Carol Services

in the Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames

Sunday 29 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 20 December - 11.00 am
Christmas Carol Service at St Nicolas' Church
Music and readings for Christmas with seasonal refreshments. All welcome.

Sunday 20 December - 5.30 pm
Carols by Candlelight at St Helen's Church
Music and readings for Christmas by the light of many candles.

Thursday 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 10 January 2027 - 4.30 pm
Epiphany Carols at St Helen's Church
A short service of music and readings to remember the coming of the Three Kings. 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.

Christmas Eve - 4.00 pm
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 10 January 2027, 4.30 - 6.00 pm
Blessing of Families St Helen's Church
After a short (25 min.) service of music and readings to remember the coming of the Three Kings, 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.



The Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames

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 2026



"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
10.30 am Sung Eucharist and Junior Church
5.30 pm Evening Services *(see website for details)*

Special Services during Advent

Sunday 29 November
The start of the Church's year
Advent Carols / blessing of the Jesse Tree 5.30 pm

Sunday 20 December
Christmas Lessons and Carols 5.30 pm

Thursday 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'.

Friday 25 December - Christmas Day

Holy Communion (1662) 8.00 am with hymns
Family Service with Eucharist 10.30 am

Sunday 10 January 2027

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

St Nicolas' Church

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

Regular Sunday Services at St Nicolas'
8.00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11.15 am Holy Communion / Morning Prayer

Special Services during Advent

Sunday 6 December
The Feast of St Nicolas
Patronal Choral Evensong 5.30 pm

Sunday 20 December 11.00 am
Music and readings for Christmas with seasonal refreshments. All welcome.

Thursday 24 December - Christmas Eve

Crib service 4.00 pm
A special service for young families as we assemble our Christmas Crib, ending in candlelight.

Friday 25 December - Christmas Day

Holy Communion with carols 10.00 am

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

Tuesdays 1, 8, 15 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.

Thursday 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

Friday 25 December - Christmas Day

Sung Mass 10.00 am