

Carols, candles and Christmas services

Here are our highlights of festive services in the City this winter. For further details on each, please visit the websites listed at the end. If no website is listed, visit www.cityevents.co.uk and download the City Events broadsheet (from 20 November) listing all services in the City.

29 November

11am: **Choral Eucharist** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

6pm: **Advent Procession** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD
One of the year's most dramatic services, the procession moves from darkness to light whilst words and music focus on the Advent themes.

6.30pm: **Advent Carols** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

30 November

6pm: **Advent Procession** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD

5 December

6.30pm: **Christmas Concert** at St Anne & St Agnes, Gresham Street EC2V 7BX
Performance of Handel's *Messiah*
£10 (£8 for Music Society members)

6 December

11am: **Choral Eucharist** at St Bride's Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

6.30pm: **A 20th-Century Carol Service** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

7 December

6.30pm: **Communications Industry Carols** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

8 December

6pm: **Carols for Printers** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

9 December

7pm: **The Breast Cancer Carol Service** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD
Celebrity readings, tenor Jonathan Ansell, professional choirs and sponsor Swarovski's world-famous sparkle aplenty make this a night not to be missed.
£25 to £60; available from www.breastcancercare.org.uk/carols or call 0845 092 0806

10 December

3pm: **FCC Carol Service** at St Bartholomew-the-Less, St Bartholomew Hospital, West Smithfield EC1A 7BE

11 December

6.30pm: **Sankta Lucia Carol Service** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD
The Swedish Church in London welcomes you to a candlelit procession dedicated to St Lucia with traditional British, Swedish and international carols.
£12-£30; available from www.swedish-church.org.uk

12 December

5pm: **Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD

13 December

11am: **Choral Eucharist** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

6.30pm: **Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

14 December

5pm: **Worshipful Company of Scriveners Carol Service** at St Martin Ludgate, Ludgate Hill EC4M 7DE

6.30pm: **Journalists' Carols** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU
£5 donation

15 December

6.30pm: **Celebration of Christmas** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD
Sponsored by Lloyds TSB, this special event features carols and celebrity readers.

1pm: **Carols and Readings** at St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street EC2V 5AA

16 December

1pm: **Carol Service** at St Margaret Lothbury EC2R 7HH

6pm: **Parish Carol Service** at St Stephen Walbrook, Walbrook EC4N 8BN

17 December

1.10pm: **Parish Carol Service** at St Botolph without Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate EC2M 3TL

6pm: **Carols by Candlelight** at All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street EC3R 5BJ

18 December

1.05pm: **Parish Carol Service** at St Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside EC2V 6AU

19 December

1pm: **Family Carols** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD

20 December

11am: **Choral Eucharist** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

2pm: **Swahili Christmas Service** at the Church of St Anne & St Agnes, Gresham Street EC2V 7BX

3pm: **Children's Crib Service** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

4pm: **A Service of Lessons, Carols and Christingles** at All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street EC3R 5BJ

6pm: **La Nativité du Seigneur** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD
Olivier Messiaen's organ meditation on the mystery of the birth of Christ.
Retiring collection.

6.30pm: **Nine Lessons and Carols** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

21 December

12.30pm-1.30pm: **Leadenhall Christmas Carols** at Leadenhall Market, off Leadenhall Street EC3V 1LR
A Salvation Army band and choir entertain shoppers.

5.30pm: **Carol Service** at St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street EC2V 5AA
Attended by the Lord Mayor of the City of London

6pm: **Noël, Noël** at All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street EC3R 5BJ
A festival of French carols.

22 December

Noon: **Fleet Street Carols 1** at St Bride's Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

5pm: **Fleet Street Carols 2** at St Bride's Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

23 December

4pm: **Christmas Carol Service** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD

Christmas Eve

1pm: **Estonian Christmas Carols** at the Church of St Anne & St Agnes, Gresham Street EC2V 7BX

3pm: **Latvian Christmas Carols:** at the Church of St Anne & St Agnes, Gresham Street EC2V 7BX

4pm: **Christmas Eve Carol Service** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD

7pm: **Nine Lessons & Carols** at the Church of St Anne & St Agnes, Gresham Street EC2V 7BX
A candlelit carol service in English celebrating Christmas Eve.

11.30pm: **Midnight Mass by Candlelight** at All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street EC3R 5BJ

11.30pm: **Midnight Mass** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

11.30pm: **Midnight Eucharist** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD

11.30pm: **Midnight Eucharist** at St Stephen Walbrook Walbrook EC4N 8BN

11.30pm: **Midnight Sung Eucharist** at St Vedast alias Foster, Foster Lane EC2V 6HH

Christmas Day

8am: **Holy Communion** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD

11am: **Family Eucharist followed by a traditional Christmas lunch** at All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street EC3R 5BJ

11am: **Christmas Day Eucharist** at the Church of St Anne & St Agnes, Gresham Street EC2V 7BX

11am: **Family Eucharist** at St Bride's, Fleet Street EC4Y 8AU

11am: **Sung Eucharist** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD

3.15pm: **Festal Evensong** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD

Boxing Day

5pm: **Music and Readings for Christmas** at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD

27 December

6pm: **Jazz Carols** at the Church of St Anne & St Agnes, Gresham Street EC2V 7BX
Jazz carol service led by a jazz choir although all are welcome to join in.

Websites

All Hallows by the Tower www.ahbtt.org.uk

Leadenhall Market www.leadenhallmarket.co.uk

St Anne & St Agnes www.stanneslutheranchurch.org

St Botolph without Bishopsgate www.botolph.org.uk

St Bride's www.stbrides.com

St Lawrence Jewry www.slj.btik.com

St Margaret Lothbury www.stml.org.uk

St Martin Ludgate www.stmartin-within-ludgate.org.uk

St Mary-le-Bow www.stmarylebow.org.uk

St Paul's Cathedral www.stpauls.co.uk

St Stephen Walbrook www.ststephenwalbrook.net