

# London's last great plague



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# London Weekly Bill of Mortality,

21-28 February 1664/5

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Deaths by parish, grouped into:

‘the 97 parishes within the walls’

‘the 16 parishes without the walls,  
and the pesthouse’

‘the 12 out parishes in Middlesex  
and Surry’

‘the 5 parishes in the city and  
liberties of Westminster’

London 10		From the 21 of February to the 28.		1664.	
	Bar PL.		Bar PL.	Bar PL.	
S <sup>t</sup> Albas Woodstreet	1	S <sup>t</sup> George Botolphlane	3	S <sup>t</sup> Martins Ludgate	3
Alhallowes Berking	2	S <sup>t</sup> Gregories by S <sup>t</sup> Pauls	3	S <sup>t</sup> Martins Organs	1
Alhallowes Breadstreet	1	S <sup>t</sup> Hellins	1	S <sup>t</sup> Martins Outwich	1
Alhallowes Great	1	S <sup>t</sup> James Dukes place	1	S <sup>t</sup> Martins Vintry	1
Alhallowes Monylane	1	S <sup>t</sup> James Garlickhithe	1	S <sup>t</sup> Matthew Fridaystreet	1
Alhallowes Leife	1	S <sup>t</sup> John Baptiſt	2	S <sup>t</sup> Maudlins Milkstreet	1
Alhallowes Lumbardſt	2	S <sup>t</sup> John Evangeliſt	1	S <sup>t</sup> Maudlins Oldſt	3
Alhallowes Stayning	1	S <sup>t</sup> John Zachary	1	S <sup>t</sup> Michael Baſſihaw	1
Alhallowes the Wall	1	S <sup>t</sup> Katharine Coleman	2	S <sup>t</sup> Michael Cornhil	1
S <sup>t</sup> Alphage	1	S <sup>t</sup> Katharine crechurch	1	S <sup>t</sup> Michael Creakeda	2
S <sup>t</sup> Andrew Hubbard	1	S <sup>t</sup> Lawrence Jewry	1	S <sup>t</sup> Michael Quern	2
S <sup>t</sup> Andrew Underſhaft	1	S <sup>t</sup> Lawrence Pointney	1	S <sup>t</sup> Michael Royall	1
S <sup>t</sup> Andrew Wardrobe	3	S <sup>t</sup> Leonard Eaſtcheap	1	S <sup>t</sup> Michael Woodſtree	1
S <sup>t</sup> Ann Alderſgate	1	S <sup>t</sup> Leonard Feſterlane	3	S <sup>t</sup> Mildred Breadſtreet	1
S <sup>t</sup> Ann Blackfryers	2	S <sup>t</sup> Magnus Pariſh	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mildred Poultry	1
S <sup>t</sup> Antholias Pariſh	1	S <sup>t</sup> Margaret Lothbury	1	S <sup>t</sup> Nicholas Acons	1
S <sup>t</sup> Audins Pariſh	1	S <sup>t</sup> Margaret Moſes	1	S <sup>t</sup> Nicholas Coleaby	1
S <sup>t</sup> Bartholomew Exch.	1	S <sup>t</sup> Margaret Newſh	1	S <sup>t</sup> Nicholas Olaves	1
S <sup>t</sup> Bennet Fynck	1	S <sup>t</sup> Margaret Pattons	1	S <sup>t</sup> Olaves Harſtrec	1
S <sup>t</sup> Bennet Gracechurch	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Abchurch	1	S <sup>t</sup> Olaves Jewry	1
S <sup>t</sup> Bennet Paulwharf	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Aldermanbury	1	S <sup>t</sup> Olaves Silverſtree	2
S <sup>t</sup> Bennet Sherehog	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Aldemary	1	S <sup>t</sup> Panoras Superſtant	1
S <sup>t</sup> Botolph Billington	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mary le Bow	2	S <sup>t</sup> Peters Cheap	1
Chriſts Church	2	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Boſhaw	1	S <sup>t</sup> Peters Cornhil	2
S <sup>t</sup> Chriſtophers	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Colechurch	1	S <sup>t</sup> Peters Paulwharf	1
S <sup>t</sup> Clement Eaſtcheap	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Hill	1	S <sup>t</sup> Peters Poor	1
S <sup>t</sup> Dionis Backchurch	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Mounthaw	1	S <sup>t</sup> Stevens Colemanſt	2
S <sup>t</sup> Dunſtons Eaſt	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Sommerſet	1	S <sup>t</sup> Stevens Walbrook	1
S <sup>t</sup> Edm. Lumberſtree	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Steynings	1	S <sup>t</sup> Swithlins	1
S <sup>t</sup> Ethelburgh	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Woolchurch	1	S <sup>t</sup> Thomas Apoſtle	1
S <sup>t</sup> Faith	1	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Wolnoth	1	Trinity Pariſh	1
S <sup>t</sup> Fofiers	1	S <sup>t</sup> Martins Iremongerſt	1		
S <sup>t</sup> Gabriel Fenchurch	1				
Buried in the 97 Pariſhes within the Walls — 67		Plague — 0			
S <sup>t</sup> Andrews Holborn	17	S <sup>t</sup> Botolph Aldgate	16	S <sup>t</sup> Saviours Southwark	16
S <sup>t</sup> Bartholomew Great	6	S <sup>t</sup> Botolph Biſhopsgate	18	S <sup>t</sup> Sepulchres Pariſh	6
S <sup>t</sup> Bartholomew Leſt	1	S <sup>t</sup> Dunſtons Weſt	6	S <sup>t</sup> Thomas Southwark	3
S <sup>t</sup> Brides Pariſh	11	S <sup>t</sup> George Southwark	3	Trinity Minorics	1
Bridewel Precinct	1	S <sup>t</sup> Giles Cripplegate	35	At the Peſthouſe	1
S <sup>t</sup> Botolph Alderſgate	5	S <sup>t</sup> Olaves Southwark	13		
Buried in the 16 Pariſhes without the Walls, and at the Peſthouſe — 156		Plague — 0			
S <sup>t</sup> Giles in the fields	28	Lambeth Pariſh	5	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Iſlington	1
Hackney Pariſh	1	S <sup>t</sup> Leonard Shoreditch	13	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Whitechappel	16
S <sup>t</sup> James Clerkſwel	10	S <sup>t</sup> Magdalen Bermond	6	Redriff Pariſh	1
S <sup>t</sup> Kath, near the Tower	4	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Newington	1	Stepney Pariſh	24
Buried in the 12 out Pariſhes in Middleſex and Surry — 106		Plague — 0			
S <sup>t</sup> Clement Danes	10	S <sup>t</sup> Martins in the fields	28	S <sup>t</sup> Margaret Weſtmiſt.	22
S <sup>t</sup> Paul Covent Garden	5	S <sup>t</sup> Mary Savy	2	Whereof at the Peſthouſe	1
Buried in the 5 Pariſhes in the City and Liberties of Weſtmiſter — 67		Plague — 0			

# London and the Bills of Mortality




- A: the 97 parishes within the walls
- B: the 16 parishes outside the walls but partly or wholly within the City's jurisdiction
- C: the 10 (later 12) outparishes in Middlesex and Surrey
- D: the Westminster parishes

Verso of London  
 Weekly Bill of Mortality,  
 21-28 February 1664/5  
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‘The Diseases and Casualties this  
 Week’,  
 together with the total  
 Christenings and Burials by  
 gender, the decrease in burials  
 over the preceding week, the  
 number of parishes infected with  
 or clear of the plague, and the  
 statutory weight of a penny and  
 halfpenny loaf of bread.

*The Diseases and Casualties this Week.*



Imposthume	1
Infants	7
Kingevill	1
Mouldfallen	1
Kild accidentally with a Car-	
bine, at St. Michael Wood-	
street	1
Overlaid	1
Rickets	9
Rifing of the Lights	2
Rupture	2
Scalded in a Brewers Mash, at	
St. Giles Cripplegate	1
Scurvy	4
Spotted Feaver	2
Stilborn	13
Stopping of the Stomach	11
Suddenly	1
Surfeit	7
Teeth	27
Tiffick	12
Ulcer	1
Vomiting	1
Winde	1
Wormes	1

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*The Assize of Bread set forth by Order of the Lord Maier and Court of Aldermen,  
 A penny Wheaten Loaf to contain Eleven Ounces, and three  
 half-penny White Loaves the like weight.*

- [I] observed that most of them who constantly took in the weekly Bills of Mortality, made little other use of them, then to look at the foot, how the Burials increase, or decrease; And, among the Casualties, what had happened rare, and extraordinary in the week currant; so as they might take the same as a text to talk upon, in the next Company; and withall, in the Plague-time, how the Sickness increased, or decreased, that so the Rich might judge of the necessity of their removall, and Trades-men might conjecture what doings they were like to have in their respective dealings:

John Graunt, *Natural and Political Observations on the Bills of Mortality* (1662)

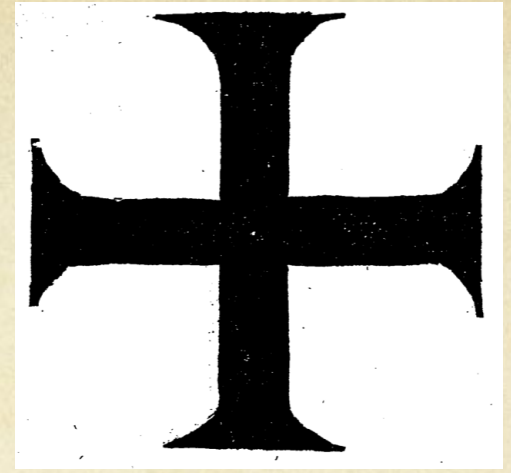
- 27 July. At home met the weekly Bill, where above 1000 increased in the Bill; and of them, in all, about 700 of the plague.
- 10 August. ... to the office, where we sat all the morning, in great trouble to see the Bill this week rise so high, to above 4000 in all, and of them, about 3000 of the plague.
- 14 August. Great fears we have that the plague will be a great Bill this week.
- 7 September. ... to the Tower; and there sent for the Weekly Bill and find 8252 dead in all, and of them, 6978 of the plague – which is a most dreadfull Number – and shows reason to fear the plague hath got that hold that it will yet continue among us.

Samuel Pepys, Diary 1665

- 20 September. ... the Duke [of Albemarle] showed us the number of the plague this week, brought in the last night from the Lord Mayor – that it is encreased about 600 more then the last, which is quite contrary to all our hopes and expectations from the coldness of the late season; for the whole general number is 8297; and of them, the plague 7165 – which is more in the whole, by above 50, then the biggest Bill yet – which is very grievous to us all.
- 27 September. Here I saw this week's Bill of Mortality, wherein, blessed be God, there is above 1800 decrease, this being the first considerable decrease we have had.
- 30 November. Great joy we have in the weekly Bill, it being come to 544 in all, and but 333 of the plague so that we are encouraged to get to London as soon as we can.

Samuel Pepys, Diary 1665

*The mourning-cross: or,  
England's Lord have mercy upon  
us*



Containing the certain causes of pestilential diseases; with an accompt of several modern plagues or visitation in times past, as well in other countries as in the city of London; as also, the number of those that then died, not onely of the plague, but of all diseases, Continued down to this present day, August 29. 1665. To which is likewise added, a necessary prayer for this present time.

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street MDCI XV [1665]





A generall Bill for this present year,  
ending the 19 of December 1665. according to  
the Report made to the KINGS most Excellent Majesty.



By the Company of Parish Clerks of London, &c.

Parish	Number	Parish	Number	Parish	Number	Parish	Number
St A bans Woodstreet	100	St Clements Eastcheap	38	St Margaret Mofes	38	St Michael Cornehill	104
St Allhalowes Barking	114	St Dionis Backchurch	78	St Margaret Newfishill	114	St Michael Crowchilde	104
St Allhalowes Breadst	75	St Dunstons East	565	St Margaret Pattons	49	St Michael Queene	104
St Allhalowes Great	445	St Edmunds Lombard	70	St Mary Abchurch	99	St Michael Quo ne	118
St Allhalowes Honia	110	St Ethelborough	195	St Mary Aldermanbur	109	St Michael Boyall	152
St Allhalowes Lette	139	St Faiths	104	St Mary Aldermary	105	St Michael Woodstreet	122
St Allhall. Lombardstr.	90	St Foters	144	St Mary le Bow	64	St Mildred Breadstreet	59
St Allhalowes Staining	113	St Gabriel Fen church	69	St Mary Bothaw	55	St Mildred Poultry	58
St Allhalowes the Wall	100	St George Botolphane	41	St Mary Colechurch	17	St Nicholas Acons	46
St Alphage	271	St Gregories by Pauls	176	St Mary Hill	23	St Nicholas Coleabby	125
St Andrew Hubbard	71	St Hezens	108	St Mary Mountlaw	56	St Nicholas Olaves	90
St Andrew Underthrift	174	St James Dukes place	262	St Mary Sumnerst	34	St Olaves Hartstreet	100
St Andrew Wardrobe	470	St James Garlickhithe	189	St Mary Stayning	47	St Olaves Jewry	54
St Aone Allergate	382	St John Baptist	138	St Mary Woolchurch	65	St Olaves Siluerstreet	350
St Anne Blacke Friers	65	St John Evangelist	3	St Mary Woolnoth	75	St Patrus Sopelane	20
St Antholus Parilh	58	St Iohn Zacharie	85	St Martins Ironmonger	21	St Peters Cleare	61
St Austins Parilh	43	St Katherine Coleman	299	St Martins Ludgate	196	St Peters Cornhill	51
St Barthol. Exchange	73	St Katherine Creechu	335	St Martins Orgars	110	St Peters Pauls Wharfe	114
St Bennet Fynch	47	St Lawrence Jewry	94	St Martins Outwich	60	St Peters Poole	79
St Bennet Gracechurch	57	St Lawrence Pountney	214	St Martins Vintry	417	St Stevens Colmanite	60
St Bennet Pauls Wharf	358	St Leonard Eastcheap	3	St Martles Fishmonger	11	St Stevens Walbrooke	34
St Bennet Sherehog	11	St Leonard Follerlane	335	St Marys Milkstreet	44	St Swidons	2
St Botolph Billingsgate	83	St Magnus Parilh	103	St Maudins Oldfishst.	176	St Thomas Avoth	63
St Christs Church	653	St Margaret Lothbury	100	St Michael Bassishaw	153	St Trinitie Parilh	115
St Christophers	60						

buried in the 7 Parishes within the walls. 15207 Whereof of the Plague. 9887

St Andrew Holborn	328	St Bridewell Precinct	130	St Dunstons West	958	St Saviours Southwark	123
St Bartholomew Gra	493	St George Southwark	1013	St George Southwark	1013	St Sepulchres Parilh	1409
St Bartholomew Lette	193	St Giles Cripplegate	806	St Giles Cripplegate	806	St Thomas Southwark	475
St Budge	2111	St Olaves Southwark	4793	St Olaves Southwark	4793	Trinity Minor	168

buried in the 16 Parishes without the walls. 41351 Whereof of the Plague. 23888

St Giles in the Fields	145	St Kathelines Tower	956	St Magdalen Bermon	1943	St Mary Whitechappel	496
Hackney Parilh	322	St Lambeth Parilh	798	St Mary Newington	273	St Resourie Parilh	324
St James Clerkwell	863	St Leonard Shordich	2669	St Mary Ilington	1695	St Stepey Parilh	859

buried in the 12 out-Parishes, in Middlesex and Surrey. 8554 Whereof of the Plague. 21420

St Clement Danc	1969	St Mary Sauny	303	The Total of all the Christnings	9967
St Paul Covent Garden	408	St Margaret Westminst.	4710	The Total of all the Burials this year	97306
St Martin in the Fields	4804	Whereof of the Pesthouse	116	Whereof, of the Plague	68596

buried in the 4 Parishes in the City and Liberties of Westminster. 12194 Whereof of the Plague. 8403

The Diseases and Casualties this year.

A Borrive and Stillborne	617	Executed	21	Palfie	30
Aged	1545	Flox and Small Pox	655	Plague	68596
Ague and Feaver	5257	Found dead in streets, fields, &c.	20	Planner	6
Appoplex and Suddenly	116	French Pox	86	Plurisie	15
Bedrid	10	Frighted	23	Poysoned	3
Blafsted	5	Gout and Sciatica	27	Quinsie	35
Bleeding	16	Grief	46	Rickets	1
Bloody Flux, Scowring & Flux	185	Gripping in the Guts	1288	Rising of the Lights	557
Burnt and Scalded	8	Hangd & made away themselves	7	Rupture	347
Calenture	3	Headmouldhor & Mouldfallen	14	Scurvy	105
Cancer, Gangrene and Fistula	56	Jaundies	10	Shingles and Swine pox	2
Canker, and Thruh	111	Impoftume	227	Sores, Ulcers, broken and bruised	82
Childbed	625	Kild by severall accidents	4	Limbs	82
Chrifomes and Infants	1258	Kings Evil	86	Spleen	14
Cold and Cough	68	Leprosie	2	Spotted Feaver and Purples	1929
Collick and Winde	134	Lethargy	14	Stopping of the stomach	332
Consumption and Tiffick	4808	Livergrown	2	Stone and Strangury	98
Convulsion and Mother	2036	Mesgrom and Headach	12	Surfet	125
Distracted	5	Mecalles	7	Teeth and Worms	2614
Droopie and Timpany	1478	Murthered and Shot	9	Vomiting	5
Drowned	50	Overlaid & Starved	45	VVenh	2

Christned Males	5114	Buried Males	48569
Christned Females	4853	Buried Females	48737
In all	9967	In all	97306

Increased in the Burials in the 130 Parishes and at the Pest-house this year. 79009  
Increased of the Plague in the 130 Parishes and at the Pest-house this year. 68596

# Yearly Bill for 1665

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*Natural and Political*  
**OBSERVATIONS**

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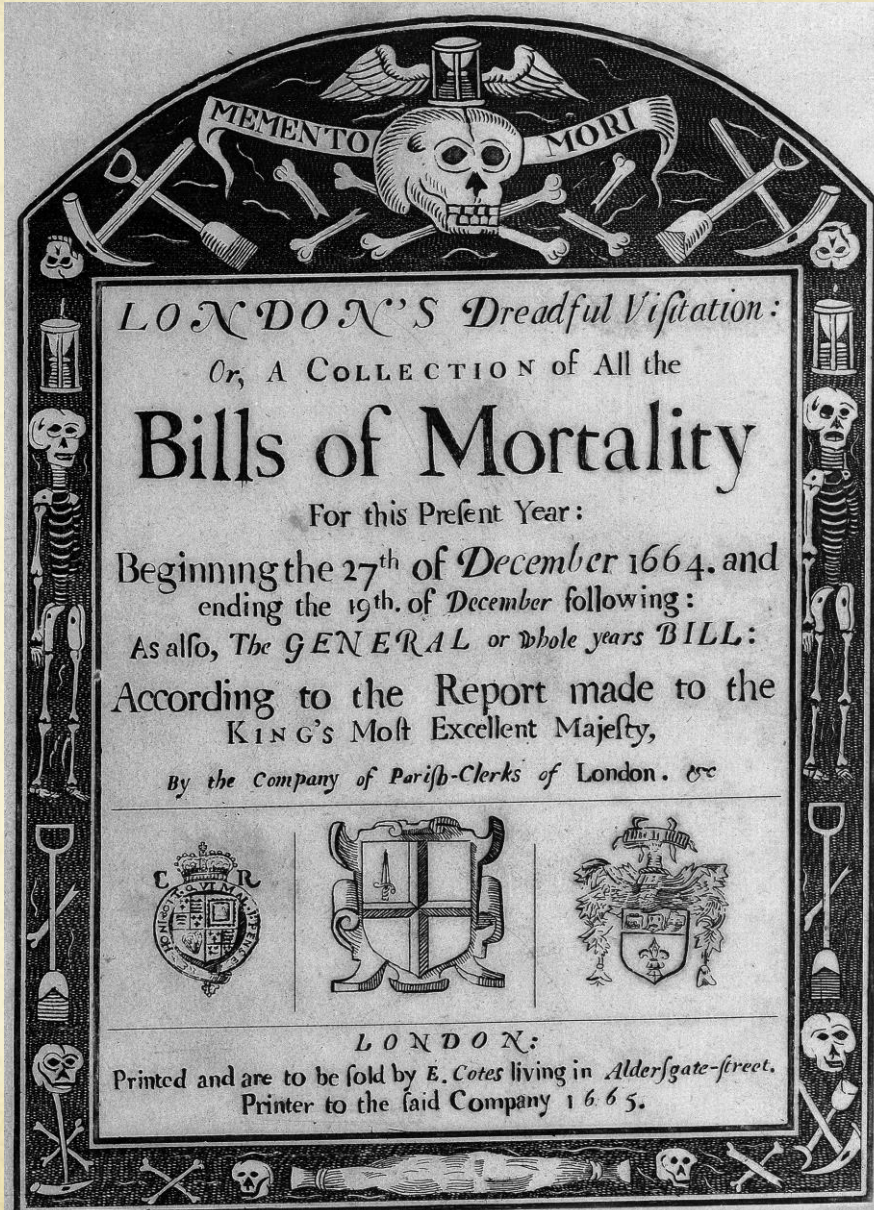
By **JOHN GRAUNT**,  
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With reference to the *Government, Religion, Trade,  
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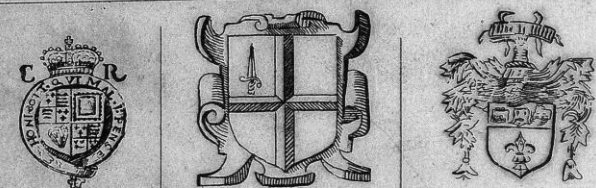
— *Non, me ut miretur Turba, laboro,  
Contentus paucis Lectoribus* —

**LONDON,**  
Printed by *Tho: Roycroft*, for *John Martin, James Allestry*,  
and *Tho: Dicus*, at the Sign of the Bell in *St. Paul's  
Church-yard*, MDC LXII.

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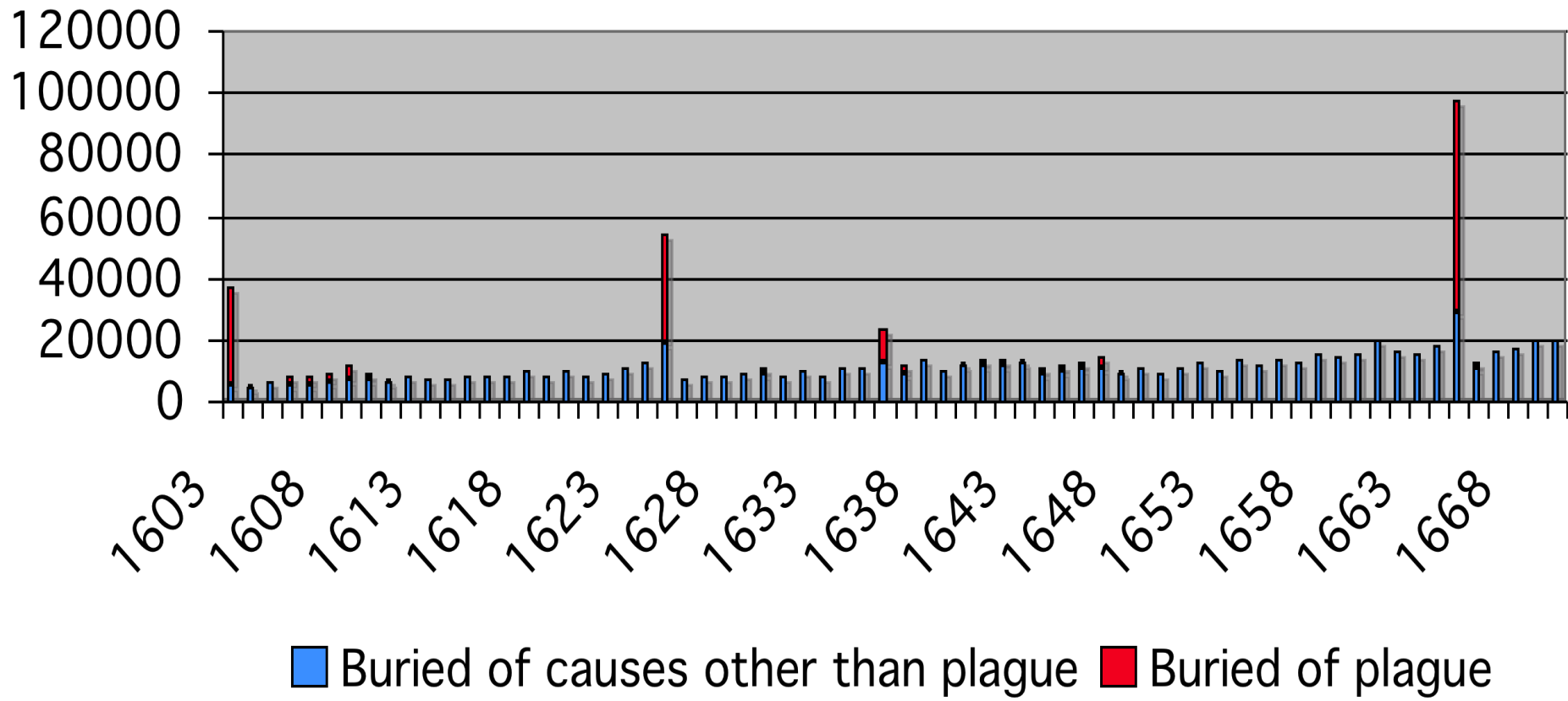
**LONDON'S Dreadful Visitation:**  
Or, A COLLECTION of All the  
**Bills of Mortality**  
For this Present Year:  
Beginning the 27<sup>th</sup> of *December* 1664. and  
ending the 19<sup>th</sup>. of *December* following:  
As also, The *GENERAL* or *Whole years BILL*:  
According to the Report made to the  
KING'S Most Excellent Majesty,  
By the Company of *Parish-Clerks* of London. &c



**LONDON:**  
Printed and are to be sold by *E. Cotes* living in *Aldersgate-street*,  
Printer to the said Company 1665.

# Burials and plague burials, 1603-70

Source: data from Graunt's *Natural and Political Observations* (1676)



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# ORDERS

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By

The Lord *MAJOR* and Aldermen of the City of LONDON, concerning the Infection of the Plague.



Printed by *James Fleisher*, Printer to the Honourable City of LONDON.

# Plague orders, 1665

[Wellcome Library, London]



# ORDERS

Conceived and published by the Lord Major and Aldermen of the City of London, concerning the infection of the Plague.



Hereas in the first Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign King *James* of happy memory, an Act was made for the charitable relief and ordering of Persons infected with the Plague: whereby Authority was given to Justices of Peace, Majors, Bayliffs, and other Head-officers to appoint within their severall Limits Examiners, Searchers, Watchmen, Keepers, and Buriers for the Persons and Places infected, and to minister unto them Oaths for the performance of their Offices. And the same Statute did also authorize the giving of other Directions, as unto them for the present necessity should seem good in their discretions. It is now upon special

- 3 September. Lord, to consider the madness of people of the town, who will (because they are forbid) come in Crowds along with the dead Corps to see them buried.
- 14 September ... there being now no observation of shutting up of houses infected, that to be sure we do converse and meet with people that have the plague upon them.

Samuel Pepys, Diary 1665

- Notice to be given of the Sickness.
- Sequestration of the Sick.
- Airing the Stuff.
- Shutting up of the House.
- None to be removed out of Infected Houses, but, &c.
- Burial of the dead.
- No infected Stuff to be uttered.
- No person to be conveyed out of any infected House.
- Every visited house to be marked.
- Every visited House to be watched.

Orders concerning  
infected Houses, and  
Persons sick of the  
Plague.

(2)  
DIRECTIONS

FOR THE  
PREVENTION  
and CURE of the  
PLAGUE.

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*Fitted for the Poorer sort.*

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Wisdom 17. 12.  
*For FEAR is nothing else but a Betraying of those  
Succours which Reason offereth.*

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LONDON,  
Printed by J. Grismond, 1665.

- Take Conserve of Wood-sorrel 2 ounces, of flower of Brimstone finely powdered 2 drams, Diascordium half an ounce, of the temperate cordial Species 4 scruples, of syrup of Wood-sorrel as much as will make it up into a moist Electuary.

Gideon Harvey M.D., *A discourse of the Plague* (1665)

- The Plague is a most Malignant and Contagious Feaver, caused through Pestilential *Miasms*, insinuating into the humoral and consistent parts of the Body; first speedily putrefying, then corrupting the fluors, afterwards the solid parts ...
- The said flaming Arsenical corpuscles floating in the air are attracted into the Body by inspiration through the Lungs and Nostrils; or otherwise they pierce through ones clothes, and so penetrate into the pores of the entire Body ...



- ... this present Pest hath principally derived its being from this Scorbutical Disease with whose nature it much symbolizes .... It is undoubted that they are both Malignant, Poisonous, and Contagious.
- To conclude, my advice is, that those who desire to preserve themselves from this present Pest, do drinke every morning either Sulphurated Wine, Strong Beer, or what Liquor they please, wherein hath been steeped a large quantity of Horse-Radish-root, with five, six, seven, eight, nine or ten drops of good Spirit of Salt; and no doubt they will find a far better effect, then from a Galenical Electuary of *London-Treacle* and *Wood-Sorrel*



The Manner of Dissecting  
the  
PESTILENTIAL BODY.

Printed for Nath: Crouch at the Rose and Crowne in Exchange Alley

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 A O I M O T O M I A :  
 OR THE  
 P E S T Anatomized

In these following particulars, Viz.

1. The Material Cause
  2. The Efficient Cause
  3. The Subject Part
  4. The Signs
  5. An Historical Account of the Dissection of a Pestilential Body by the Author; and the Consequents thereof.
  6. Reflections and Observations on the fore-said Dissection.
  7. Directions Preservative and Curative against the Pest.
- } of the PEST.

Together with the Authors Apology against the Calumnies of the Galenists: and a Word to Mr. Nath: Hodges, concerning his late *Vindiciae Medicinae*.

By George Thomson, M. D.

Ουκ οικτιρον εσθ τῶ λιμῷ τῶ σώματι ἀλλὰ τῆς ψυχῆς ὅ εἰεν ἀγνοήμα ἀποθνήσκειν.

*Dii talem terris avertite Pestem.*

London, Printed for Nath: Crouch, at the Rose and Crown in Exchange-Alley near Lombard-street, 1666

George Thomson, *AOIMOTOMIA, or the PEST Anatomized* (1666)  
 [Wellcome Library, London]

# Plague sermon, 1665

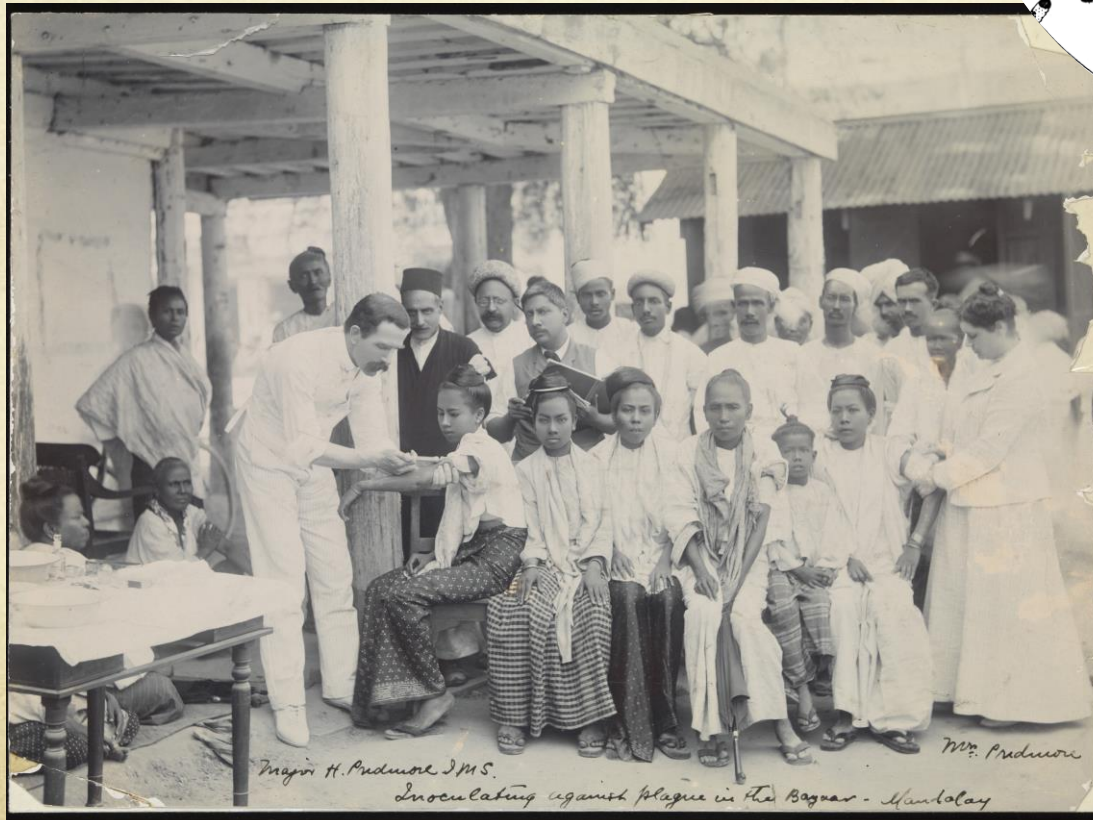
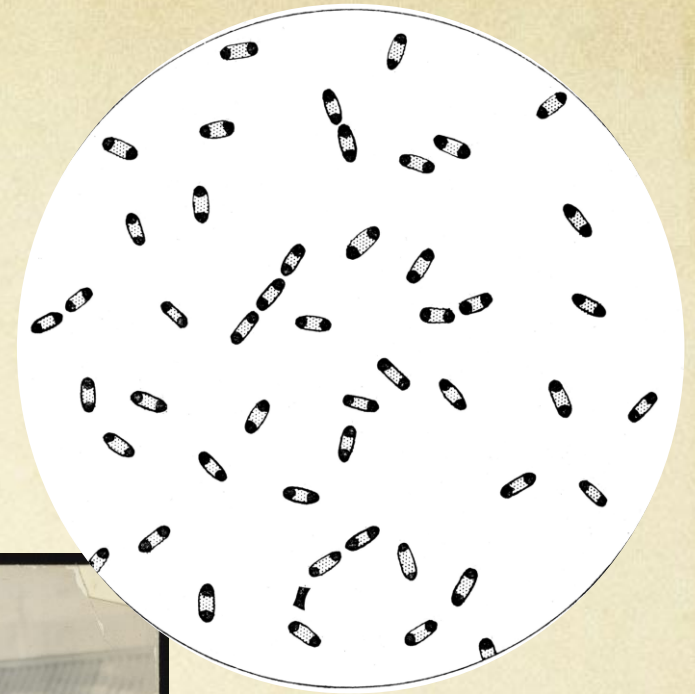
*The preachers precept of consideration, or, Englands chief lesson and duty in this sad time of visitation wherein is contained, 1. A catalogue and collection of all the particular capital sins mentioned in Scriptures ... 2. The author's opinion and judgment, for which and why it is, that this unparallel'd visitation is now laid upon us / delivered in the parish church of St. Katherine Coleman, London, upon the monthly fast-days set apart for humiliation, by His Majesties special command.*

London : Printed by E. Cotes for the author, MDCLXV

...in all humility beseeching the Omnipotent, to conferr upon us, such an *uniforme* and *cordial Repentance*, that every one of us may search out the *Plague* of his own *Heart* and *Brain*, and Purge our selves, by His gracious assistance, *from all filthiness of Flesh and Spirit*; that so he may in the riches of His tender Compassion, return in favour to this sinful City, and restore health to our Habitations.

Cotes, *London's Dreadfull Visitation* (1665)

Plague bacilli;  
Inoculating against  
plague, Mandalay, 1906  
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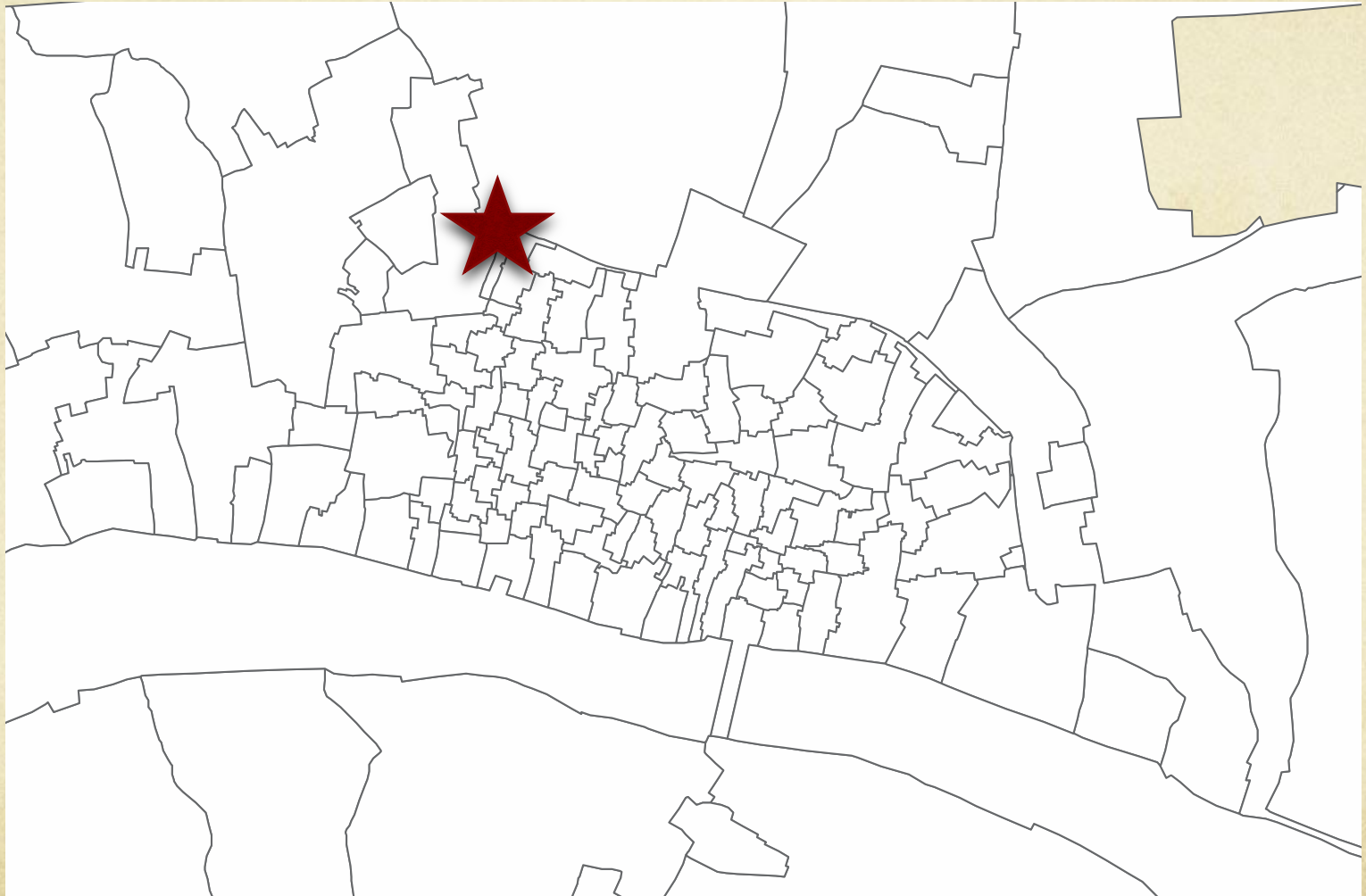


# Plague in old London (R. Tennant Cooper, c. 1912)

[Wellcome Library, London]



# The parishes of St Botolph Aldersgate and St Giles Cripplegate, London



# St Giles Cripplegate, 18<sup>th</sup> century







A general Bill for this present year,  
ending the 19 of December 1665, according to  
the Report made to the KINGES most Excellent Majesty.



By the Company of Parish Clerks of London, &c.

Parish	Buried	Parish	Buried	Parish	Buried
S. Andrew Woodstreet	100	S. Clements Eastcheap	138	S. Margaret Mary	155
S. Andrew Undershaft	114	S. Dennis Backchurch	120	S. Margaret Newburgh	166
S. Allhallows Breadst	15	S. Dunstons East	150	S. Margaret Paternoster	24
S. Allhallows Great	115	S. Edmunds Lombard	10	S. Mary Abchurch	29
S. Allhallows Hontia	10	S. Eshelbrough	195	S. Mary Aldermanbury	159
S. Allhallows Little	159	S. Finsbury	104	S. Mildred Woodchurch	13
S. Allhallows Lane	10	S. Fulden	104	S. Mary le Bow	166
S. Allhallows St Andrew	185	S. Gabriel Fenchurch	39	S. Mary Bowchurch	51
S. Allhallows St Dunstons	100	S. George Broadstreet	27	S. Mary Colechurch	7
S. Alphage	171	S. Gregorys by Pauls	176	S. Mary Hill	24
S. Andrew Hubbard	171	S. Hectors	158	S. Mary Monaster	18
S. Andrew Underhill	174	S. James Dukes place	263	S. Mary Sumner	34
S. Andrew Wardour	120	S. James Garlickchiche	189	S. Mary Trenchard	27
S. Anne Aldersgate	132	S. John Baptist	138	S. Mary Woodchurch	23
S. Anne Blackfriars	103	S. John Evangelin	9	S. Mary Woolchurch	75
S. Augustine Parishes	15	S. John Zouch	5	S. Martin Ainslie	11
S. Austin Parishes	41	S. Katherine Creech	199	S. Martin Ludgate	196
S. Bartholomew Exchange	78	S. Katherine Coleman	135	S. Martin Vintry	217
S. Becket	47	S. Lawrence Jewry	241	S. Martin Wharf	14
S. Bennet Gracechurch	17	S. Lawrence Rountrey	214	S. Martin Vintry	217
S. Bennet Pauls Wharf	119	S. Leonard Eastcheap	47	S. Stevens Colechurch	60
S. Bennet St Dunstons	11	S. Leonard Fosse lane	135	S. Thomas Abchurch	54
S. Bonhill Billingsgate	10	S. Magnus Parishes	176	S. Thomas Dunstons	63
S. Christopher	17	S. Margaret Lothbury	100	S. Thomas Southwark	110
S. Christ Church	17	S. Michael Billhulph	153	S. Trinitie Parishes	12

# Yearly Bill for 1665

[Wellcome Library, London]

**The Diseases and Casualties this year.**

Boracic and Silborne	617	Executed	21	Plague	30
Aged	1545	Flox and Small Pox	655	Plague	68596
Aague and Feaver	5257	Found dead in streets, fields, &c.	20	Planner	6
Appoplex and Suddenly	126	French Pox	86	Purifie	15
Bedrid	10	Prighead	23	Poyfomed	1
Blisfed	1	Gout and Scattica	27	Quinic	2
Bleeding	16	Grief	46	Rickers	35
Bloody Flux, Scowring & Flux	185	Gaping in the Guts	1288	Rifing of the Lightes	337
Burnt and Scalced	8	Hangd & made away them selves	7	Rupture	34
Calenture	3	Headmolditoxh & Mouldfallen	14	Scurvy	102
Cancers, Gangrens, and Fistula	56	Jannicles	110	Shingles and Swine pox	2
Cankre, and Thrush	111	Janicles	227	Sores, Ulcers, broken and bruiced	33
Childbed	62	Killd by severall accidents	46	Limbs	82
Chrifomes and Infants	1258	Kings Evil	86	Spleen	14
Cold and Cough	68	Leprosie	2	Spotted Feaver and Purples	1929
Collick and Winds	13	Lecheragy	14	Stopping of the Romack	32
Consumption and Tiffick	4898	Livergrowne	2	Stree and Strangury	98
Convulsion and Morder	2036	Mesgrom and Headach	12	Surfet	154
Diftacted	5	Mealles	7	Teeth and Worms	2614
Droppie and Tympany	1478	Murdered and Shot	9	Vomiting	5
Drownded	50	Overlad & Starved	43	VVenn	2

**The Total of all the Christiaines** — 9956  
**The Total of all the Burials this year** — 97306  
**Whereof, of the Plague** — 68596

**Christiaines**  
 Males — 51147  
 Females — 48359  
 In all — 99506

**Buried**  
 Males — 48699  
 Females — 48607  
 Of the Plague — 68596  
 In all — 97306

Increased in the Burials in the 120 Parishes and at the Pest-houseth this year. — 79009  
 Increased of the Plague in the 130 Parishes and at the Pest-houseth this year. — 68596

St Giles Cripplegate — 8069 | 4838

# Parish register, St Giles Cripplegate,

## 13 August 1665

[Wellcome Library, London]

John Kellins wid	plague Above	15
Maria Jeffries wid	plague Above	13
Wm Norman servt to Sarah Johnson wid	plague Above	13
Jane wife of Rich: Vidley postor	plague below	15
Hannah daughter of Honey Cooke dwister	spotted below	15
Rich: son of Rich: Sawmings barber	plague below	15
Sarah daughter of Jeffery Granttham dnd	plague below	15
Frances daughter of George Knight dnd	plague Above	15
Elizabeth daughter of Hannah Saunders wid	plague Above	15
Mary daughter of John Harrison weav	plague Above	15
Abigail daughter of Honey Ironour rarp	fever Above	13
Martha daught of Wm Sooly vint	plague Above	13

- 16 Jan 1665/6: Whereas in this late visitation of the plague wherewith for the sins of this kingdome Almighty God hath been pleased to visit this Citty of London with the parishes adjacent [and other parts of this realme *interlined*] and in an especiall manner this our parish of St Giles Without Cripplegate, whereby such multitudes haue dyed that our Churchyards and burying places are now almost so filled with dead corpses that not any more can scarcely be buried there, To thentent therefore that we may haue more ground to adde to our churchyard that is next the church ....

London Metropolitan Archives, P69/GIS/B/001/06048/001: Vestry  
minute book, St Giles Cripplegate, 1659–1808, f. 21v.



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## Orders for cleansing and keeping of the Streets sweet.

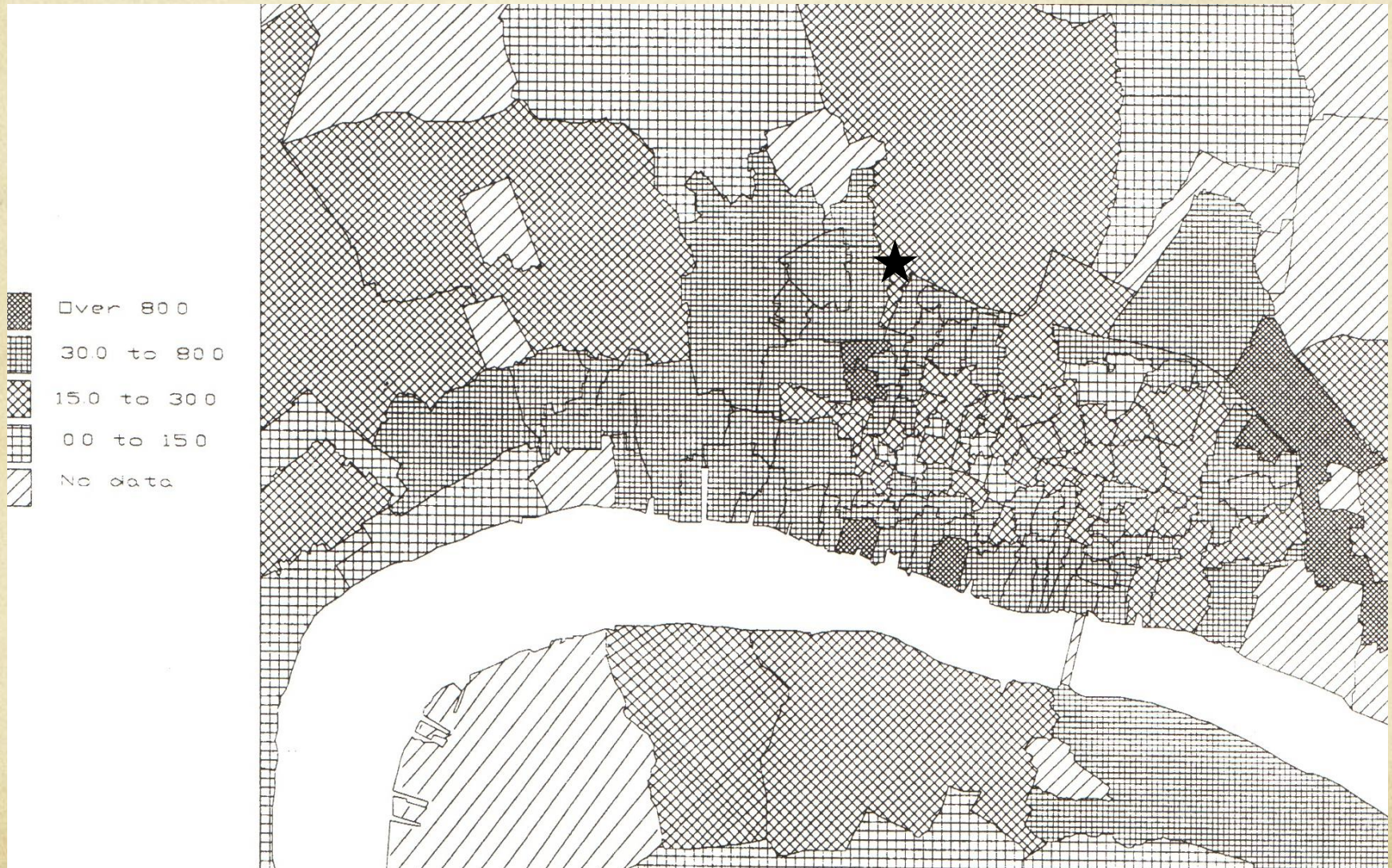
- The Streets to be kept clean.
- That Rakers take it from out the Houses.
- Laystalls to be made farre off from the City.
- Care to be had of unwholesome Fish or Flesh, and of musty Corn.

## Orders concerning loose Persons and idle Assemblies.

- Beggars.
- Playes.
- Feasting Prohibited.
- Tipling-houses.

# Deaths per acre by parish in 1665

(Champion, *London's Dreaded Visitation*, 1995)



# Deaths per household by parish in 1665

(Champion, *London's Dreaded Visitation*, 1995)

