

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH : BINGHAM

Registered Charity Number - 1131217

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

5 – 8 December 2019

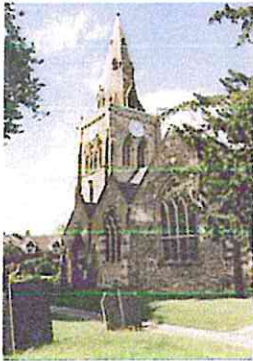


June 2019

Dear *Friend*

Two years ago your Parish Church held its sixth Community Christmas Tree Festival which once again proved to be an extremely successful event with over 80 organisations and commercial enterprises exhibiting trees.

This year the event will run from December 5th until December 8th with a 'Preview Night' for exhibitors and donors on Wednesday December 4th. The Festival will end on Sunday evening with the very popular Carols of Praise Service with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. The end result should once again be a truly magical, colourful, interesting and innovative display of decorated Christmas trees in varying shapes and sizes, all illustrating different themes that will captivate the hearts and imaginations of children and adults alike.



We would like to invite you to exhibit a tree decorated in a way which advertises and promotes your interests. However, if you do not feel able to do this, then we shall be equally happy to receive a prize for our Grand Raffle or a cash donation. Please note that – unlike some other Christmas Tree Festivals - there is no charge payable to the church when you provide a decorated tree – it is *your* tree and you take it away afterwards and use it for your own Christmas display.

The Festival benefits both the Parish Church, and exhibitors through publicising their activities, and it provides an excellent opportunity for numerous visitors from both the local and wider communities to share this magical experience. It is also an occasion for the whole town to participate and demonstrate support for the local community and its Parish Church.

The Christmas Tree Festival is also a vital means of raising funds for your Parish Church which has served Bingham well for 800 years. Old buildings, especially 'listed' ones, do cost a lot of money to maintain and improve.

Attached is a Booking Form with an addressed envelope for return, and I look forward to receiving your support again for this exciting event by the middle of August. (You can reply by email if you wish wendysarahfb@yahoo.co.uk - it is easier and quicker!).

However, should you in the meantime have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes

Linda and Wendy

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BOOKING FORM



Name of Organisation/Firm		Contact Person
Address :		Sponsor of Tree (if any)
Telephone :		Email:

Please delete as appropriate	Tree: Yes/No	Raffle Prize: Yes/No	Donation : Yes/No
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For trees please complete, tick or delete as appropriate: -

APPROX. TREE SIZE	
Width	Height
ft	2ft
ft	3ft
ft	4ft
ft	5ft
ft	6ft
ft	7ft
Other:	Other:

Potential location:

Floor/Table/Windowsill

Tree Type:

Real/Artificial

Power supply required?

Yes/No

Extension lead provided?
(Please mark with name)

Yes/No

Decoration Theme: _____

NB. The Theme name is not needed immediately but *is* required by October 30th at the latest so that the display card we provide for each tree and the programme can show your business or organisation name and the theme of the tree.

Please return this Booking Form as soon as possible, completed as far as you are able, in the envelope provided or by e-mail to wendysarahfb@yahoo.co.uk The tree **width** is particularly important for planning purposes, but variations from the stated size for a small proportion of the sponsors' trees should not cause us a problem. Smaller trees are acceptable.

The Church will be open all day and early evening on Tuesday 3rd December and until 12 noon on the Wednesday for setting up and decorating the trees.
Your tree should be collected from the Church after the Festival by 3pm on Monday 9th December.

Signed:

If you have any queries please contact:-

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