

✠ The Church of St Olave ✠

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The Church of St Olave is a grade I listed parish church of the Church of England in York. It is situated on Marygate, within St Mary's Abbey walls damaged in The Dissolution of the Monasteries.

It was built in 1055 and it was probably founded by Earl Siward, a Danish warrior. It is dedicated to St Olaf, the patron of Norway.

The church of St Olave was rebuilt in the 15th century, and it was restored in 1848-1849. The church was enlarged again early in the 20th century.



Olaf II Haraldsson, who was later known as Saint Olaf, was a Viking warrior who destroyed the London Bridge during his attack on London in 1055. The attack is thought to be the inspiration for the rhyme '*London bridge is falling down*'. Olaf was the King of Norway for thirteen years (1015-1028). He was also given the title '*Rex Perpetuus Norvegiae*'. He died in the Battle of Stiklestand on 29th July 1030.



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<http://www.londonancestor.com/views/vc-olave.htm>

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