

Carol Services

in the Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames

Sunday 30 November - 5.30 pm

Advent Carols at St Helen's Church

A service of music and readings, with blessing of the Jesse Tree, to mark the beginning of Advent and the wait for Christmas.



Sunday 21 December - 11.00 am

Christmas Carol Service at St Nicolas' Church

Music and readings for Christmas with seasonal refreshments. All welcome.



Sunday 21 December - 5.30 pm

Carols by Candlelight at St Helen's Church

Music and readings for Christmas by the light of many candles.



Wednesday 24 December

- Christmas Eve - 6.00 pm

Christmas Lessons and Carols at St Michael and All Angels' Church

This traditional service tells the Christmas Story through readings and music.



Sunday 11 January 2026 - 4.30 pm

Epiphany Carols at St Helen's Church

A short service of music and readings to mark the baptism of Jesus.

Followed by tea and cakes.

All families welcome.

for Families

Christmas Eve - 3.00 pm

Crib Service - St Michael's Church

Journey with us from Nazareth to Bethlehem to hear the Christmas Story, sing carols and build up the nativity scene in the crib ready for Christmas Day. Children are welcome to come dressed as someone from the Nativity.

Families with young children are especially welcome.

Christmas Eve - 4.00 pm

Crib Service - St Nicolas' Church

A special service for young families as we assemble our Christmas Crib, ending in candlelight.

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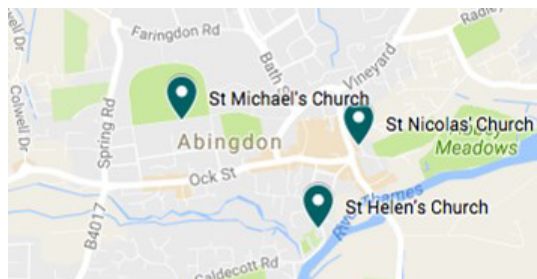
Christingle Service - St Helen's Church

With over 500 Christingles to hand out, this service is very popular with families. Doors open at 3.15 pm. There is a collection for The Children's Society.

Sunday 11 January 2026, 4.30 - 6.00 pm

Blessing of Families St Helen's Church

After a short (25 min.) service of music and readings to mark the baptism of Jesus, we celebrate with refreshments and home-made delights, including, for the grown-ups, Kir Royale. All welcome; especially families with children baptised at St Helen's.



St Helen's Church, West St Helen's St
St Michael and All Angels' Church, Park Road
St Nicolas' Church, Market Place

SERVICES IN ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE 2025



*"We wish you a happy and peaceful
Christmas and New Year."*

St Helen's Church

West St Helen's St, Abingdon
www.abingdonparish.org.uk/StH

Regular Sunday Services at St Helen's:

8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) in December
10.30 am Sung Eucharist and Junior Church
5.30 pm Evening Services (*see website for details*)

St Nicolas' Church

Market Place, Abingdon
www.abingdonparish.org.uk/StN

Regular Sunday Services at St Nicolas'

8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) in January
11.15 am Holy Communion / Morning Prayer

St Michael's Church

Park Rd, Abingdon
www.abingdonparish.org.uk/StM

Regular Sunday Services at St Michael and All Angels'

9.30 am Sung Mass

Special Services during Advent

Sunday 30 November

The start of the Church's year

Advent Carols / blessing of the Jesse Tree 5.30 pm

Sunday 21 December

Christmas Lessons and Carols 5.30 pm

Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

Christingle Service 4.00 pm

A service for all families. Receive your 'Christ light' and help us raise funds for **The Children's Society**. *Very popular (doors open 3.15 pm).*

First Eucharist of Christmas 11.00 pm

The candlelit 'Midnight Mass'.

Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day

Holy Communion (1662) 8.00 am with hymns

Family Service with Eucharist 10.30 am

Special Services during Advent

Sunday 7 December

The Feast of St Nicolas

Patronal Choral Evensong 6.30 pm

Sunday 21 December 11.00 am

Music and readings for Christmas with seasonal refreshments. All welcome.

Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

Crib service 4.00 pm

A special service for young families as we assemble our Christmas Crib, ending in candlelight.

Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day

Holy Communion with carols 10.00 am

Special Services during Advent

Tuesdays 2, 9, 16 December

Advent Labyrinth Walks 11.00 am - 12 noon

An opportunity to walk the labyrinth or simply to enjoy the sacred space. Material for reflection available, on a different Advent theme, each week. A short prayer begins and ends each session, but feel free to come and go as you please.

Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

Crib Service 3.00 pm

Hear the Christmas story and build the Christmas crib. Families with young children are particularly welcome to this well-attended service.

Christmas Lessons and Carols 6.00 pm

Music and readings for Christmas

Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day

Sung Mass 10.00 am

Sunday 11 January 2026

Epiphany Carols and Blessing of Families for the New Year 4.30 pm

A service of music and readings to celebrate the Epiphany season. *All families welcome.*