



Christmas
TREE FESTIVAL
FRIDAY 13TH 3-8PM SATURDAY 14TH 9:30AM-6PM
DECEMBER

Dear Local Business/ Organisation,

This year, for the first time ever, **St Cross**, Clayton, will be holding a **Christmas Tree Festival**, and we'd be delighted if your organisation would agree to be a part of it!

Funds raised during the Festival- from admission, our Cafe and a tombola- will be used to further the **ministry and outreach of St Cross Church including our Foodbank which supports 20-30 local families in need each week.**

We're inviting you to join in by **bringing your own tree and decorating it to reflect your organisation.** We are hoping that this will give us a **diversity of trees showcasing our community.**

Santa Claus will be joining us in his grotto and we would therefore **welcome any donations of small toys** (but we perfectly understand if this is not possible). There will also be a **large tree** at the far end of the church, on which people can leave names or situations they wish to be remembered or pray for, which will remain in the Church throughout Advent and Christmas, providing a focus for daily prayer. We will be holding a **Christingle Service in church at 10.30am on Sunday 15th** to mark the end of the Christmas Tree Festival, which we invite you to attend.

- *Trees should **preferably be artificial** so as to avoid dropped needles and we ask that you please use **battery lights** only and ensure you supply **enough spare batteries** to keep you trees lit for the three days of the Festival.*
- *Please make sure **someone from your organisation is available** on either **Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th December** to deliver and decorate your tree (6pm-9pm on both days).*
- *The **trees will all be labelled with the name of the participating organisations** and **organisations can be mentioned on our Facebook and website** if you provide a link by email. We can also provide **pdf posters on request.***
- *We would like all the trees and decorations to **stay in the church until the Feast of the Epiphany on Sunday January 5th 2020**, after which you would need to come and collect them.*

If you'd like to join us we would kindly ask that you **contact our organiser, Jean**, by email or phone **by Sunday 8th December.** You can also contact Jean with any queries.

We hope you can support this exciting venture, and look forward to hearing from you!

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