






Advent & Christmas *at*

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Sunday 29th November 2026 at 11.00am

Holy Communion on Advent Sunday followed by Advent Parish Party

We mark the start of the season of Advent, preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Join us after the service for our Advent Parish Party and help to decorate our Christmas tree!



Friday 4th December 2026 at 6.00pm

Anglo-Norse Carol Service followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Join our friends from the Norwegian Seamen's Church and the Anglo-Norse Society to sing traditional carols in our beautiful medieval church dedicated to Norway's patron saint, Olaf.



Saturday 5th December 2026 at 7.00pm

CONCERT - Brightest Fields of Stars Christmas Music from Eastern Europe

Join the Hanover Choir for a concert of Christmas music from Eastern Europe, featuring works by Rachmaninov, Pärt & Tchaikovsky, conducted by Jonathan Pease. Tickets £15, children free.



Tuesday 8th December 2026 at 5.30pm

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Join us in our beautiful medieval church for this candlelit service of choral music and readings with traditional carols sung by our talented choir. Scan the QR code to receive a reminder:

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Thursday 10th December 2026 at 6.00pm

CONCERT – Christmas by Candlelight with the Piccadilly Christmas Singers

A candlelit concert with the Piccadilly Christmas Singers, performing beloved carols and festive favourites in our medieval church. Presented by City Music Promotions. Book tickets at the QR code:



Friday 11th December 2026 from 6.00pm

Wassailing with Samuel Pepys! Pints & Carols around the Pubs of Sam's Parish

Join us as we go a-wassailing (carol singing!) around our parish pubs, following (literally) in the footsteps of one of our best-known parishioners and the most famous diarist in the English language.



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Saturday 12th December 2026 at 7.30pm

CONCERT – Vivaldi's Four Seasons by Candlelight

Enjoy a magical candlelit concert featuring Vivaldi's masterpiece The Four Seasons, alongside festive favourites. Presented by City Music Promotions. Book tickets at the QR code:

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Sunday 13th December 2026 at 11.00am

Christingle Service with collection in aid of The Children's Society

The young and the young at heart are invited to join us for this joyful service as we sing favourite Christmas carols and make and light Christingles, celebrating Christ, the light of the world.



Monday 14th December 2026 at 6.00pm

Come and Sing Handel's Messiah with the St Olave Singers & Hanover Choir

Come and Sing Handel's Messiah with our choirs! Rehearsal 6.00pm, performance 7.30pm. Tickets for singers £10 (to cover score hire and refreshments). Free admission to the performance.



Tuesday 15th December 2026 at 12.30pm

Lunchtime Carol Service followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Join us to sing your favourite carols and enjoy festive music from our talented choir, organist and trumpeter in our beautiful medieval church. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards!



Thursday 17th December 2026 at 1.00pm

CHARITY CONCERT – A Close Enough Barbershop Christmas

Join award-winning group Close Enough for an hour of sparkling festive songs, close harmony and witty repartee in aid of Providence Row, a local homelessness charity. Tickets £5 – scan the QR code.

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Friday 18th December 2026 at 1.00pm

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens performed by Gary Cordice

West End actor Gary Cordice brings to life Scrooge, Marley and the ghosts of Christmas in this unique performance in the church Dickens called 'St Ghastly Grim'. Tickets £10 – scan the QR code to book:



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Tuesday 22nd December 2026 at 12.30pm

Christmas in the City - Lunchtime Holy Communion in the Crypt Chapel

A simple said service of Holy Communion in our crypt chapel for those working in or visiting the City. A chance to pause and reflect amidst preparations for Christmas.



Thursday 24th December 2026 at 5.30pm

Crib Service with Holy Communion followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Join us for familiar carols and the chance to rediscover the wonder of Christ's birth as we carry figures to build the crib scene. Scan the QR code for a reminder:



Thursday 24th December 2026 at 11.30pm

Choral Midnight Mass by Candlelight followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Join us for a candlelit celebration of Holy Communion as we welcome the Christ Child, with sublime choral music and thoughtful preaching in our beautiful medieval church.



Friday 25th December 2026 at 11.00am

Sung Holy Communion on Christmas Day

Celebrate with joy the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, with sublime music from our professional choir. Tea, coffee and cake afterwards. Scan the QR code for a reminder:

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January 2027 *at*

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Sunday 3rd January 2027 at 11.00am

Sung Holy Communion for Epiphany Sunday

Join us as we celebrate the Epiphany - the revelation of Christ to the Magi, with sublime music from our choir in our beautiful medieval church. Tea, coffee and cake served afterwards!



Tuesday 12th January 2027 at 5.30pm

Epiphanytide Carol Service sung by the St Olave Scholars

A candlelit service for the season of Epiphany with traditional carols, readings and choral music as we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men and the revelation of Christ to the world.



Tuesday 26th January 2027 at 5.30pm

Choral Evensong followed by St Olave Lecture : Ann Fanshawe's Receipt Book

Lucy Moore explores the life of English Civil War diarist Lady Ann Fanshawe, born in this parish, whose Receipt Book includes England's earliest recipe for ice cream. Tickets £5 – scan QR code to book.



Sunday 31st January 2027 at 11.00am

Sung Holy Communion celebrating Candlemas

We celebrate Candlemas, marking the end of the Epiphany season and recalling the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Tea, coffee & cake afterwards. Scan the QR code for a reminder:

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Service Times from January 2027

Tuesday

8.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)
12.30pm Holy Communion
1.15pm Community Choir Rehearsal
5.30pm Compline/Choral Evensong

Wednesday & Thursday

8.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)
1.00pm Lunchtime Concert
5.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday

11.00am Sung Holy Communion

(BCP) = Service said according to The Book of Common Prayer

Join us for traditional candlelit carol services, concerts, dramatic performances, thoughtful preaching and sublime choral music in the surroundings of our beautiful medieval church, where all are always welcome.

A place of prayer and sanctuary for over nine hundred years, St Olave Hart Street was built on the site of the Battle of London Bridge & dedicated to a Viking warrior who became King of Norway and a saint associated with healing miracles. The building survived the Great Fire thanks in part to one of our most famous parishioners Samuel Pepys, who described it as 'our own church'. We hope you will make St Olave Hart Street your 'own church' during your time in the City of London this Advent & Christmas.

The Reverend Phillip Dawson,
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