

# Christmas Tree Festival

From November 29th 2020

For the past seven years, the Christmas season at **Sandy Parish Church** has begun with the Christmas Tree Festival. We are grateful to all those who have participated with the festival over the years and helped to make this such a great event for the community of Sandy.

Due to the ongoing Corona Virus restrictions, it is unfortunate that the Christmas Tree Festival is not able to go ahead in its usual format. However, we didn't want to let Christmas 2020 pass us by without doing something and after much thought, we are delighted to announce that this year we have decided to take the festival '**outside**'.

This is an exciting opportunity for your group, business or school to take part in creating a festive scene of decorated Christmas trees which will be on full display in the front grounds of the church.

Due to the limited number of trees available however, the event will be invitation only in the first instance and will be offered to those who have supported the event in previous years.

*Please see overleaf for further information and application details.*

**Sandy  
Parish Church  
St. Swithun's**

## Guidelines for Exhibitors

Exhibitors will be provided with a 2 dimensional wooden tree constructed from recycled pallets. Each tree will measure approx. 4ft high and 2-3ft wide.

Exhibitors will be invited to begin decorating their trees during the week commencing **November 29th.**

Each tree should follow a theme, tell a story or represent the activity of your group or organisation.

It will also require a title which should be reflected by its decoration. We invite exhibitors to be as **creative** as possible with their decorations as the aim of the display is to entertain the visitors.

- Exhibitors will be required to supply all materials required to decorate their tree. The trees will remain outside throughout the Christmas season, which is expected to be approx. 6 weeks. Please bear this in mind when considering appropriate decorative materials.
- Tree lights are permitted but these must be battery powered as there will be no option for electric lights this year.

**In keeping with current government policy, we expect all exhibitors to adhere to the Corona Virus guidelines and that the number of people decorating each tree is minimised and at no stage exceeds the 'Rule of 6'.**

**We also ask that social distancing is maintained at all times and face masks are worn appropriately.**

- All exhibitors will be provided with a suitable location in which to position their tree by the organisers on the day of set up.
- The organisers reserve the right to remove anything they consider to be unsafe or inappropriate.
- The organisers cannot take responsibility for any damage or theft to any items left on the trees. These materials are left at the exhibitors own risk.

### To Apply:

Fill in and return a booking form (available from **Sandy Town Council** or [www.sandyparishchurch.org](http://www.sandyparishchurch.org)) as soon as possible but no later than:

**Friday 20th November 2020 to:**

**Sandy Christmas Tree Festival**

**34 High Street,**

**Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 1AQ**

Or email: [sandytreefestival@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sandytreefestival@yahoo.co.uk)

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