

ing masonry from the previous buildings. Such was the shortage of building stone in London after the Great Fire that all reusable materials from churches (and secular structures) which were not themselves rebuilt were readily recycled in those which were. Thus it can be confidently claimed that further fragments of London's ancient buildings survived Fire and the Blitz, but remain masked within the core and foundations of Wren's churches: they await discovery, perhaps when walls are cleaned, replastered or repaired, or when neighbouring buildings are demolished.

A similar picture has emerged in other London churches which were not themselves touched by the Great Fire. A prime example is the recent work at Westminster Abbey, where careful recording by Tim Tatton Brown has shown that the lower c 15m (50 foot) of the two west towers rebuilt to a design by Nicholas Hawksmoor in the 18th century still incorporate substantial sections of the 12th-cen-

tury church which had previously been thought to have been rebuilt in the late medieval period. The search for London's past therefore continues above as well as below the ground.

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