

## What's going on?



**Blackfriars station is being rebuilt as part of the Thameslink Programme to accommodate 50% longer 12-carriage trains and reduce overcrowding on some of Britain's most congested rail routes.**

The new National Rail station will have covered platforms that span the river Thames with a new entrance on the south river bank for anyone working south of the river or heading for attractions such as Tate Modern.

There will be a new main ticket hall on the north side of the river shared with London Underground, offering improved connections with the District and Circle lines.

The first longer 12-carriage trains begin calling at Blackfriars in December 2011 which is also when the new north and south bank entrances will open.

The London Underground station, which is currently closed, will reopen in late 2011.

Blackfriars station will be completed in spring 2012.

**As part of the construction work Blackfriars station has to close from 20 November 2010 to 16 January 2011 inclusive.**

## I need more information!

### The Thameslink Programme

The Thameslink Programme is a £5.5bn project transforming one of the UK's busiest rail routes. It has already created new services across the capital from south-east London and Kent, as well as 23 new trains and almost 5,000 extra peak hour seats a day on the Bedford to Brighton, Wimbledon and Sutton Thameslink route.

The programme, when complete, will dramatically increase capacity and improve accessibility to, from and through the heart of London with new services from places such as Peterborough, Cambridge, Kent and Sussex.

It will deliver major long-term benefits for passengers, the environment and the UK economy including new stations, new destinations and new, more frequent, longer 12-carriage trains.

### Get all the facts

We want to keep you updated about what's happening and how you may be affected. Visit our website where you can sign up for email updates:

**[thameslinkprogramme.co.uk](http://thameslinkprogramme.co.uk)**

## Blackfriars station to close for eight weeks



Blackfriars National Rail station is closed from 20 November 2010 to 16 January 2011 inclusive for major improvement work.

This leaflet explains what's going on and provides advice on how to reach your destination.

# Blackfriars station closed 20 November 2010 – 16 January 2011

Blackfriars National Rail station is closed from Saturday 20 November 2010 up to and including Sunday 16 January 2011 for major improvement work.

Trains will run through the station without stopping and call at other stations according to the regular First Capital Connect and Southeastern timetables.

Blackfriars station will reopen in time for the first early morning train services on Monday 17 January 2011.

## What should I do?



During the station closure, please use City Thameslink station, a 3-4 minute walk from Blackfriars (see map). Tickets will be valid and won't cost any more. Elephant & Castle may be closer for some destinations south of the river.

City Thameslink has been upgraded ready for the closure, with longer platforms, an extra ticket gate, more seating, better lighting and new and improved safety and information systems. The Blackfriars station team will move to City in order to be able to give customers more help at this station during the closure.

More improvements have been made to the refurbished lifts to help those with disabilities.

## No trains at Christmas

As usual, First Capital Connect will not run any trains on Christmas Day and Boxing Day this year. However, the route will also be closed from London Bridge/Herne Hill to St Pancras International/Kentish Town, from Monday 27 December to Thursday 30 December inclusive.



There will be no Southeastern services on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. A Sunday service will operate on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 December and a Saturday service between Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 December (inclusive) with services routed to Victoria as usual.

Passengers are advised to check with National Rail Enquiries [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk) Tel: 08457 48 49 50 before travelling.

Please see [thameslinkprogramme.co.uk](http://thameslinkprogramme.co.uk) for help and advice on how to reach your destination.



## Weeknight and weekend closures

Don't forget, the Thameslink route is also closed between London Bridge/Herne Hill and St Pancras International every weeknight (10.30pm-4.30am) and between London Bridge/Herne Hill and St Pancras International/Kentish Town most weekends. Please see [thameslinkprogramme.co.uk](http://thameslinkprogramme.co.uk) for help and advice on how to reach your destination.



## Riverbank entrance will not reopen

Building work means the riverbank entrance and exit at Paul's Walk will not reopen after the closure.

From 17 January 2011 the only way in and out of Blackfriars station will be via the main north entrance on Queen Victoria Street.

## What's happening at Blackfriars Tube station?

The Tube station at Blackfriars remains closed until late 2011 because of the building work. Please use Temple or Mansion House, a 10-12 minute walk from City Thameslink (see map). Bus 76 leaves Ludgate Hill for Mansion House (stop G) every 5-9 minutes. Bus 521 leaves Holborn Viaduct (stop HL) every 5-10 minutes. It also calls at St Paul's and Chancery Lane for the Central line.

## Why does Blackfriars have to close?

Network Rail has been making great progress strengthening and rebuilding the eastern side of Blackfriars rail bridge, preparing it for the new station structure above.

It is nearing the point when it can start work on the west side of the bridge, where trains currently run.

That's a major milestone but it means the rail tracks have to be moved from the west side of the bridge to the east and new platforms opened.

During this time there will simply be no way for customers or staff to get on and off or even around the station.