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Gracechurch Street tunnel, EC3

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A traverse of the Roman basilica and forum was made in a GPO tunnel dug 4.5m below and along Gracechurch Street. It crossed first the S wing of the forum and then found the forum entrance; then the courtyard, with a structure, perhaps a decorative pool, near the middle; thirdly, the basilica floor in the hall and side aisles. S of the forum the tunnel passed through three Roman roads, the frontages of several Roman buildings, a 15th c conduit, and the W end of St Benet Gracechurch. The Roman levels recorded in the tunnel are reported in Marsden 1987; this includes a plan of the location and extent of the tunnel (Fig 48).

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