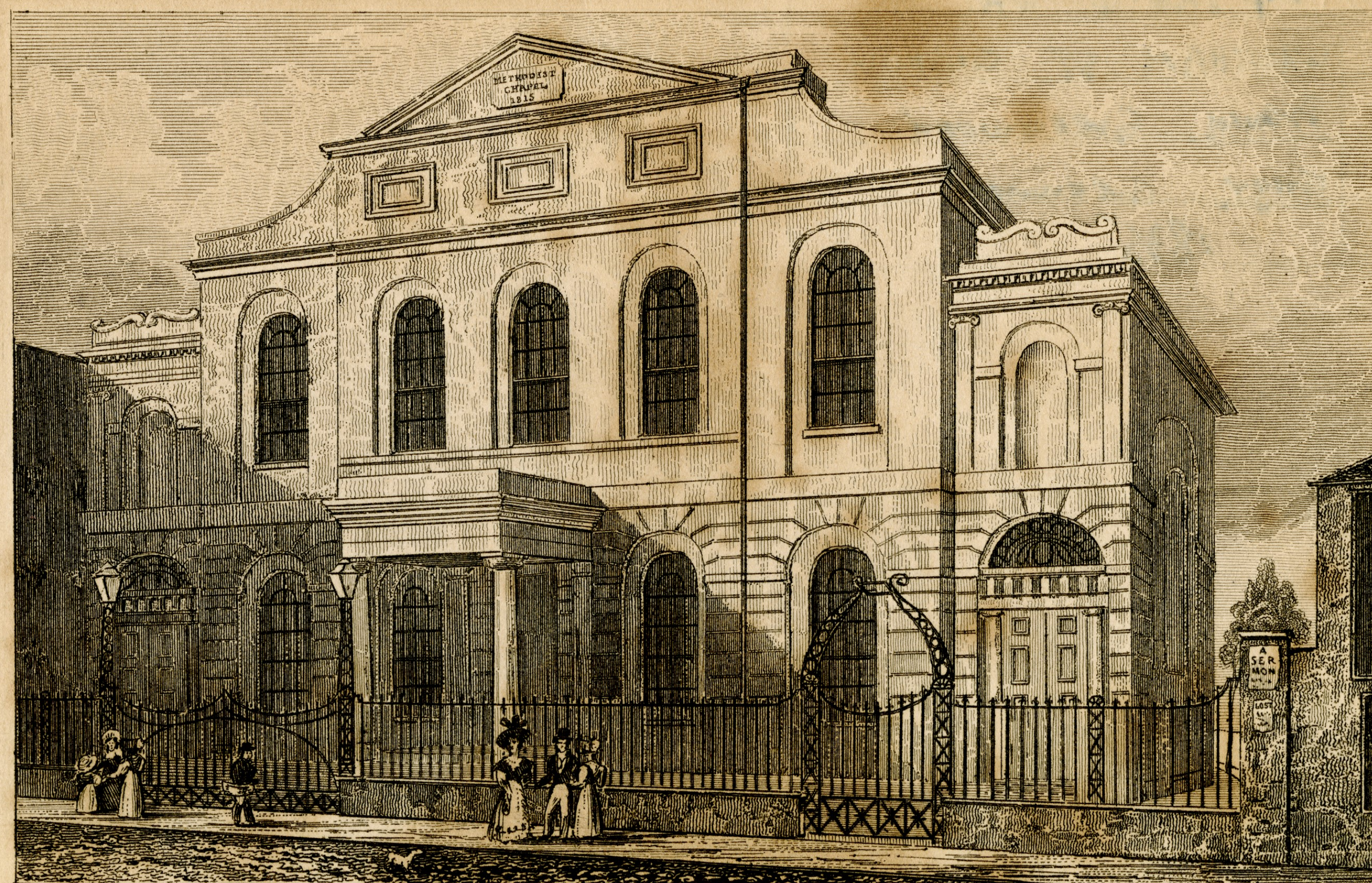


‘May God protect you through the deep, And guide, and guard, and safely keep, And bring you back, and bless your store, and take you home when time’s no more’ (Reverend S. Lane, Hymn II in *The Spiritual Compass*)

SEAMEN’S SERVICES AND SERMONS

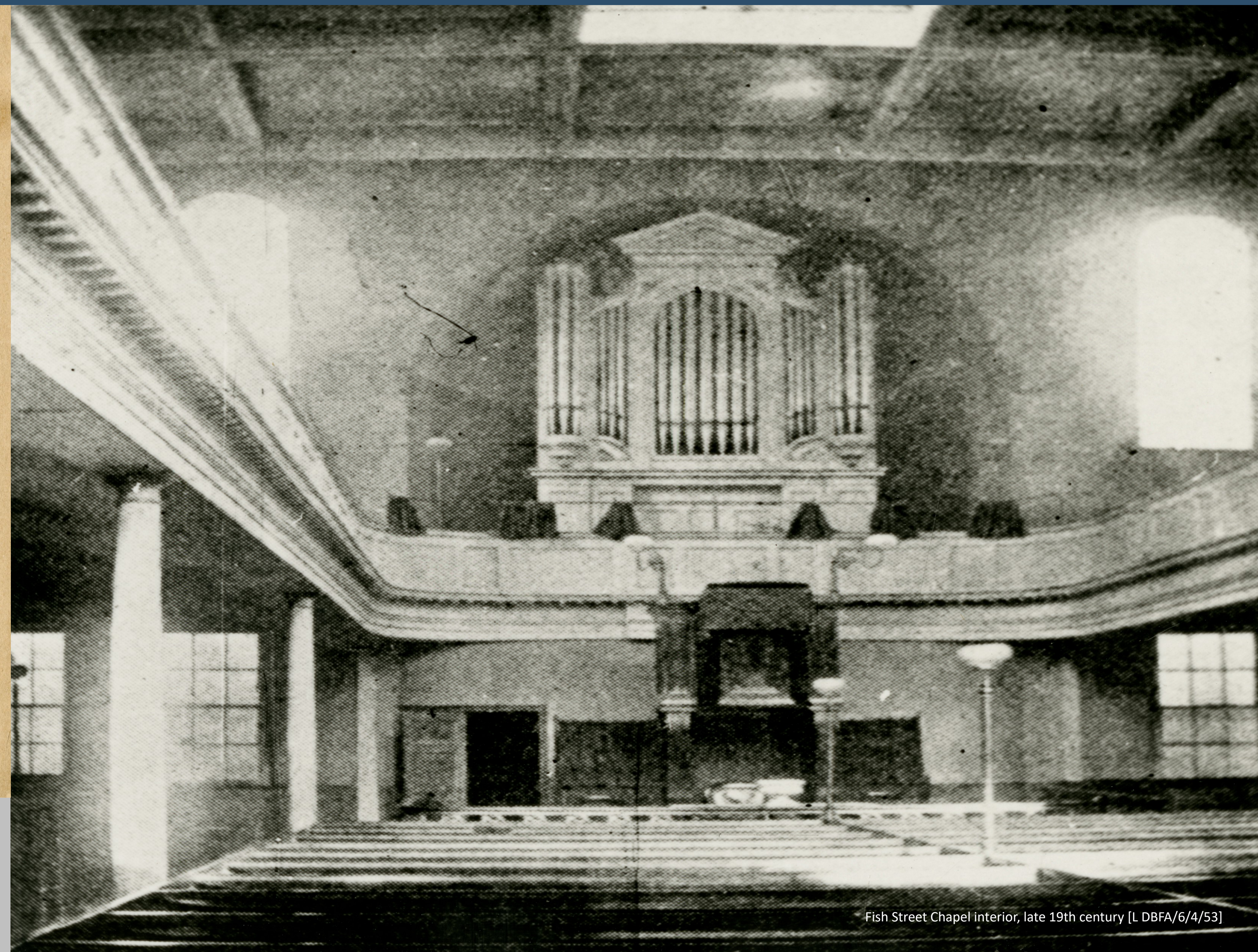
Waltham Street Chapel exterior, early 19th century [Lp.726.4 WAL/1]



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Waltham Street Chapel.

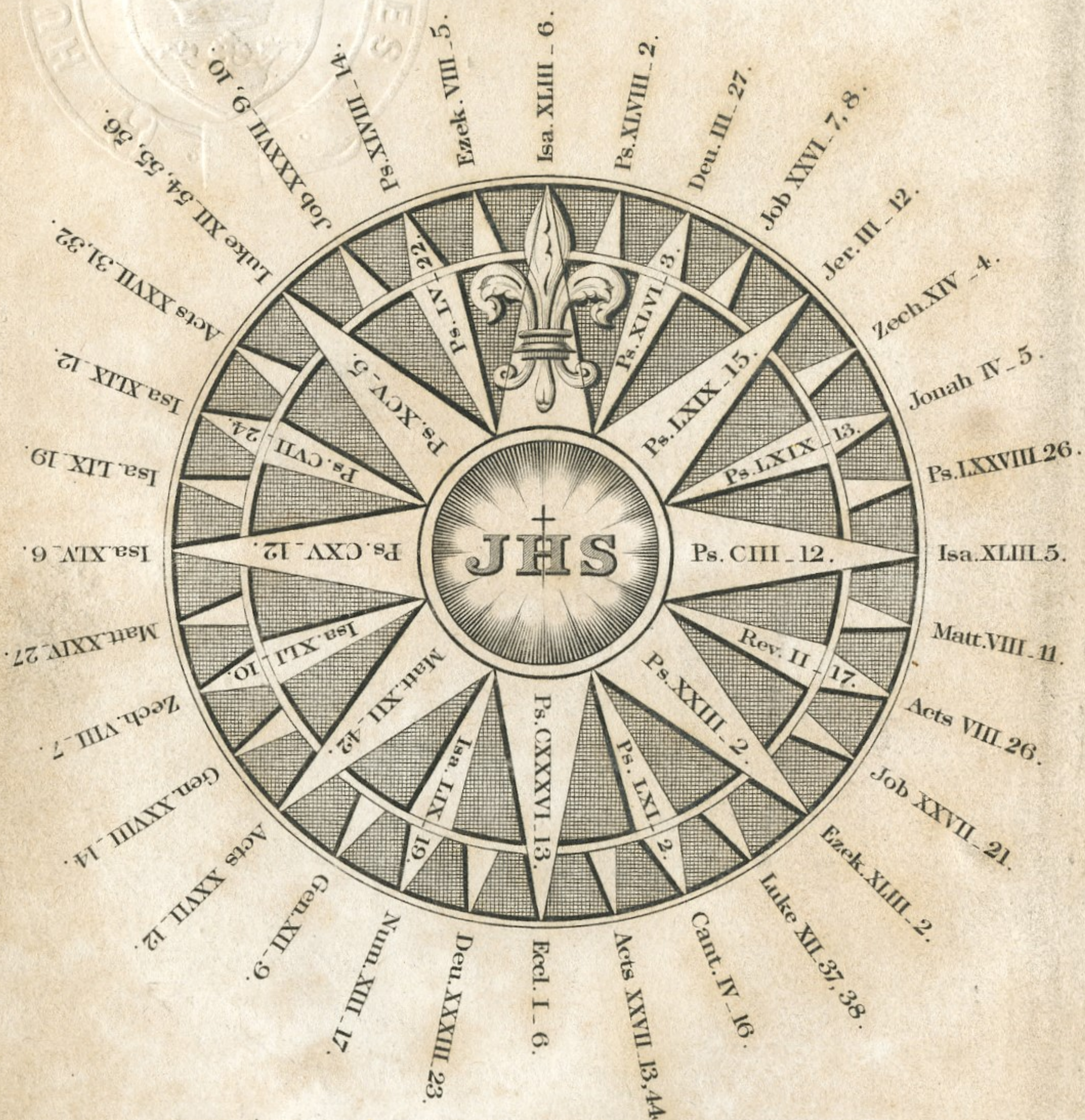
Fact: Local chapels, including those on Fish Street and Waltham Street, were used regularly to hold seamen’s services during the 19th century



Fish Street Chapel interior, late 19th century [L DBFA/6/4/53]

The
SPIRITUAL COMPASS:
 OR
The Believing Seaman's Unerring Guide
 TO
THE PORT OF ETERNAL REST.

*Ps. CVII. 3, 7. Heb. IV. 9. Rev. III. 12.
 John XIV. 6.*



Ps. LXXIII. 24. Matt. XXV. 34, 46.

*Let the Inhabitants of the Rock sing, let them
 shout from the top of the Mountains.*

ISAIAH.

BY THE REV^d S. LANE.

Goodwill & Lawson, Hill.

HYMN II. L. M.

Exhortation to Praise.—Psalm xxxiv. 3.

- 1 Come christian seamen join to sing *Ps. lxxviii. 4.*
 The praises of our heavenly King; *Ps. xlvii. 6, 7.*
 Unite to sound his mercies o'er } *Ps. lxxxix. 1.*
 At home, abroad, at sea, on shore..... }
- 2 Remember us you leave behind, } *Gen. xl. 14.*
 And kindly bear us in your mind; }
 And we'll commend you to the Lord, .. } *Acts. xx. 32.*
 In pray'r, in praise, in thought, in word. }
- 3 And when at sea your toiling hard, } *1 Cor. vi. 12.*
 For earthly treasure and reward, }
 May this sink deep within your breast, } *Micah. ii. 10.*
 This world below is not your rest..... }
- 4 May God protect you through the deep, *Isa. lxiii. 12, 13.*
 And guide, and guard, and safely keep, .. *Ps. lxix. 15.*
 And bring you back, and bless your store, *Deut. xxviii. 5.*
 And take you home when time's no more. *Matt. xxv. 24.*
- 5 O may you in the hour of death, *Ps. xxiii. 4.*
 In Jesu's arms resign your breath; *Acts vii. 59.*
 And anchor safe within the vail, } *Heb. vi. 18.*
 No more to toil, no more to sail..... }

Hymns from The Mariners' Cheerful Companion, or Seamen's Spiritual Song Book, by Reverend S. Lane, 1831 [L.WHA.784]

HYMN XVIII. L. M.

A Farewell Hymn.—Acts xx. 32.

- 1 Farewell, adieu, may God attend, *1 Thess. iii. 12.*
 Your passage out and homeward bound; *Gen. xlviii. 9.*
 When this vain fleeting time shall end, *2 Pet. iii.*
 May we in Jesus all be found..... *Phil. iii. 9.*
- 2 Farewell, adieu, once more farewell, } .. *Phil. iv. 7.*
 The God of peace be with you all; .. }
 May you his gracious wonders tell, .. } .. *Col. i. 13.*
 Who rais'd you from your Adam-fall. }
- 3 Farewell ye sons of God, adieu, *Eph. i. 5.*
 May grace, and peace fill ev'ry heart; .. *Rom. xvi. 20.*
 Who know themselves and Jesus too, } *1 Thess. iv. 17.*
 We soon shall meet no more to part... }
- 4 Farewell, we bid you all farewell, *Rom. xv. 33.*
 May grace and truth fill ev'ry breast; .. *John viii. 32.*
 Of those redeem'd from death and hell, ... *Zech. x. 8.*
 And find in Christ eternal rest. *Heb. iv. 9. Matt. xi. 28.*
- 5 May God protect you in the deep, *2 Cor. xi. 25.*
 Preserve you thro' the boist'rous seas; .. *2 Cor. xi. 26.*
 May he your souls in safety keep, } *Ps. cxlv. 20.*
 And bring you back in health and ease. }

In 18th and early 19th century Britain, religious observation was common and church practices regulated the lives of many people.

Attending services on a Sunday was expected according to societal norms.

The words of a minister, delivered during a sermon, were seen by the congregation as a comfort and source of advice.

For the minister, sermons provided an opportunity to guide and improve the spiritual and moral welfare of the listener.

Fact: Reverend S. Lane was a local minister who published spiritual literature for seafarers

In port towns like Hull, special seamen's services were held at the beginning of the whaling and fishing seasons before the fleets left port.

Notices of such services were placed in local newspapers and reports were printed after they had taken place. The reports detailed sermons given during the services and it was common to find the full text of these sermons on sale in local book shops.

The purpose in publishing the sermons was to provide a spiritual and moral compass to seafarers, which they could take with them on long voyages, and which would guide their behaviour.

In this way, such services and publications were an important way of ministering to seafarers prior to the establishment of the missionary societies discussed elsewhere in this exhibition.

Fact: Reverend Thomas Boshier was a local preacher who gave sermons for those involved in the whaling trade

CHRIST, A HAVEN FOR SAILORS.

A
SERMON,

TO THE

Seamen employed in the Whale Fisheries:

PREACHED AT

Bethel Chapel, Hull,

25th of February, 1810.

BY THOMAS BOSHER.

PUBLISHED AT THE REQUEST OF THE HEARERS.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.
DAVID, Psal. cvii. 23, 24.

Wakefield:

Printed at the Office of E. Waller, in Wood-Street.

Title page of a published sermon by Thomas Boshier, 1810 [L.252.03]

Yesterday afternoon, an appropriate discourse was delivered at Waltham-street chapel, to the seamen employed in the fisheries, by the Rev. James Everett: the chapel was extremely crowded, and the audience highly attentive.—We understand that a sermon, also addressed to the seamen, will be preached on Sunday afternoon next, at Bethel chapel, Dock-street.

Hull Packet, 24 Feb 1818

Extract from a published sermon by Thomas Boshier, 1810 [L.252.03]

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as the case, and safety of a vessel, (especially in a dangerous sea) depends upon the skill of the steersman; so your security, relies wholly upon the guidance of Christ. Then every moment pray,

O Lord, the pilot's part perform,
And steer me through the dreadful storm,
Then winds and waves with all their force,
Cant drive me from my christian course.

Finally, Receive a word of CONSOLATION. Encourage yourselves in the Lord your God; he has graciously promised, that when you pass through the waters he will be with you, and the floods they shall not overflow you. And should his unerring wisdom suffer you to perish in the deep, even then it shall be well with you; the loss of a momentary life, will gain you another, and a better; the billow which buries your bodies in the sea, will kindly waft your happy souls,—home to Christ. Remember with what longing anxiety you look out for land after a tedious voyage, and how glad to set your foot again upon your native shore. Then how attentively should you watch for the glorious appearing of the blessed Saviour, and your Father's house above; whilst you exult at the thought of that triumphant joy, which will ravish your hearts when you arrive safe in Immanuel's land, and set your foot upon the shore of eternal glory. Now farewell. And as you have the NEW JERUSALEM right a-head, make all the sail you can, steer by the gospel compass, keep steady to your course, and may the Lord grant you a prosperous gale, and a safe arrival in the land of REST.

And may I meet you THERE! Amen.

FINIS.