Christmas Tree Festival 1st & 2nd December 2018

Sandy Parish Church is looking forward to hosting its fifth Christmas Tree Festival this year. During the first weekend of December the church has become the backdrop for a beautiful display of decorated Christmas trees, all created by the community of Sandy. The trees are crafted by children and youth groups as well as charities and community groups. Some trees are traditional, some modern and others amusing.

For 2018, we would again like to invite local schools, voluntary groups, charities and businesses to be imaginative and enter a decorated tree into the festival. It is a really good opportunity to advertise your organisation or business to a wide variety of local people.

The Festival will be open from noon on both days with live Christmas music performed by local choirs and musicians.

We hope to have over forty trees this year and will be accepting applications on a 'first come' basis as places will be limited.

Entry is donation only. Refreshments will be available to purchase throughout the weekend. Sandy Parish Church St. Swithun's

Is there a charge **for exhibiting a tree**?

There is no charge for schools, charities and nonprofit making organisations, who wish to enter a tree but businesses will be asked for a donation of £25.

All exhibitors, together with the title of the tree, will be listed in the festival programme.

Guidelines for applications

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 is reflected by its decorations.

We invite exhibitors to be as **creative** as possible with their trees and decorations as the aim of the festival is to entertain the visitors.

Small Trees

There are window sills available to exhibit a number of smaller artificial trees or two dimensional cut outs made from cardboard, wood or any other rigid material with a suitable stand.

If this is a suitable option for you, then please indicate this on the booking form.

Set Up Day

Friday 30th November

Set Down Day

Monday 3rd December

TO APPLY:

Fill in and return a booking form as soon as possible but no later than: <u>Monday 26th November to:</u>

Sandy Christmas Tree Festival

34 High Street, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 1AQ Or email: sandytreefestival@yahoo.co.uk

Further enquiries:

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Guidelines for Exhibitors

- Each exhibitor should provide their own tree, real or artificial with a suitable, secure stand.
- Tree lights are allowed but no candles please.
 Do not bring your own extension cables as these will be provided.
- Setting, decoration and the dismantling of the tree is the responsibility of the exhibitor
- 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 which they consider to be unsafe or inappropriate.
- No blow up Santa's or Reindeers etc. please.