

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

The Parish Church at the Heart of Newark on Trent

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Christmas Tree Festival in Newark Buttermarket: Saturday 7th – Sunday 15th December 2024

We are delighted to announce that St Mary Magdalene's 16th Christmas Tree Festival will take place this December in an exciting new venue - Newark Buttermarket. As St Mary's church building will be closed for major repair and reorganisation we are very grateful to NSDC, Newark Town Council and Inspire for allowing us to use the mezzanine floor of the Buttermarket. This means we will need to make some small modifications to our usual festival, for example we will not be offering 7' trees as these are too heavy to carry up the stairs (*still available for Gold sponsors*). Also, please be aware that all trees will be floor standing.

The primary aim of the festival is to bring people together in the run up to Christmas. Last year 150+ organisations, charities, businesses, local groups, individuals and schools decorated trees which were greatly admired by thousands of people within the magnificent setting of St Mary Magdalene Parish Church. However, it is unlikely that we can accommodate this number in the Buttermarket and so we will have to limit numbers - **do book early to be sure of a place.**

The Christmas Tree Festival is a major part of Newark's Christmas traditions and an excellent way of promoting your organisation or business whilst giving a great deal of pleasure to so many people who will see your decorated tree. We very much hope that you will want to take part this year.

There will be a small charge for participants who wish to bring their own tree and stand (real or artificial). You may however prefer to purchase a real Norway Spruce tree which will be supplied by Grimes Farm, Normanton. The trees will be delivered to the Buttermarket and set up ready for you to decorate. At the end of the festival the tree is yours to take away if you would like it (*but you will not be able to take the stand. Sorry!*)

3'-3'11" @ 19 4'-4'11" @ £21 5'-5'11" @ £23 or 6'-6'11" @ £27

You are invited to decorate your tree in any way you choose and if you would like to give us a title, ie your theme or what the tree represents, it can be displayed beneath your tree along with the name of your organisation. You may need time to think about this but we'd be grateful if you would please tell us the final wording by Friday 15th November. Please read carefully the note about mains fairy lights on the booking form.

Please complete the booking form online and make payment as soon as you can. The sooner you get your form and payment in, the sooner we will be able to confirm your place. Please note that the final deadline for entries is Friday 15th November but if we reach capacity before that time we regret that bookings will close. If you are struggling to fill the form out online please do get in touch with Rita or Louise via email at christmastreefestival@stmnewark.org or by phone on 01636 706473 and we can help you or provide a hard copy of the form.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With all good wishes,

The Christmas Tree Festival Committee



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