



St Barnabas Christmas Tree Festival and Star Trail - 2019



After the great success of last years Christmas Tree Festival and Shepherd Trail when over 650 adults and children visited the church we are going to be running another festival this year from Sunday 1st December until Friday 6th December and will be having a Star Trail.

You are invited to submit a Christmas tree, **free of charge**, each one designed and decorated by individuals, families, churches, schools, shops, businesses, clubs and societies in the local area.

The invitation is for you to provide a decorated tree to put on display in the church for the duration of the week. Trees may be fresh or artificial and should be free standing or can be hung from pillars in the church. We are limiting tree size to 6 foot and under, it doesn't just have to be a traditional tree, you could paint, sew or design your tree in any material.

As far as decoration is concerned the only restriction is your imagination. The tree you provide must have at least 1 clear logo of the organisation or person who is submitting the tree. Tree lights are permitted, but only battery operated ones. Your tree can be brought to the church fully decorated, or you can decorate it at St Barnabas on the Saturday 30th November between 10am and 12pm.

There will be a prize giving service at 5.30pm on Friday 6th December after which the tree goes home with you for Christmas.

The Star Trail part of the festival is an interactive exploration of the Christmas story. The multi sensory Advent stations will point all ages and people towards the magic of Christmas!

During the week, various classes from local schools will be visiting the tree festival and star trail to explore the meaning of Christmas and reflect on their own life journey.

There will be **free general public admission** on Sunday 1st Dec 2.30pm-4.30pm, Wednesday 4th 3.30pm-5pm and Friday 6th from 3.30pm followed at 5.30pm Prize Giving Service with Carols and Hot Chocolate.

Everyone that comes to the festival will have the opportunity of voting for their favourite tree during the week. There are 4 categories of entry, under 7s, 7-11, 11 - 17's and adults.

Please invite all your friends and family to come and see your entry and enjoy this spectacular event. With your help – and with the help of others – this Christmas Tree Festival promises to be an even bigger success than last year!

Application forms can be found at www.stb.church/christmas-tree-festival and need to be posted to the office at St Barnabas by Friday 22nd November. We look forward to hearing from you.