

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 £8.00 per person and the walks take between ninety minutes and two hours.

Individual and group walks can also be organised on request at any time of year.

Please email the guides directly to find out more: enquiries@londoncitywalks.co.uk

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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WALKING TOURS

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All Hallows by the Tower

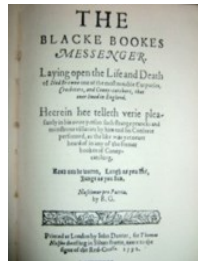
*A Christian Beacon on
Tower Hill since 675AD*

PROGRAMME

CITY CHURCHES 2

Friday 29 January
(starts All Hallows: 11am)

While 'City Churches 1' examines the exteriors of Sir Christopher Wren's City churches, this walk, which **begins in All Hallows by the Tower Church**, delves into the interiors of some of the most fascinating churches on the eastern side of the City to uncover their hidden treasures and discover some of their curious stories.



HISS THE VILLAIN

Saturday 13 February
(starts St Paul's: 11am)

This circular walk, which **starts from the steps of St Paul's Cathedral** close to Queen Anne's statue, concentrates on the seamier side of London, and invites walkers to

encounter a range of cheats, frauds, thieves, whores and cold-blooded killers. On it, we shall be passing a notorious no-go area where life was cheap, one of the mediaeval City's worst red-light districts, the site of a prison described as 'an emblem of Hell itself' and the court of law where for a hundred years Britain's worst criminals have been brought to trial. We shall also be hearing about some of the most chilling monsters connected with our route, from Dickens's fictional Fagin to the possibly real Sweeney Todd.

CITY PUBS 1: AROUND ST PAUL'S

Thursday 17 March
(starts St Paul's: 6.30pm)

Plots - liaisons - brawls - murders - hauntings: the pubs of the City of London have seen all of these, and the area around St. Paul's has some of the most interesting and curious pubs to be found in the whole of the Square Mile.



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This evening walk, which **starts from the steps of St Paul's Cathedral** close to Queen Anne's statue, wends its way through a maze of streets and alleys, to tell some of the strange stories of the City and its hostelries. Because we shall be calling at two or more outstanding pubs, this walk will last between two and two-and-a-half hours.



THE TOWER TO GUILDHALL

Monday 4 April
(starts All Hallows: 11am)

This walk, which **starts in All Hallows by the Tower**, links two (often opposed) centres of power in the City of London. The Tower of

London was built by William I after his invasion of England in 1066, not so much to defend London as to intimidate the City, whose own centre of government is Guildhall. On our way, we shall examine Royal links with the City as well as a number of City customs and institutions dating from Roman times to the present. You will hear stories of some of the most colourful Lord Mayors (including a killer and a pantomime hero!), follow a Royal Coronation route through the City, and visit a range of memorable sites, including Mansion House, St Mary-le-Bow of Bow Bells fame, and Guildhall itself. The walk will begin in All Hallows and end on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral.

ST BOTOLPH: THE TRAVELLER'S FRIEND

Tuesday 26 April
(starts St Paul's: 11am)

Starting from Queen Anne's statue by the steps in front of St

Paul's Cathedral, this walk circles the City, following the line of the old City walls to explore the surviving churches dedicated to that most important and practical saint, Botolph.



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St Botolph is patron saint of travellers as well as being, according to ancient authorities, a trusty dispatcher of marsh monsters. It should come as no surprise, therefore, to find so many churches bearing his name around the old City's entrances and exits. Here travellers leaving London could pray for his assistance in ensuring their safe arrival and newcomers could give thanks for theirs. This walk takes modern travellers in the steps of their historical predecessors to find out more about this helpful saint and to turn up along the way many more London curiosities both old and new.

LET'S ALL GO DOWN THE STRAND

Saturday 7 May (starts
Temple tube: 2pm)

After meeting outside
Temple Underground

Station (District and Circle Lines), we follow the Strand from the boundary of the City of London to Trafalgar Square. On the journey, you will learn about: the engineer who saved a city; the nobleman who demolished a church to build himself a mansion; the revolting peasants whose appetite for sweet wine led to their death; the cat who is the most frequent diner at the Savoy Hotel; and the oddest street name in London.



In addition to the advertised walking tours, Pete is able to organise tailor-made walks for groups on request.

Just contact him with your requirements and he would be happy to arrange something for you.

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