

ABOUT THE WALKS

The All Hallows' Walking Tours are led by 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 £6.00 per person and the walks take between 90 minutes and two hours.

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.

There are guided tours available, and a brass rubbing centre and gift shop.



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WALKING TOURS

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All Hallows by the Tower

A Christian Beacon on Tower Hill since 675AD

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DOWNSTREAM

Sunday 1 August

(starts St Paul's: 11am)

The Thames runs through the heart of London, and this walk, starting from **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 the site of London's first public lavatory.



SUMMER IN THE CITY

Friday 6 August *(starts Temple Tube: 11am)*

The traditional view of London is a city shrouded in fog or lashed with rain. This walk, though, celebrates summertime in the city and introduces walkers to the delights of a sunny London at leisure. After meeting at **Temple Underground Station**, we move from the riverside to explore how Londoners relax and enjoy a summer's day. That, at least, is the theory - but don't forget to bring an umbrella just in case!

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

Friday 13 August *(starts Temple Tube: 2pm)*

If you keep your eyes on the pavement, you may pick up a few pennies as you walk along, but if you look up as you pass through the streets of this exciting and extraordinary city, you could make some astounding discoveries. Join us at **Temple Underground Station** and discover such surprises as: a flying horse, a flag-waving lamb, some very prudent squirrels and no fewer than five giants.



THE VICTORIAN CITY

Friday 20 August

(starts Monument: 11.00am)

The 19th century was perhaps the most exciting period in the history of London, and this walk aims to reflect some of that excitement. **Starting from the east side of the Monument** we follow a winding

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course through the City, looking at reminders of the enormous achievements of the Victorian age in art, science, finance, architecture and transport, and considering some of the many huge challenges Victorian Londoners had to face. The walk ends with a free visit to the Victorian collection of the Guildhall Art Gallery.

MINCING, SEETHING & STAINING

Friday 27 August

(starts All Hallows: 11am)

The City is famous for its mediaeval street plan of narrow, winding lanes and alleys which has survived the Great Fire of London and two World Wars, retaining both their oddities of layout and also their often very strange names - hence the title of the walk! **Leaving from All Hallows** we explore the twists, turns and curious secrets of the City's hidden byways including: Dick Whittington's London address, the Livery Companies always at 'sixes and sevens', the grave of Mother Goose, the mice said to have killed a man, a corpse in a cupboard, and the drug that fuelled 17th century business and was almost banned by a king.



TIME AND TIDE

Sunday 5 September *(starts St Pauls: 11am)*

In the City of London time is money. Time is even measured on the face of the new Stock Exchange by its famous Noon Mark. However, on this leisurely stroll, which **begins on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral** close to Queen Anne's statue, we shall be taking time to consider the importance of time and tide to Londoners through the ages. We shall also be taking a timely look at some recent additions to the north shore of London's tidal river, checking our watches against a fine sculpture which is also a sundial, and hearing stories about a punctual Lord Mayor, some not so long-winded vicars and a poet who went out without his tide tables and lived to regret it. Finally, no walk is complete without an appearance by Sir Winston Churchill, and this one is no exception.



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CELEBRATING THE CITY

Saturday 11 September *(starts All Hallows: 2pm)*

The City of London is exceptionally rich in curious ceremonies, many of them centuries old. Where else would you find rents paid in roses, fish and horseshoe nails, a statue that gets a new quill pen every few years, or an annual sermon inspired by a lion? **Leaving from All Hallows** this walk sets out to track down the sites of some of the oddest of these customs.

PICCADILLY AND ST JAMES'S

Saturday 18 September

(starts Green Park: 11am)

Like the Mayfair walk, **this walk sets out from just inside the entrance to Green Park** next to the Ritz Hotel (nearest station Green Park - Jubilee, Piccadilly and Victoria Lines). Exploring both sides of Piccadilly, we shall discover: some of London's finest and most selective gentlemen's clubs; a famous foodstore founded on the profits from secondhand candles; Sir Christopher Wren's only West End church; a great art gallery in a splendid mansion; and a fashionable shopping arcade where you are not allowed to run, whistle, sing, open an umbrella, wheel a pushchair or carry a parcel!



I SPY STRANGERS: FOREIGN PRESENCES IN THE SQUARE MILE

Friday 24 September *(starts All Hallows: 11am)*

Since its foundation, London has been a cosmopolitan city, and **this walk from All Hallows** maps the contributions made to its development by people whose birthplace lay outside England. Leaving All Hallows, you will find out: what the Romans taught us, and what Roman custom is still practised on the Thames; what a group of sixteenth-century Germans did with the heads displayed on London Bridge; who got blamed for the Great Fire of London; why London businessmen owe such a debt to Turkey and the Netherlands; why a City church is dedicated to a Scandinavian king; and how a whole island won a medal.