday 20 January 2010
at 7pm when the
ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY
will preside and preach
to mark the 150th anniversary
of the Ritualism Riots of 1859-60
followed by refreshments**

*5-minute walk from Shadwell DLR
buses D3 and 100 pass the church*

Between June 1859 and May 1860, except from 19 September to 5 November, when Bishop Tait closed the church, Sunday afternoons at St. George's were the zoo and horror and coconut-shy of London. The best days witnessed pew doors banging or feet scraping or hissing or coughing or syncopated responses. The worst days witnessed gleeful rows of boys shooting with peas from the gallery, fireworks, flaming speeches from tub-orators during service, bleating as of goats, spitting on choirboys, a pair of hounds howling gin-silly round the nave, cushions hurled at the altar, orange-peel and butter, kicking or hustling of clergy. One of the altar carpets was crammed into a stove and pew number 16 in the south aisle was used as a privy...
(Owen Chadwick *The Victorian Church* vol.1)