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I am writing this in July 2021 and those who have been following this occasional series will remember my comment 'A bit like the current political 'Calm before the Storm', this year's Solstice has hidden pointers to revolutionary change'. How right I was!

This will be the last of my solstice reports from my milk round as I retired in January 2020. It couldn't have been better timing for a whole raft of reasons, not least the onerous and unnecessary government edicts that were put in place that year. Included in this was the cancellation of Christmas 2020; so 2019 forms a natural conclusion to the series.

Streetsurfaces.co.uk has now been taken down but I have replaced this with a new publishing house Plasmazine.co.uk which includes all the back copies of this series. All this series will be available compiled in printed format with several of the years linked together. I will also be getting out and about with my camera in urban London so expect other themes from a different perspective.

There will be no prizes in this 2019 edition, as it is arriving late, but the theme is 'Au revoir' for obvious reasons. That being said my favourite, that I have saved as the last image, exhorts 'Stay with Us'. Thank you to the Students Union building on the Waterloo Road!

Christmas City : Allies and Morrison, Southwark Street

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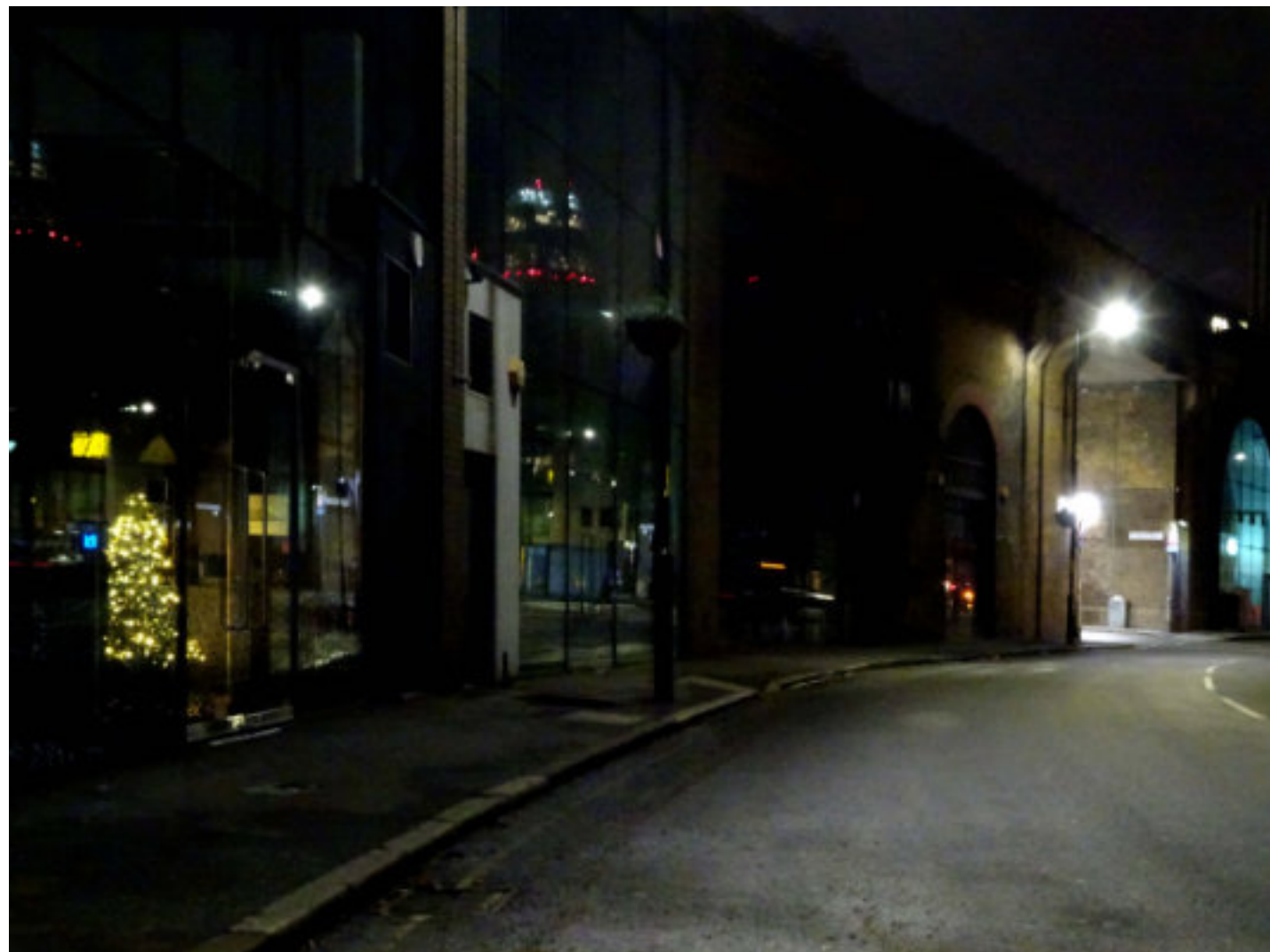




Shard with turquoise lift room : from Trinity Church Square



Red interior, yellow tree : Southwark Street



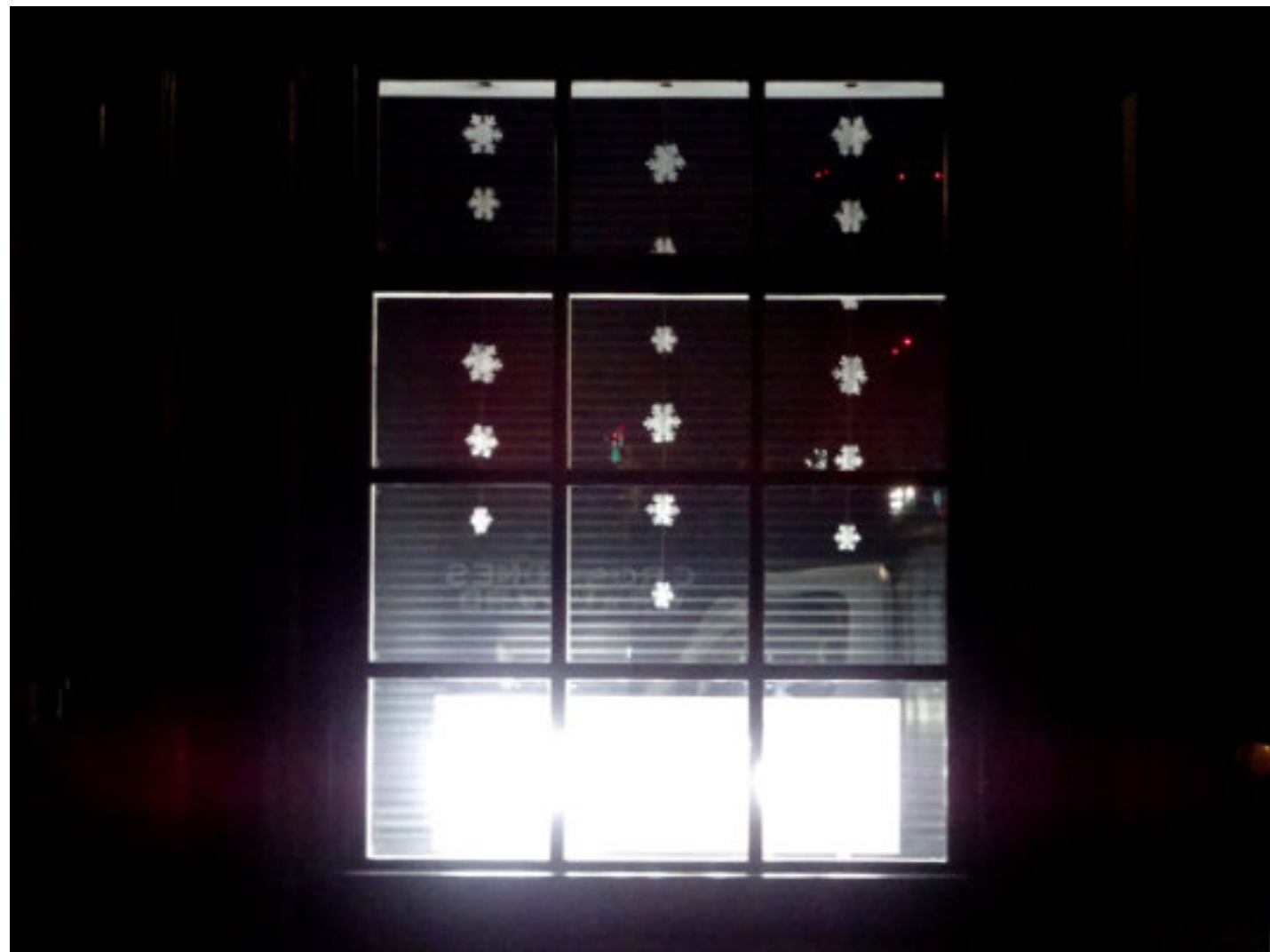
Yellow tree : Great Suffolk Street



Art-tree made from plastic bottles : Baylis Road



Tree with Ship : Lower Marsh



Starry window : Sanctuary Street



Window dots with tree : Southwark Bridge Road



LED glasshouse : Borough Market



Christmas City, Allie's and Morrison : Southwark Street



Yellow window trees, Tibits : Southwark Street



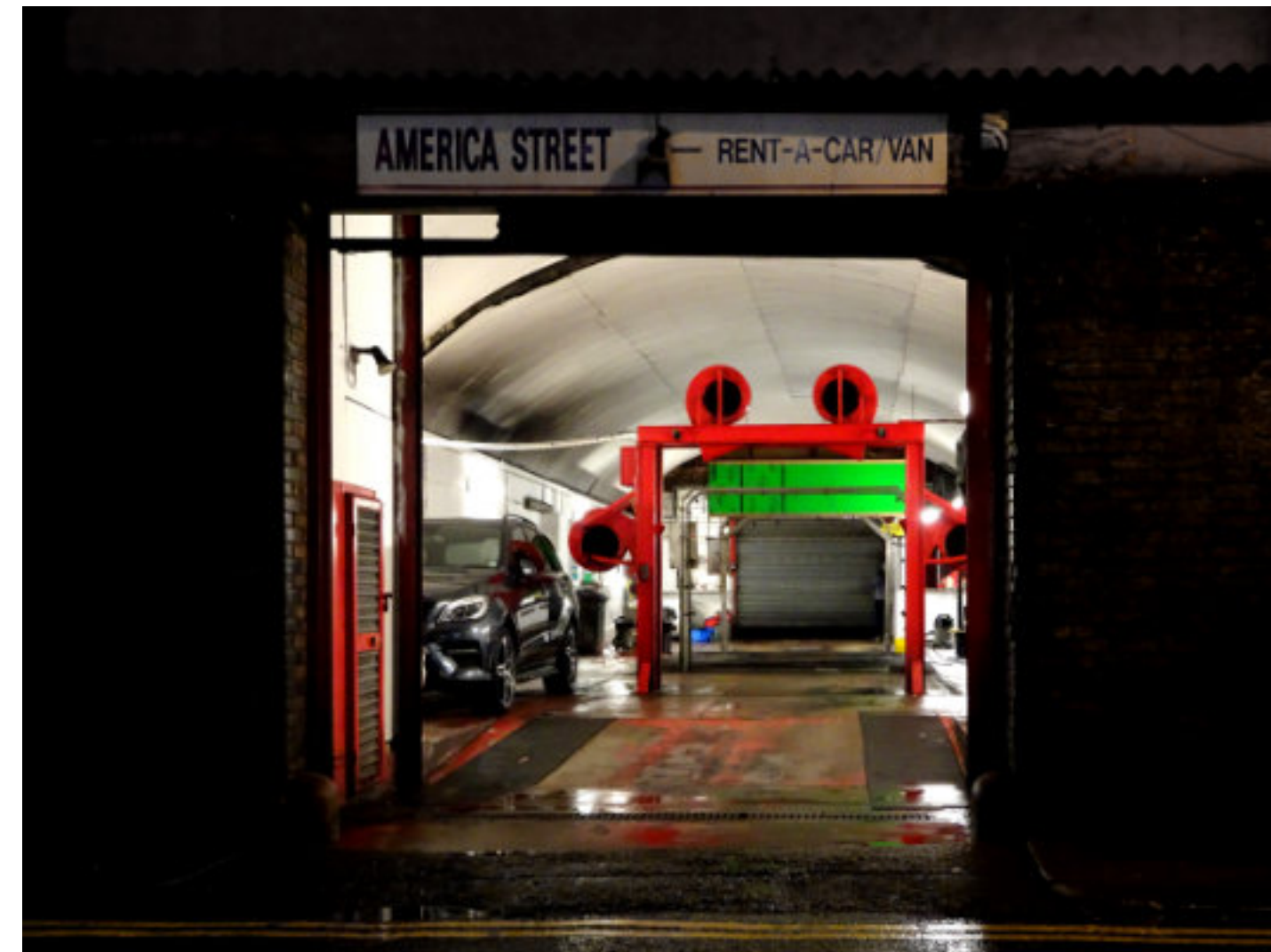
Nursery : Trundle Steet



5,4,3,2,1 tree : Union Street



Brilliant tree : Great Suffolk Street



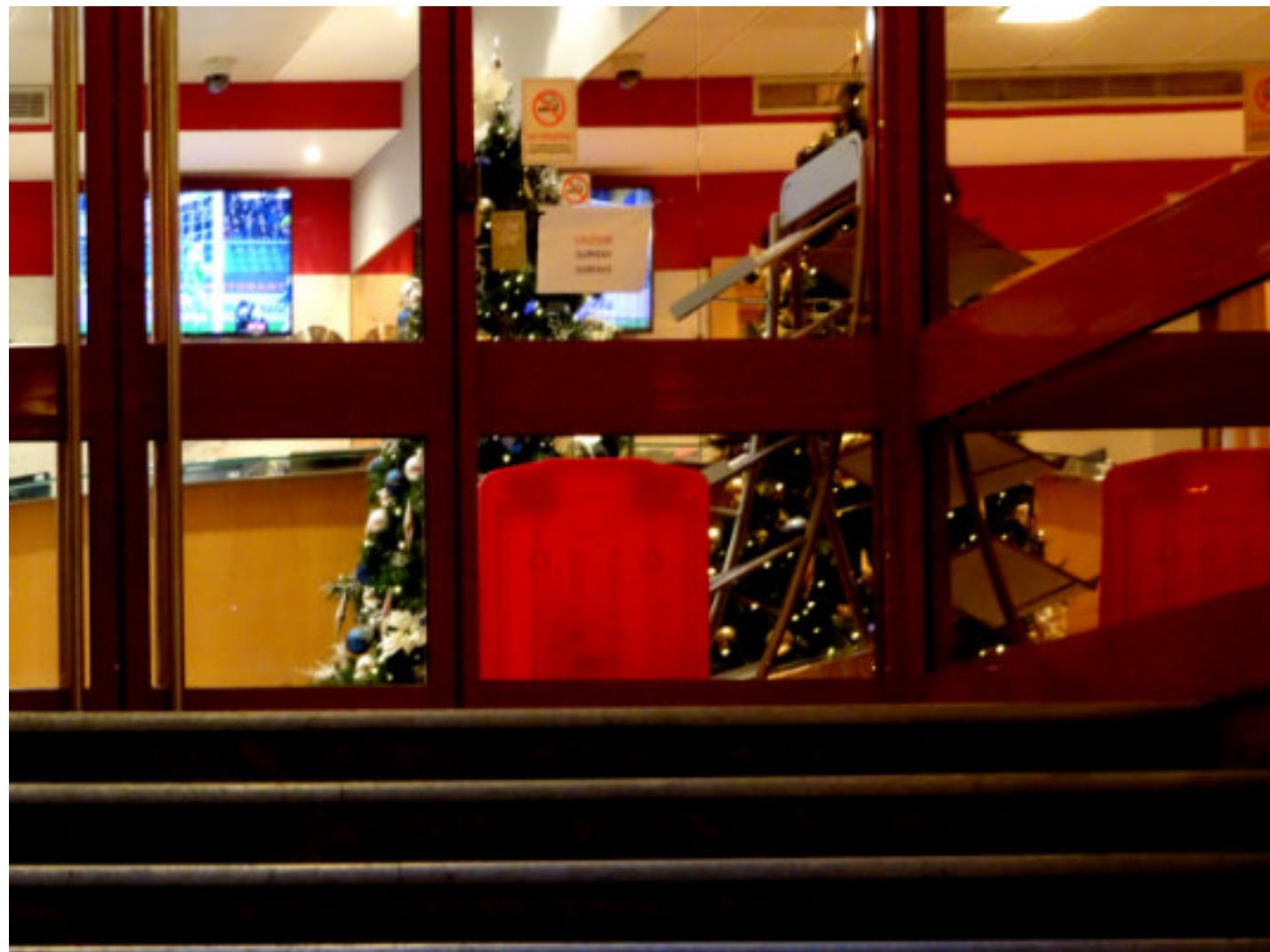
Festive Car Ramp : America Street



Blue dots reflections with tree : Southwark Street



Market stalls with tree : Green Dragon Court



Mirror tree in red : Paris Garden



Tree with orange screen : Union Street



Green lights with grills : Lant Street



Primrose tree : Southwark Street



Deflated Santa : Great Guildford Street



Festive bottles : Great Guildford Street



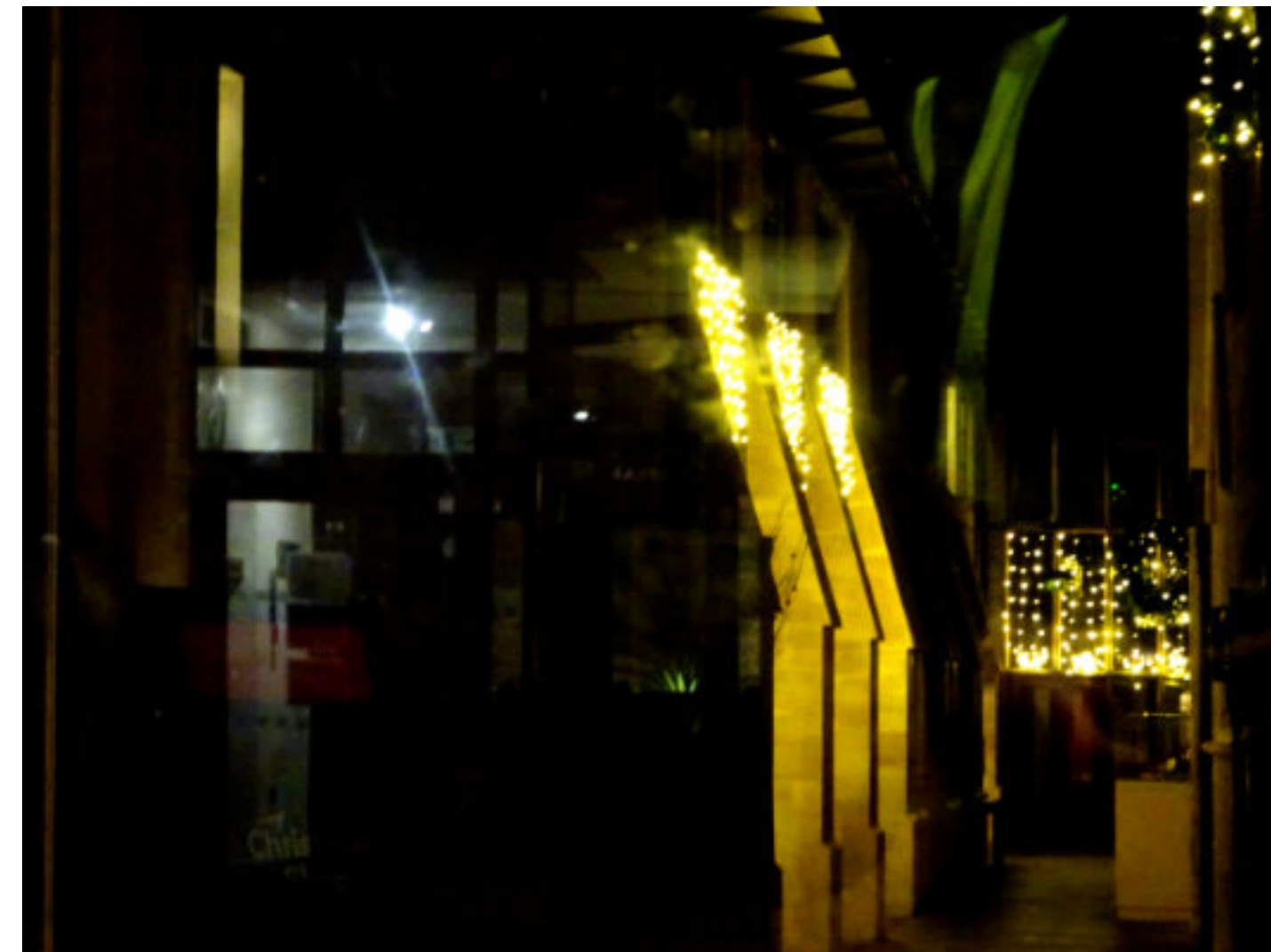
Reindeer in echelon : Hatfields



Tree with Santa Hat : Paris Garden



Tree with cityscape : Southwark Street



Triple yellow : Great Suffolk Street



Tree with Shard : Montague Close



Southwark Cathedral with Shard : Montague Close



Stay with us : Waterloo Road

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There are no prizes this year but I cannot help commenting on my favourites regardless...

Dramatic as always was the Shard in all its iterations. It was difficult *not* to have it in some of the photos, especially around the Borough Market, however it was the more subtle examples with which we were provided with the gems of the Solstice.

Notable were the Santa hat casually placed on a Christmas tree in lieu of an angel, the deflated Santa and the garage with their festive red and green car ramp. In a more general overview there seemed to be a fashion for pale yellow lights and it was cheery to see the Southwark Street 'Smarties' up and running again.

Thanks again to all my friends and companions above ground, and in the mythical realms below, for the entertainment provided over the years.

See you all in another manifestation!



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Photographs taken on my milk round (04) in the London districts of Bankside and the South Bank during the winter solstice holidays of 2019

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