

ABOUT THE WALKS

The All Hallows' Walking Tours are led by the guides Pete Smith and Frances Spackman.

Both are former university teachers and, in addition to being regular contributors to the free afternoon highlight tours of All Hallows church, they are both qualified and experienced City of London Guides.



The walks they have devised draw upon the rich diversity of London's two cities - the City of London and the City of Westminster - giving old hands and newcomers alike an introduction to some of the oddities and complexities of the capital's rich and colourful history.

The walking tours cover a variety of themes, looking at the city from many different angles and perspectives.

Please check the brochure carefully for the details of start times and departure points, as these do vary according to the theme and route of the individual walks.

Unless otherwise stated, the charge is £10.00 per person and the walks take between ninety minutes and two hours.

*In addition to the advertised walking tours, Pete also organises tailor-made walks for groups. Just contact him with your requirements and he would be happy to arrange something for you.
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A Brief History of All Hallows by the Tower

As the oldest church in the City of London, All Hallows by the Tower has more than 1300 years of history to be discovered under one roof.

Located next to the Tower of London, the church has cared for numerous beheaded bodies over the years, including those of Thomas More, John Fisher and Archbishop Laud.

William Penn (founder of Pennsylvania) was baptised in the church in 1644, and John Quincy Adams - sixth president of the USA - was married here in 1797.

Artefacts associated with the Saxon and Roman history of the church are displayed in the Crypt Museum, alongside a range of fascinating objects from ancient church registers to a Knights Templar altar.



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All Hallows by the Tower

*A Christian Beacon on
Tower Hill since 675AD*

PROGRAMME

THE CITY'S BRIDGES **Saturday 10 August** **(starts All Hallows: 11am)**

Starting from inside All Hallows by the Tower church, this walk takes in all the City's Bridges before ending close to St Paul's Cathedral. Along the way, you will hear about the bridge that sprouted heads, the elephant that walked across the Thames, a daredevil pilot and a quick-witted bus-driver.



BETWIXT GOD AND MAMMON **Thursday 12 September** **(starts All Hallows: 11am)**

Starting from All Hallows, this walk steers a course between many of the City's notable places of worship and several of the most iconic buildings of London's financial district. As well as including some stunning architecture, the walk offers a chance: to meet a half-virgin, the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street and a group of naughty nuns; to see a church whose crypt is now a station ticket hall and another which had a problem with bad language; to visit London's oldest synagogue and the 'Westminster Abbey of the Square Mile'; to discover where the Great Fire of London started; to hear about a giant and a ghost; and to learn what Londoners call 'the Gherkin'.

ROTHERHITHE TO LONDON BRIDGE **Saturday 28 September** **(starts Canada Water tube station: 11am)**

Meet in the booking hall of Canada Water Jubilee Line



PROGRAMME

Station for a two-hour walk with spectacular riverside views. The route takes you from Marc Brunel's tunnel under the Thames to the two most famous bridges over it. On the way, you will discover a prince's tomb, a pub that flies the Stars & Stripes, the Devil's Neckerchief, and a fish called Wanda!

DOWNSTREAM **Monday 21 October** **(starts St Paul's: 11am)**

The Thames runs through the heart of London, and this walk, starting from the steps of St Paul's Cathedral close to the statue of Queen Anne, follows the course of the river as it flows east towards the Tower of London and Tower Bridge. On the way, we shall encounter: a notoriously wobbly bridge, a church dedicated to a former pirate, a mansion that once hosted a banquet for five kings, and even the site of London's first public lavatory.



CITY CHURCHES I **Friday 8 November** **(starts St Paul's: 11am)**

Starting from the steps of St Paul's Cathedral close to the statue of Queen Anne, this walk wends its way through the winding mediaeval street pattern of the City to explore the varied architecture of Sir Christopher Wren's greatest London churches and find out more about their earlier history. Along the way, you will discover some of the secret places of the capital and learn about how the City churches link Dick Whittington to a bunch of killers.

PROGRAMME

TOWERING INFERNO **Friday 15 November** **(starts All Hallows: 11am)**

The theme for this walk is the Great Fire of London, which took place in September 1666. Starting at All Hallows Church, the spot where the eastward spread of the fire was halted, we head west to the Monument and then on to trace its course into the heart of the City. Much of its extraordinary story will be told in the words of Samuel Pepys and other eye-witnesses, and the walk will end at the Museum of London, which has a major exhibition featuring the Great Fire.



HANGINGS, BURNINGS & HAUNTINGS **Saturday 30 November** **(starts St Paul's: 11am)**

Starting from the steps in front of St. Paul's

Cathedral, this walk follows a tortuous and bloodstained route through the streets and alleyways of the City. On our way towards London's biggest meat market, you may encounter two ghostly murderesses and the loathsome Black Dog of Newgate. You will certainly learn about: a famous and feared execution site; the City's most haunted pub; a street where grave-robbers and doctors traded in dead bodies; a church built by a court jester; and a place notorious for centuries for hangings, burnings and torture. Join us, if you are bold enough, for this walk.

