

# St Mary Magdalene with St Leonard' Newark

(Almost) Seasons Greetings!

We are thrilled to announce that this December will see the return of Newark's annual Christmas Tree Festival at St. Mary Magdalene Church. This will be the festival's 15<sup>th</sup> year, running from **2<sup>nd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> December!** Last year saw visitors in excess of 3,000 and played host to 138 Christmas trees beautifully and creatively decorated by local businesses, charities, schools/colleges and individuals.

You are invited to be a part of this year's much anticipated event! Each year, we invite local groups, schools, charities, businesses and individuals to come and decorate a Christmas tree at the church, which will form part of a spectacular 9 day display in the run up to Christmas. In previous years we've seen trees ranging from classic designs, to the outright bizarre! We've seen trees that have told stories, made us laugh and some that have brought tears to our eyes. Each year we can't wait to see the creative expression brought by our wonderful townsfolk and this year is no exception! We would be delighted if you were to consider being a part of the event this year.

Grimes Farmers (Normanton-on-Trent) are once again supplying real Norway Spruce Christmas trees ranging from 3' – 7'. Participants are invited to complete the form on the following page, to purchase a tree and arrange a time to decorate. St. Mary's will organise delivery and set-up of the trees at the church.

During the festival:

- Refreshments will be served
- There will be a few stalls selling artisan, locally made products
- There will be seasonal music – live and recorded

The deadline for participant applications is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. If you would like to have a tree at the 2023 Christmas Tree Festival this year, please do complete the registration form on the following page and return either via our email address, or in person to the office/vestry at St. Mary Magdalene church:

**Email:** [christmastreefestival@stmnewark.org](mailto:christmastreefestival@stmnewark.org)

**Address:** St. Mary Magdalene Church, Church Walk, Newark, NG24 1JS

Payment must be made by 17<sup>th</sup> November. This can either be transferred online to the bank details in the registration form attached, or in cash/cheque to our office/vestry at St. Mary Magdalene church. If transferring online, please use the reference 'Tree', followed by your business/ participant name (e.g. 'Tree [Business]').

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Also, if you would like to hear about how you could join our list of sponsors for this year's festival, please do reach out.

Best regards,

**Nick + Rita**

**Co-chairs of Christmas Tree Festival Team**

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