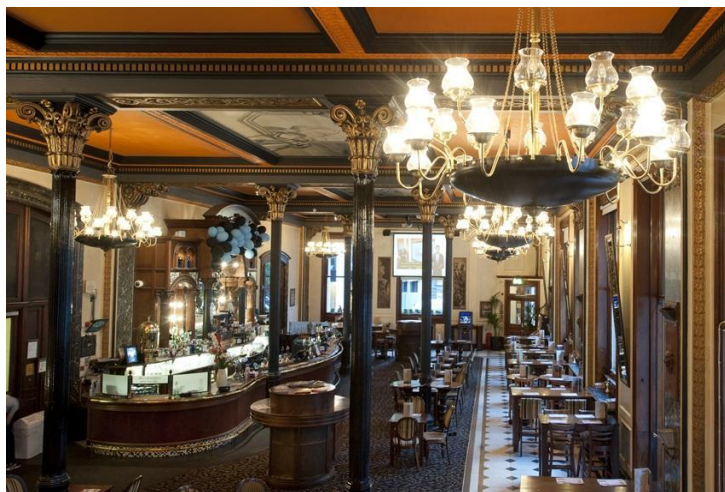


The Dunelm Society Advent Carol Service and Tours

Wednesday 29th November 2017



Durham graduates and guests are invited to attend this year's Advent Carol Service at the [Temple Church](#), London on **Wednesday 29th November 2017**. The event will start from 3.00pm at the Knights Templar public house, 95 Chancery Lane (off Carey Street), London WC2A 1DT..



Attendees will have the option of attending one (1) of three (3) private tours which will leave the Knights Templar at the following times (please note that the Royal Courts of Justice Tour will commence 15 minutes before the other two tours):



3.30pm - Group 1 will leave for a tour of the Law Society, the body responsible representing and promoting a profession of 163,000 solicitors in England and Wales. The Society was founded in 1825 but its home in Chancery Lane was not completed until 1904, the original site having been purchased in 1828 in a part of London ironically renowned for its brothels and taverns. The present

building contains a number of working rooms which are regularly frequented by solicitors, including the Society's library, restaurant and bar, common rooms where legal issues of the day are regularly discussed, and the Society's Council Chamber where its governing body discusses the future of the legal profession and its relationship with government. (Numbers Limited)



3.15pm - Group 2 will be taken on a guided walk of the Royal Courts of Justice. Opened in 1882, the Royal Courts were the first public building in Great Britain to be lit by electricity. Made of Portland stone and containing 35 million bricks the building has over 1,000 rooms and 3.5 miles of corridors. Sited on the original jousting ground of the Knights' Templar, the courts maintain a tradition of adversarial combat unique to

Common Law jurisdictions though a wide variety of courts, each very individual and designed by different architects. A legal costume display illustrates the wide scope of the courts' current work. Attendees are reminded that the courts will still be in operation during the tour. Photography is not permitted. (Maximum 25 attendees)



Photo Courtesy of the Trustees of Sir John Soane's Museum

3.30pm - Group 3 will be taken over to Lincoln's Inn Fields to the home of Sir John Soane, eminent architect and Regency philanthropist. During his life Soane collected a vast number of artefacts and pictures. His collection is so vast that he purchased his neighbours properties to hold his collection rather than move house. Before he died he arranged for a private members bill to be passed in Parliament, ensuring that his home and collection would be maintained for posterity. The resulting museum is one of London's most whimsical and personal interiors, every aspect of which reflects its owner's architectural ingenuity, imagination and innovation. In addition to his passion for collecting, Soane is well known for his architectural work at the Freemason's Hall, Chelsea Hospital and as architect to the Bank of

England. (Maximum 15 attendees)

Groups 1, 2 and 3 will return to the Knights Templar for a buffet tea, available from 5pm. Members will then walk down to the Temple Church for the Advent Carol Service, which starts at 6.00pm.

Afterwards, the congregation will be invited to join the Master of the Temple for drinks in the Church "Round". (pictured right)

For those that are unaware of the Temple Church's history, the church enjoys the status of a Royal Peculiar, meaning that the Master (priest in charge) reports directly to the monarch and the Dean of the Chapels Royal. Predecessors of the present Master of



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the Temple include those who headed up the original crusading order of the Knights Templar.

The Temple Church is also the chapel for two of England's four Inns of Court, the Honourable Societies of the Middle Temple and Inner Temple which have amongst their past members signatories to the American Constitution and American Declaration of Independence, past kings, queens, princes and princesses of England, famous historical

persons including Drake, Frobisher, John Maynard Keynes and Dickens. Current members include a number of high profile barristers, judges and QCs, as well as politicians (Boris Johnson and John Major), senior members of the civil service, members of the television world (Clive Anderson) and high profile campaigners like Shami Chakrabarti, the Director of Liberty. The most famous current member has to be the present Duke of Cambridge, HRH Prince William.

For those wishing to attend the whole event, tickets are competitively priced at £30 and are available by sending a cheque (made payable to The Dunelm Society) and a completed [booking form](#) to The Dunelm Society, c/o The Orangery, 12A Lawn Road, Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, SO41 0QZ, along with confirmation of which tour you would like to attend and any dietary requirements. Credit card payments may be made over the telephone by ringing 0845 838 1885.

For more information (including disability access), to check availability, to reserve last minute places or if you are only able to attend the Church service please contact Christopher and Rachel Moore on 0845 838 1885 / 07710 209272 or by email at RM@Whimble.org.uk.

All bookings must be received by Friday 24th November 2017.