



Christmas Tree

Festival 2024

FAQ

If you don't see the answer to your question here, please contact Jayne Crompton, secretary of The Friends of St Mary's: jc.crompton@yahoo.co.uk

Q. My business/ charity/ group/ school would like to decorate a tree. How do we join in?

Please fill in a booking form. **There is a minimum donation of £10 per tree. If you are able to increase your donation we will be delighted – thank you.** Every penny supports the repair and maintenance of St Mary's – Shoreham's beautiful 900 year old church in the heart of town. Your space is allocated on receipt of booking form and payment. **We only have 40 spaces so if you'd like to take part, please send in your booking form ASAP.** If all the spaces have been allocated, we will let you know and put you on the mailing list for next year.

Bank Details:

Account name: Friends of St Marys Church Shoreham By Sea
note – no apostrophe or hyphen

Account No. 33025314

Sort Code: 40-41-28

(Final date for booking/payment is 5th November
but please don't leave it until then as we anticipate spaces will be filled)

Q. Do we provide the tree & how do we decorate it?

Yes, please bring your own tree to decorate inside the church.

Your tree can be real, artificial, home-made, creative...

Maximum size tree size is 6ft but smaller trees are allowed.
Please bring a table for smaller trees, so they don't get lost.

Ideally your decorations will reflect a theme or your organisation.
This is a wonderful opportunity to publicize your business or group activities.
Visitors love to see your creativity and if decorations are homemade so much the better.

Visitors will vote for their favourite tree over the weekend, so encourage people to come along to support your tree.



Only battery-operated lights are permitted: please use new batteries so they last for the entire festival! Please bear in mind battery lights need to be easily accessible to turn off at night. We cannot turn them on every morning. Please bring a prop-up-able notice to sit beside your tree, saying the group/business/theme for your tree, and also something about your organisation and anything you particularly wish to highlight for our visitors.

Q. When do we set up?

Please set up on
Thursday 5th December: 2.30pm - 7pm
And/or Friday 6th December: 9.30am - 11.30am
Trees must be ready by 11.30am 6th December Festival opens at 2pm

Q. What are the weekend opening times?

Friday 2pm - 8.30pm
Saturday 10am - 4.30pm
Sunday 11.30am - 4pm

Q. I don't want my tree after the Festival, can I leave it behind?

Sorry, all trees need to be dismantled and removed at the end of the festival. The festival closes on Sunday 8th December at 4pm. The church will be open for participants to disassemble their trees on Monday 9th December 9am - 12 noon.

Q. Is there anything else happening that weekend?

We have a wonderful mix of live music, including choirs, carol singers and musical groups. There will also be a raffle. Timings will be advertised nearer the time and refreshments will be available over the weekend too.

Q. Is the church wheelchair accessible?

Certainly. Most of the Church is accessible without using steps by using the side entrance

Q. Do you have toilets?

Toilets are available in the Shoreham Centre very near the church including one for the disabled and one with baby changing facilities.

Need some inspo? Take a look out some more of our beautiful, creative trees from years past...

