Christmas Tree Festival

2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th December 2023

Sandy Parish Church is looking forward to hosting it's 10th Christmas Tree Festival this Christmas season!

During the first weekend of December, the church will become the backdrop for a beautiful display of decorated Christmas trees, all created by the community of Sandy. The trees will be crafted by children and youth groups as well as charities and community groups. Some trees are traditional, some modern and others will be amusing. It can be a really good opportunity to advertise your organisation or business to a wide variety of local people.

Applications are now open for tree entries and as places are limited to 60 trees, places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

The Festival will be open from noon til 7pm on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December and from 3.30pm til 7pm on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December. Live christmas music and refreshments will be available and entry is by donation only. Sandy Parish Church St. Swithun's

Is there a charge for exhibiting a tree?

There is no charge for schools, charities and non-profit making organisations, who wish to enter a tree. For **Businesses** entering a tree, there is a fee of

£30.

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 **creative** 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 1st December

Set Down Day

Wednesday 6th December to Friday 8th December

TO APPLY:

Please fill in and return a booking form (available from Sandy Town Council Offices or www.sandyparishchurch.org) no later than: <u>Monday 27th November</u> to: Sandy Christmas Tree Festival 34 High Street, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 1AQ Or email: sandytreefestival@yahoo.co.uk Further enquiries: Sandy Tree Festival: 07866 339416

Guidelines for Exhibitors

- Each exhibitor should provide their own tree, real or artificial with a suitable, secure stand.
- Tree lights are encouraged but should not be flashing. No candles. Please do not bring your own extension cables as these will be provided.
- The setting up, decoration and 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.
- All trees must be removed from the church by **December 8th 2023**.