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It can truly be said that this issue of the online City Events is a bumper one. The researches of your editorial team into the content of the websites of the City churches have revealed a positive cornucopia of material. The City churches have risen to the season's occasion magnificently and thus we have great pleasure in listing over 60 special services associated with the Christmas season in addition to numerous regular services. Also many of these are Public Services where worshippers may congregate in the churches, admittedly with restricted numbers in view of the very necessary Covid 19 compliance requirements. To make up for the restriction on numbers allowed actually to attend services the latter, public or not, are available to be viewed online through Zoom or YouTube.

Turning to the content of this edition we have been able to revert to our previously established layout. There are three sections. First there is this front page followed by a very comprehensive list of the City churches that are open, with concise listing of all the services and events taking place in the period covered from Monday 14th December to Sunday 27th December. There are even a few services listed taking place in 2021. The third section lists in our customary diary format the special services and events specifically related to Christmastide. It could be considered that this is needless duplication but the editorial team decided that readers might have two avenues of approach to making choices of services to attend or view. There is the approach by specific church, using the listings in the second section, and then there is the alternative approach by specific date which can be achieved using the listings in the third 'diary' section. We hope this flexibility of method of choice will prove to be useful. At this point your editor is breaking off to register his very warm appreciation of the detailed work of his invaluable editorial assistant, Ingrid Slaughter, in providing the content of the second section of listings by church. She had literally to trawl through every City church website in order to compile the most comprehensive of lists as readers will see. I am sure readers will appreciate her sterling work which, incidentally, takes place with every edition of City Events — both the current online editions and the 'normal' monthly editions of the last ten plus years. The task of compiling the third section of this edition by your editor was only made possible through the painstaking research of Ingrid and, as always, he is very much in her debt.

Clearly the emphasis on what is taking place in the City churches at this time of the year is on services. Nevertheless there are several musical events that as usual 'catch the eye'. At **St Michael Cornhill** on **Monday 14th December** Jeremiah Stephenson will be performing movements four to nine of Messiaen's magnificent work for organ, '*La Nativité du Seigneur*'. This will be a Zoom recital and instructions regarding how to access this important annual event are given at the listing in the third section.

It will be remembered that 2020 marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of that giant of composers, Ludwig van Beethoven. Several appropriate recitals have taken place in the City churches and there are three listed in this edition of City Events. Two of these are Online Concerts taking place at **St Stephen Walbrook** and both are devoted to performances of Beethoven symphonies. His magnificent Ninth, the Choral Symphony, will be performed on **Wednesday 16th December** by the St Stephen Walbrook Choral Scholars with the unusual instrumental accompaniment of four hands on one piano, the pianists being Ben Shoerman and Tessa Uys. Then on Friday 1st January 2021 the same pianists, in an Online Concert, will perform Beethoven's celebrated third symphony — the Eroica. Again, instructions regarding access are given at the listing. Then at **St Bride Fleet Street** on **Tuesday 15th December** there is an Online piano recital to be given by Simon Watterton devoted to two piano sonatas by Beethoven. More details are given at the listing. Finally there is an intriguing listing on **Sunday 20th December** at **St Botolph Aldgate** — 'Carradine's Cockney Sing-a-long'. There is a colourful display giving details of this Online Zoom concert on the church's website.

The editorial team hope we have provided some useful information in these eight online editions of City Events up to the current one. Needless to say we hope to resume publication of the printed City Events at some time in the not-too-distant future when conditions will have become more normal, a state of affairs to which we all look forward. It only remains for your editorial team to convey our most warm seasonal good wishes to our readers.

The Friends of the City Churches, Church of St Mary Abchurch, Abchurch Lane, London EC4N 7BA

Visit: www.london-city-churches.org.uk for more information and the location of the churches in the City

CITY EVENTS – 14 to 27 DECEMBER 2020

The information given below is mainly that obtained from church websites up to 11 December 2020. Whilst every effort has been made to make this survey as accurate as possible it is essential that readers visit each church's own website for the latest information regarding opening times and times and other details of services and other events, as changes may occur at short notice. It should be remembered that each church may also have particular COVID-19 compliance requirements, including limits on the number of people in the church

Most of the City churches close for varying periods over the Christmas and New Year holidays - please check each church's website

Visitors and worshippers are required to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing in line with current regulations; for detailed guidelines and information sheets, please visit the Church of England's Coronavirus Guidance for Churches at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Anglican Churches in the City currently open and/or accessible online

All Hallows by the Tower (ahbtt.org.uk)

Open: For prayer:
Monday to Friday 11.00 to 14.00 for private prayer
Sunday 13.00 to 17.00
Closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays from after the service on Christmas Day - reopens 3 January 2021

Regular Services: For online services need to obtain login details beforehand – for information about how to obtain these and further information see website and follow the link from *Online Worship*
Sunday 11.00 Said Eucharist - public service in the church and also online
Wednesday 0830 Morning Prayer – online only
Wednesday 1800 Taizé service every two weeks – online only

Special services: Except where otherwise stated, public services in the church and also online
For those attending services in person in the church, essential to book in advance as soon as possible – for online services need to obtain login details beforehand – for further information about both see website and click on *Christmas at All Hallows* 4

Sunday	13 December	16.00	Service of Lessons and Carols
Thursday	17 December	18.30	Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday	23 December	18.00	Taizé at the Crib – online only
Thursday	24 December	23.30	Midnight Mass
Friday	25 December	11.00	Christmas Day Eucharist

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St Andrew by the Wardrobe (standrewbythewardrobe.org)

Open: Open most days for private prayer 08.00 to 18.00

Regular Services: Monthly Monday Mass at 12.30 – public service in the church

Special Service: Monday 14 December 12.30 Mass for Advent – public service in the church

St Andrew Holborn (standrewholborn.org.uk)

Open Usually open Monday to Friday 09.00 to 17.00
Closed from 25 December – reopens 4 January 2021

Regular Services Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12.30 – Mass Public service in the church
(Not 24 December)

Special Services: Public services in the church
Thursday 17 December 13.00 Christmas Carol Service
Thursday 24 December 15.00 Solemn First Mass of Christmas

St Bartholomew the Great (greatstbarts.com)

Open: Normally open for private prayer at the following times (please check website):
Monday to Saturday 10.00 to 16.00
Sunday Between services

Regular Services: Public services in the church and also online where stated below for online services see website
To attend public services in person in St Bartholomew the Great essential to register in advance – see website
Sunday: 09.00 Said Eucharist
10.00 Family Service in St Bartholomew the Less – please check on website
11.00 Choral Eucharist – also online
18.30 Choral Evensong – also online – Not 13, 20 or 27 December
Tuesday: 12.30 Said Eucharist in St Bartholomew the Less – please check on website

Special Services: Public services in the church - essential to register in advance – see website
Some services also online – please check on website
Saturday 19 December and Sunday 20 December 17.00 –
Nine Lessons and Carols
Places for the two public services in the church are already fully booked,
but they are also available online –see website
Thursday 24 December 19.00 Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist
23.00 Midnight Mass
Friday 25 December 09.00 Christmas Day Mass of the Dawn
11.00 Christmas Day Choral Eucharist
Also other recorded carol services available online - please see website **P.T.O.**

Anglican Churches in the City currently open and/or accessible online – *continued*

St Bartholomew the Great *continued* (greatstbarts.com)

Other Events: Wednesday 16 December 19.30 A Christmas Fantasy – Fundraising concert with the Choir of St Bartholomew the Great
Tickets £25, £35 and £50 – Essential to book in advance – for booking and further information see website [Click on 'Christmas 2020'](#)

St Bartholomew the Less (see: greatstbarts.com)

Open: Accessible for private prayer daily 08.00 to 22.00

Regular Services: Public services in the church not every week so please check on St Bartholomew the Great website
Sunday 10.00 Family Eucharist
Tuesday 12.30 Said Eucharist

St Botolph Aldersgate (stbotolphsaldersgate.org.uk)

Online: Tuesday 13.10 to 13.40 Aldersgate Talks on Zoom (Carol Service on 15 December – no talk on 22 and 29 December)
Need to obtain Zoom link beforehand - for details see website

St Botolph Aldgate (stbotolphs.org.uk)

Open: Tuesday 12.00 to 14.00 for quiet individual prayer – please check with church
Also open 15.00 to 17.00 each weekday during *Aldgate in Winter* (7 to 20 December) for peace and quiet for reflection, with candles lit and quiet carols playing

Regular Services: Sunday 09.40 Online Sunday School (pre-school age)
10.00 Online Sunday School (school age)
10.30 Service of the Word
For further information about how to access services please contact the church

Special Services: Friday 25 December 10.30 Short Christmas Day service on Zoom – see website
Other services available on St Botolph Aldgate YouTube channel – for further information see website:
Readings and Carols – traditional carol service online
Blue Christmas – a reflective service for those who find Christmas tough going
St Botolph's Nativity
Portsocken Ward Carol Service

Other Events: On Zoom – see website or further information
Sunday 20 December 16.00 Carradine's Cockney Christmas Sing-a-long
Wednesday 23 December 15.00 The First Christmas (for children) – craft packs will be sent out in advance – please book by 15 December

Anglican Churches in the City currently open and/or accessible online – *continued*

St Botolph Bishopsgate (botolph.org.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday 10.00 to 15.00 (except during services) for private prayer and as a place of sanctuary
Closed from 13.00 on 24 December – reopens 4 January 2021

Regular Services: Public services in the church and also online – see website
Tuesday 13.10 Said Mass
Wednesday 13.10 Choral Mass with sermon
Thursday 13.10 Said Mass (not 17 and 24 December = see Special Services)

Special Services: Public services in the church – please register in advance on website For details of which services are available online and how to access them see website
Thursday 17 December 13.10 Parish Carol Service
Monday 21 December 17.30 Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 24 December 11.00 Family Eucharist of Christmas and Blessing of Crib

St Bride Fleet Street (stbrides.com)

Open: Monday to Friday 08.00 to 17.00
Saturday 10.00 to 15.30
Sunday 10.00 to 18.30

Regular Services: Public services in the church and also pre-recorded service online – for details see website
Sunday 11.00 Choral Eucharist
17.30 Choral Evensong (Not 20 December – see under Special Services below)

Special services: All services online and all except 17 December also public services in the church
For all services, in the church and online, need to register in advance – for registration and further information see website
Thursday 17 December 12.00 and 17.00 Fleet Street Carols – Community carol service Online only
Sunday 20 December 17.30 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Thursday 24 December 16.30 Sing Choirs of Angels – music, readings and poetry
23.30 Midnight Mass
Friday 25 December 11.00 Family Eucharist

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Anglican Churches in the City currently open and/or accessible online – *continued*

St Dunstan in the West (stdunstaninthewest.org)

Open: Monday to Friday 11.00 to 14.00 for private prayer

Regular Services: Tuesday 12.30 Mass Public service in the church and also on Zoom – for information about how to join Zoom service see website

Special Service: Wednesday 16 December 19.00 Carol Service Public service in the church and also on Facebook – for further information see website

St Edmund King & Martyr (London Centre for Spiritual Direction) (lcsd.org.uk)

For online events see website

St Ethelburga's Centre, Bishopsgate (stethelburgas.org)

For online events see website

St Giles Cripplegate (stgilesnewsite.co.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday 11.00 to 16.00 for private prayer
First Thursday of the month 13.00 to 13.30 Private prayer and reflection

Regular Services: Sunday 10.00 Parish Eucharist – public service in the church and also online on YouTube – for details see website
Monday to Thursday 08.30 Morning Prayer Public service in the church

Special services: Public services in the church and also available afterwards on YouTube
To attend public services in the church (except 25 December)
essential to book a free ticketed slot
For booking, and further information about the services and YouTube link,
please see website

Monday 14 December 18.30 Parish Candles by Candlelight

Monday 21 December 18.00 Blue Christmas – reflective service for those
experiencing grief or loss of various kinds and not looking forward to Christmas

Thursday 24 December 16.00 to 17.00 Christingle and Crib Service
21.00 Sung Eucharist with carols for choir

Friday 25 December 10.00 Parish Eucharist

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Anglican Churches in the City currently open and/or accessible online – *continued*

St Helen Bishopsgate (st-helens.org.uk)

Regular Services: For more details and for information about joining online services and talks see website – for online services and talks open the page ‘St Helen’s Live’

To attend Carol Services in person please sign up on the website in advance

Sunday: Public services in the church and also online

10.30 Sunday morning service (on 14 and 20 December Carol Service – at St Helen - also all-age carol service in St Andrew Undershaft)

14.00 Service for Mandarin speaking congregation
(On 20 December – Carol Service)

16.00 Service with an informal feel (On 13 and 20 Carol Service – for details see website)

18.00 Contemporary service with a younger feel
(On 13 and 20 December – Carol Service)

Midweek talks – for dates in December please check on website

Tuesday 13.10 to 13.50 Weekday talk in person in the church and also online
(On 15 December Carol Service)

Thursday 12.15 to 12.55 Weekday talk online

Special Services: Public services in the church and also online - see website

Tuesday 15 December 13.10 City Carol Service

To attend Carol Services in person please sign up on the website in advance

Friday 25 December 10.30 All age Christmas Day service

For Carol Services please see also under Sunday services above

St James Garlickhythe (stjamesgarlickhythe.org)

Open: Monday to Thursday 11.00 to 14.00

Regular Services: Public services in the church and online

Sunday 10.30 Eucharist

Monday to Thursday 12.15 Eucharist

There are three ways to share in the online worship:

On Facebook, use the link <https://www.facebook.com/Garlickhythe/>, like the page and you will be notified when livestreaming is about to begin

Or find the St James Garlickhythe page on YouTube – follow the link https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2R7WbUSIa_VxVjoveNF1tw?view_as=subscriber and subscribe to the Channel

Or go to Twitter and search for [@handlt10](https://twitter.com/handlt10)

Special Services: Please check website - see website or contact church for further information

Monday 14 December 15.00 Friends of the City Churches Carol Service

Online on the St James Garlickhythe page on YouTube – please see above

Wednesday 16 December 07.00 ‘Rorate Caeli’ Mass

Thursday 24 December 17.00 Vigil Mass of the Nativity

Friday 25 December 10.30 Eucharist of the Nativity

Anglican Churches in the City currently open and/or accessible online – *continued*

St Katharine Cree (stkatharinecree.com)

Regular Services: Wednesday 13.00 to 13.50 Informal Praise – on Zoom To join go to website, follow link from What's On and scroll down to *I Like Modern Worship Music*
Thursday 13.00 to 13.50 Holy Communion - on Zoom To join go to website, follow link from What's On and scroll down to *I Like a More Traditional Church Service*

Special Service: Thursday 17 December 13.00 St Katharine Cree Carol Service on Zoom
To join go to website, follow link from What's On and scroll down to *Carol Services*

St Lawrence Jewry (stlawrencejewry.org.uk)

Regular Services: Wednesday 08.30 Holy Communion Public service in the church
Friday 13.15 Holy Communion Public service in the church and also online on Facebook - please see website

St Magnus the Martyr (stmagnusmartyr.org.uk)

Open: Please check on website

Regular Services: Please check on website
Sunday 11.00 Solemn High Mass Public service in the church and currently online on Facebook – see website
Tuesday and Thursday 11.00 Low Mass Public services in the church
Wednesday and Friday 12.30 Low Mass (Not 25 Dec) Public services in the church

Special Service: Thursday 24 December 18.00 Mass of Midnight of Christmas Public service in the church Please check on website whether online

St Margaret Lothbury (stml.org.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday Usually open most of the working day to pause or pray

Online Services: To access see website
Tuesday 13.10 Holy Communion – on YouTube
Wednesday 12.50 Informal Worship – on YouTube

St Mary Abchurch (See home page of the **Friends of the City Churches** website – london-city-churches.org.uk)

Closed from 23 December – reopens 4 January

Open: Monday to Thursday 11.00 to 14.00 for private prayer

Regular Services: Wednesday 12.30 Holy Communion Public service in the church

Other Events: Tuesday 12.30 Organ recital Public event in the church

Anglican Churches in the City currently open and/or accessible online – *continued*

St Mary Aldermary (moot.uk.net)

Open: Monday to Friday 08.00 to 10.30 for private prayer

Regular Services: Online on Zoom – for further information and details of how to obtain a link please go to website and click on *Covid-19 Update*
Sunday 18.30 Sunday Service
Wednesday and Friday 08.00 to 08.40 Taizé Service

St Mary at Hill (stmary-at-hill.org)

Open: Wednesday 12.00 to 14.00 for private prayer

Regular Services: Thursday 12.00 Listen, Read and Pray - short service on Zoom – for information about how to join see website and follow the links from *Services Space to Be* – 15 minute online guided meditation
Released on the second Thursday of each month - see website and follow the links from *Services*

Other Events: Tuesday 15 December 18.30 to 19.30
Online Carol Concert by Seraphim (St Mary at Hill choir) on Zoom To buy tickets see website – follow links from *Events*

St Mary le Bow (stmarylebow.org.uk)

Open: Open Monday to Friday 08.30 to 17.45

Services: Thursday 18.00 Evening Prayer online Need to obtain a link in advance – please email info@stmarylebow.org.uk
For other regular and special services for the current week please go to St Mary le Bow on Twitter - search for **@BowBellsChurch**

St Michael Cornhill (Go to achurchnearyou.com and insert Cornhill in Location)

Special Services: Wednesday 16 December 18.00 Carol Service Public service in the church
Monday 21 December 13.00 Online Parish Carols – see St Michael Cornhill page on *A Church Near You* website – click on from *Celebrate Christmas with us!*

Other Events: Monday 13.00 Virtual organ recital on Zoom – see St Michael Cornhill page on *A Church Near You* website, under *Services & Events* (Not 21 and 28 December)

St Nicholas Cole Abbey (stnickschurch.org.uk and stnickstalks.org)

Regular Services and Talks: For details see websites
Sunday 11.00 to 12.15 Sunday service Public service in the church and also online
To access online services please see stnickschurch website
Thursday 13.05 to 13.35 Online talk For December dates please check on stnickstalks website

Special service: Friday 25 December 11.00 Christmas Day Service
Sunday 27 December 11.00 Christmas Service
For details of these services please consult the church website and click on 'Christmas 2020 – What's on?' in the three-item rotating display on the home page

Anglican Churches in the City currently open and/or accessible online – *continued*

St Olave Hart Street (saintolave.com)

Open : Monday to Thursday during office hours

Online Services: Sunday 11.00 Service – Public service in the church and also online on Zoom – see website for details of how to receive the service on Zoom

Special Services: Public services in the church and also online on Zoom - see website for details of how to receive the services on Zoom
Tuesday 15 December 12.30 Carols for All
Thursday 24 December 23.00 Midnight Mass
Friday 25 December 11.00 Christmas Day service

St Sepulchre Newgate/Holy Sepulchre London (hsl.church)

Regular Services: Public services in the church and also online To attend in person need to register in advance – for registration and how to join services online see website

Sunday 10.30 Sunday service

Tuesday 13.15 Contemporary worship (Not for remainder of December)

Special service: Tuesday 15 December 18.30 Christmas Carol Service Public services in the church and also online
Limited number of places for those attending in person – essential to book as soon as possible For details of booking and how to join the service online see website

St Stephen Walbrook (ststephenwalbrook.net)

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.30 to 15.00 for private prayer- please check website

Regular Services: Tuesday *Start: Stop* Weekly reflections - available online from 17.00

Wednesday 09.00 Morning Prayer by telephone conference call – see website for information about how to join

Thursday 12.34 Choral Eucharist – available online from Saturday 18.00

For 17 December see Special Services

Special Services: For further information see website - follow links from:

What's On and Christmas and

Advent 2020

Thursday 17 December 12.45 Parish Carol Service – service in person in the church – need to obtain ticket in advance

Friday 18 December 17.00 Parish Carol service online

Saturday 19 December Sung Eucharist available online from 18.00

Thursday 24 December 12.45 Choral Eucharist Public service in the church – available online from Saturday evening

From 18.00 to Friday 01.00 Online Midnight Mass

Thursday 7 January Sung Eucharist for the Epiphany

P.T.O. for Other Events

Anglican Churches in the City currently open and/ or accessible online – *continued*

St Stephen Walbrook *continued* (ststephenwalbrook.net)

Other Events: Online concerts to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Beethoven
For further information see website - follow links from *What's On* and *Christmas and Advent 2020*

Wednesday 16 December 19.00 Beethoven's Choral Symphony No 9 arranged for piano (four hands) and singers

Friday 1 January 19.00 Beethoven's Eroica Symphony No 3 arranged for piano (four hands)

St Vedast alias Foster (vedast.org.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday 11.30 to 14.00

Regular Services: Sunday 11.00 Sunday Mass Public service in the church and also online on YouTube – see website

Monday to Friday 12.15 Mass Public service in the church and also online on YouTube – see website

Monday 13.05 to 13.30 Meditation – Need to obtain Zoom link in advance – for information about how to obtain this see website

Temple Church (templechurch.com)

Open: Not open to the public at present, but those living /working in the Temple/Chambers who wish to enter the Church for private prayer can contact the Verger to arrange access on Monday to Friday 12.00 to 14.00

Regular Services: Public services in the church and also on YouTube – video remains online for five days
Sunday (Not 27 December)

08.30 Holy Communion

11.15 Choral Mattins (Choral Holy Communion on 2nd & 4th Sundays of month)

Thursday 13.15 Holy Communion (Not 31 December)

Special services: Public services in the church and also on YouTube – video remains online for five days
Tickets needed to attend the services in the church on 16, 24 and 25 December – number of tickets very limited and priority given to members of the Inns of Court
For details of how to obtain tickets please see website – click on date in Calendar of Events

Thursday 17 December 18.00 Temple Church Carol Service

Thursday 24 December 23.15 Choral Communion for Christmas Eve

Friday 25 December 08.30 Holy Communion

11.15 Choral Mattins for Christmas Day

Other Events: Monday 14 December 19.30 Handel's Messiah online (Tickets to attend the concert in person now sold out)

Available to view only at the time of the concert To register please go to Temple Music website – templemusic.org – and follow the links from *Concerts*

Non-Anglican Churches and Places of Worship in the City open and/or accessible online

St Mary Moorfields (parish.rcdow.org.uk/moorfields) (RC)

Open: Monday to Friday 08.30 to 18.00 –
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00 to 13.05
(Monday 28 December to Friday 1 January open 12 noon until after 13.05 Mass)

Regular Services: Public services in the church
Sunday 09.30 Mass
Monday to Friday 13.05 Mass (For 24 December see Special Services –
No Mass on 25 December)

Special Services: Public services in the church
Thursday 24 December 20.00 Mass of Christmas Night
Friday 25 December – see St Joseph Bunhill Row
(below under 'Just over the City Borders')
Saturday 26 December 13.05 Mass for St Stephen's Day

Bevis Marks Synagogue (sephardi.org.uk/bevis-marks/)

Regular Services: Friday 18.30 Friday Night Service
Saturday 09.30 Shabbat Morning Service
Monday to Thursday 13.15 Afternoon Service – advance booking required –
the service meets depending on sufficient interest, which is tallied daily –
for details of how to express interest and book see website
Service meets outdoors, weather permitting - otherwise inside the synagogue

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Churches open 'just over the City borders'

St Alban the Martyr Holborn (stalbansholborn.co.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday 09.00 to 16.00
Sunday 09.00 to 13.00

Regular Services: Public services in the church
Sunday 10.30 Mass
Monday to Friday 12.30 Mass

Special Services: Public services in the church
Sunday 20 December 16.00 The Christmas Story
Monday 21 December 18.30 Nine Lessons and Carols
Thursday 24 December 16.00 Crib Mass
21.00 Midnight Mass
Friday 25 December 10.30 Parish Mass

St Etheldreda Ely Place (stetheldreda.com) (RC)

Open: For private prayer – please check on website for times and for dates when closed
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00 to 15.30
Tuesday and Thursday 10.00 to 12.30

Regular Services: Sunday 09.00 and 11.00 Mass (Not 3 January)
Tuesday and Thursday 13.00 Mass (Except 28 December to 5 January inclusive)

Special Services: Thursday 24 December 17.30 Vigil Mass
Friday 25 December 09.00 and 11.00 Christmas Day Mass
Wednesday 6 January 13.00 Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany

St Joseph Bunhill Row (see [St Mary Moorfields website – parish.rcdow.org.uk/moorfields](http://StMaryMoorfields.org.uk)) (RC)

Open: Friday 11.30 to 12.30 for private prayer

Regular Services: Saturday 18.00 Mass
Sunday 11.30 Mass
Wednesday 12.05 Mass

Special services: Thursday 24 December 18.00 Family Mass
22.00 Mass of Christmas Night
Friday 25 December 10.00 Mass for Christmas Day
Saturday 26 December 18.00 First Mass of Sunday

Services and Musical Events
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Monday 14 December

- 1230 **St Andrew by the Wardrobe**
Public Service – [Mass for Advent](#)
Please consult the church website for details of Covid 19 compliance requirements
- 1300 **St Michael Cornhill**
Virtual Organ Recital: Jeremiah Stephenson
Programme:
In the previous organ recital the first three movements of Messiaen's iconic composition '*La Nativité du Seigneur*' were performed. In this recital the remaining six movements will be performed
- For more information concerning how to access the recital please search: 'St Michael Cornhill' which will give a link: 'St Michael Cornhill – A Church Near You'
Click on 'Services and Events' and follow the instructions to access Zoom
- 1500 **St James Garlickhythe**
[Friends of the City Churches Carol Service](#)
This service can be viewed on the St James Garlickhythe page on YouTube. For detailed instructions to access this service please refer to the entry for St James Garlickhythe in the preceding section of this edition of City Events.

Tuesday 15 December

- 1230 **St Mary Abchurch**
Public Organ Recital: Ian Shaw.
The recital will usually include an improvisation
- 1230 **St Olave Hart Street**
Public and Online Zoom Service – [Carols for All](#)
To access the service on Zoom please consult the church website
- 1310 **St Helen Bishopsgate**
Public and Online – [City Carol Service](#)
To attend in person please sign up on the website in advance
- 1315 **St Bride Fleet Street**
Online Recital: Simon Watterton – *piano*
Programme:
Beethoven –
Piano Sonata No 18 in Eb major Op 31 No 3 'The Hunt'
Piano Sonata No 24 in F# major Op 78
To watch online please access the website: www.stbrides.com and click on 'Calendar' and then the entry at 15 December
- 1830 **St Sepulchre Newgate/Holy Sepulchre London**
Public and Online Service – [Christmas Carol Service](#)
Limited number of places for those attending in person – essential to book as soon as possible For details of booking and how to join the service online please consult the website
- 1830 to 1930 **St Mary at Hill**
Online on Zoom – Carol Concert by *Seraphim*
(St Mary at Hill Choir)
Join us for carols and readings
for the St Mary at Hill celebration of Christmas
To buy tickets please consult the church website
Follow the links from 'Events'

Wednesday 16 December

- 0700 **St James Gsrlickhythe**
['Rorate Caeli' Mass](#) For more information please consult the church website
- 800 **St Michael Cornhill**
Public Service – [Carol Service](#)
For more information concerning how to access the service please search: 'St Michael Cornhill' which will give a link: 'St Michael Cornhill – A Church Near You'
Click on 'Celebrate Christmas with us' and follow the instructions to access Zoom
- 1900 **St Dunstan in the West**
Public and Facebook Service – [Carol Service](#)
For more information please consult the church website
- 1900 **St Stephen Walbrook**
Online Concert to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the birth of Beethoven
Symphony No 9 in D minor Op 125 – The Choral Symphony
arranged by Franz Xaver Scharwenka
for piano (four hands) and singers
Ben Schoerman and Tessa Uys – *piano*
St Stephen Walbrook Choral Scholars
- 1930 **St Bartholomew the Great** [A Christmas Fantasy](#)
A Fundraising Concert with the St Bartholomew the Great Choir
Pre-booking essential Please consult the church website

Thursday 17 December

- 1200 **St Bride Fleet Street**
Online only – [Fleet Street Carols – Community Carol Service](#)
- 1245 **St Stephen Walbrook**
Public Service – [Parish Carol Service](#)
It is essential to obtain tickets in advance For further information please consult the church website and follow the links from 'What's On' and 'Christmas and Advent 2020'
- 1300 **St Andrew Holborn**
Public Service – [Christmas Carol Service](#)
- 1300 **St Katharine Cree**
Online Zoom – Carol Service
To join please refer to the entry by St Katharine Cree in preceding section of this edition of City Events
- 1310 **St Botolph Bishopsgate**
Public Service – [Parish Carol Service](#)
Pre-registration essential Please consult the church website
- 1700 **St Bride Fleet Street**
Online only – [Fleet Street Carols – Community Carol Service](#)
Pre-registration essential Please consult the church website
- 1830 **All Hallows by the Tower** Public & Online – [Carols by Candlelight](#)
Pre-booking essential Please consult the church website
- 1800 **Temple Church**
Public Service and Online YouTube – [Temple Carol Service](#)
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Friday 18 December

- 1700 **St Stephen Walbrook**
Online Service – [Parish Carol Service](#)
For more information please consult the church website and follow the links from 'What's On' and 'Christmas and Advent 2020'

Saturday 19 December

- 1700 **St Bartholomew the Great**
Public and Online – [Nine Lessons and Carols](#)
Places for the public service are fully booked.
Please consult the church website for information regarding the online facility.

Sunday 20 December

- 1600 **St Alban the Martyr**
Public Service – [The Christmas Story](#)
- 1600 **St Botolph Aldgate**
On Zoom – [Carradine's Cockney Sing-a-long](#)
Please see the church website for more INTERESTING information
On the 'Home' page click on the final item – 'THIS CHRISTMAS'
- 1700 **St Bartholomew the Great**
Public and Online – [Nine Lessons and Carols](#)
Places for the public service are fully booked.
Please consult the church website for information regarding the online facility
- 1730 **St Bride Fleet Street**
Public and Online Service – [Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols](#)
It is essential to register in advance Please consult the website

Monday 21 December

- 1300 **St Michael Cornhill**
Online Service – [Parish Carols](#)
For more information concerning how to access the service please search: 'St Michael Cornhill' which will give a link: 'St Michael Cornhill – A Church Near You'
Click on 'Celebrate Christmas with us' and follow the instructions to access Zoom
- 1730 **St Botolph Bishopsgate**
Public Service – [Carols by Candlelight](#)
It is essential to register in advance. Please consult the website
- 1830 **St Alban the Martyr**
Public Service – [Nine Lessons and Carols](#)

Tuesday 22 December

- 1230 **St Mary Abchurch**
Public Organ Recital: Ian Shaw
The recital will usually include an improvisation

Wednesday 23 December

- 1500 **St Botolph Aldgate**
On Zoom – [The First Christmas \(for children\)](#)
For more information please consult the church website
- 1800 **All Hallows by the Tower**
Online – [Taizé at the Crib](#)

Thursday 24 December – Christmas Eve

- 1100 **St Botolph Bishopsgate**
Public Service – [Family Eucharist of Christmas and Blessing of the Crib](#)
It is essential to register in advance. Please consult the website
- 1245 **St Stephen Walbrook**
Public Service – [Choral Eucharist](#)
For more information please consult the church website and follow the links from 'What's On' and 'Christmas and Advent 2020'
- 1500 **St Andrew Holborn**
Public Service – [Solemn First Mass of Christmas](#)
- 1600 **St Alban the Martyr**
Public Service – [Crib Mass](#)
- 1630 **St Bride Fleet Street**
Public and Online Event – [Sing Choirs of Angels](#)
Music, readings and poetry
It is essential to register in advance Please consult the website
- 1700 **St James Garlickhythe**
[Vigil Mass of the Nativity](#) For more information please consult the church website
- 1730 **St Etheldreda Ely Place**
Public Service – [Vigil Mass](#)
- 1800 **St Joseph Bunhill Row**
Public Service – [Family Mass](#)
- 1800 **St Magnus the Martyr**
Public Service – [Mass of Midnight of Christmas](#)
Please consult the church website for further details
- 1800 to 0100 Friday **St Stephen Walbrook**
Online Service – [Midnight Mass](#)
- 1900 **St Bartholomew the Great**
Public Service – [Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist](#)
Pre-booking essential Please consult the church website
- 2000 **St Mary Moorfields**
Public Service – [Mass of Christmas Night](#)
- 2100 **St Alban the Martyr**
Public Service – [Midnight Mass](#)
- 2200 **St Joseph Bunhill Row**
Public Service – [Mass of Christmas Night](#)
- 2300 **St Bartholomew the Great**
Public Service – [Midnight Mass](#)
Pre-booking essential Please consult the church website
- 2300 **St Olave Hart Street**
Public and Online Zoom Service – [Midnight Mass](#)
To access the service on Zoom please consult the church website
- 2315 **Temple Church**
Public Service and Online YouTube – [Choral Communion for Christmas Eve](#)
In order to attend the service tickets must be obtained in advance. They are very limited and preference is given to members of the Inns of Court. For details of how to obtain tickets please consult the church website. Click on the appropriate date in the Calendar of Events.
- 2330 **All Hallows by the Tower**
Public and Online Service – [Midnight Mass](#)
Pre-booking essential Please consult the church website
- 2330 **St Bride Fleet Street**
Public and Online Service – [Midnight Mass](#)
Pre-registration essential Please consult the church website

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Friday 25 December — Christmas Day

0830 Temple Church

Public Service and Online YouTube – [Holy Communion](#)
In order to attend the service tickets must be obtained in advance. They are very limited and preference is given to members of the Inns of Court. For details of how to obtain tickets please consult the church website. Click on the appropriate date in the Calendar of Events.

0900 St Bartholomew the Great

Public Service – [Christmas Day Mass of the Dawn](#)
Pre-booking essential Please consult the church website

0900 St Etheldreda Ely Place

Public Service – [Christmas Day Mass](#)

1000 St Joseph Bunhill Row

Public Service – [Mass for Christmas Day](#)

1030 St Alban the Martyr

Public Service – [Parish Mass](#)

1030 St Botolph Aldgate

[Short Christmas Day Service on Zoom](#)

There are a number of other special services available on the church's YouTube channel. For details of Zoom and YouTube services please consult the church's website

1030 St Helen Bishopsgate

Public and Online Service – [All-age Christmas Day Service](#)
To attend in person please sign up on the website in advance
There are additional Carol Services being held in the Regular Services at St Helen's and at **St Andrew Undershaft**.
For more information please refer to the detailed entry for St Helen's in the preceding section of this edition of City Events.

1030 St James Garlickhythe

[Eucharist of the Natiivity](#) For more information please consult the church website

1100 All Hallows by the Tower

Public and Online Service – [Christmas Day Eucharist](#)
Pre-booking essential Please consult the church website

1100 St Bartholomew the Great

Public Service – [Christmas Day Choral Eucharist](#)
Pre-booking essential Please consult the church website

1100 St Bride Fleet Street

Public and Online Service – [Family Eucharist](#)
Pre-registration essential Please consult the church website

1100 St Etheldreda Ely Place

Public Service – [Christmas Day Mass](#)

1100 St Nicholas Cole Abbey

Public and Online Zoom – [Christmas Day Service](#)
For more information please consult the church website and click on 'Christmas 2020 – What's on?' in the three-item rotating display on the home page

1100 St Olave Hart Street

Public and Online Zoom Service – [Christmas Day Service](#)
To access the service on Zoom please consult the church website

1115 Temple Church

Public Service – [Choral Mattins for Christmas Day](#)
Please refer to the listing at 0830 for more information regarding the necessity to book in advance

Saturday 26 December

1305 St Mary Moorfields

Public Service – [Mass for St Stephen's Day](#)

1800 St Joseph Bunhill Row

Public Service – [First Mass of Sunday](#)

Sunday 27 December

1100 St Nicholas Cole Abbey

Public and Online Zoom – [Christmas Service](#)
For more information please consult the church website and click on 'Christmas 2020 – What's on?' in the three-item rotating display on the home page

Friday 1 January 2021

1900 St Stephen Walbrook

Online Concert to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the birth of Beethoven

Symphony No 3 in Eb major Op 55 — The Eroica Symphony
arranged by Franz Xaver Scharwenka
for piano (four hands) and singers
Ben Schoerman and Tessa Uys – *piano*
St Stephen Walbrook Choral Scholars

For more information please consult the church website and follow the links from 'What's On' and 'Christmas and Advent 2020'

Wednesday 6 January 2021

1300 St Etheldreda Ely Place

Public Service – [Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany](#)

Thursday 7 January

1245 St Stephen Walbrook

Public Service – [Sung Eucharist with the Archdeacon of London](#)