



Brandenburg Traditional Christmas Concerts

Accompanied by mulled wine made to an ancient and secret family recipe and mince pies, this concert is guaranteed to get you fully into the Christmas spirit with a wide stylistic range of Christmas-focussed ethereal music, entertaining seasonal readings and opportunities to stretch the vocal cords by joining in with a few traditional and well-known carols

There will also be an interval presentation on the history and architecture of these two very special venues.

Friday 6th December at 2.00pm

St Bartholomew the Great EC1A 7JQ

Saturday 7th December at 2.00pm

St Stephen Wallbrook EC4N 8BN

The Brandenburg Singers directed by Bob Porter

Tickets: £19.50 <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=Brandenburg%20traditional%20christmas%20concert>

or for group bookings email bob@brandenburg.org.uk



ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT

St Bartholomew the Great is London's oldest parish church.

At the heart of the Smithfield area, with its hospital, pubs, restaurants, and market, is a church built when Henry I, son of William the Conqueror, was King of England. It survived the Great Fire of 1666 and the bombs dropped in two World Wars.

Today the Church has a reputation not only for wonderful Romanesque architecture, but also for traditional formal worship, marvellous music and intelligent preaching. It has also appeared in a series of award-winning films including *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Shakespeare in Love*, *The End of the Affair*, *Amazing Grace*, *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*, and *The Other Boleyn Girl*.

St Stephen Walbrook City of London

Close to the Roman Temple of Mithras, this church was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren in 1679 (at a cost of £7,672) and now combines typical Wren elegance with a number of interesting more modern facets including a Henry Moore travertine altar, Patrick Heron kneelers and the original telephone used by the vicar in 1953, Chad Varah as a confidential help-line that became what we now know as the Samaritans.

NB Access to St Stephen is via a few steps.

Bob Porter is the Artistic Director of the Brandenburg Choral Festival of London.

He is a Freeman of the City of London and is passionate about choral music, cricket, red wine and jazz.