

# Charity Christmas Tree Festival

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Plans for the Charity Christmas Tree Festival are steaming ahead for the weekend of the 6-8 December 2013. The planning team is encouraged by the number of Tree bookings, which have been placed in the first few weeks since the launch on Harvest Sunday.

Several Schools are getting involved with trees and performances, Charities are taking up the opportunity to raise awareness and we are hopeful that Care Homes residents will be able to join in.

Please sign up for the Christmas Wreath Competition, if you haven't already done so. Don't worry if your wreath making skills are not up to much. Help is at hand. There will be a Wreath Making Demo on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 in the Church Meeting room at 7.30pm. Bring Greenery, Garden Twine and Secateurs.

To join the competition, please contact Dorothy Toyn on 01992589781 or email: [dorothy.toyn@ntlworld.com](mailto:dorothy.toyn@ntlworld.com). The details are listed below.

The weekend is promising to be action packed. So please volunteer for any help you can give and also any donations to the Cake Stall, the Tombola and the Chocolate Tombola as well as prizes for the Daily Raffle will be much appreciated. Janet Bird, also needs help with snack items for the refreshments, which will be served all day.

We need help with the children's activities and any more ideas that will be a winner with the young. This will be a great opportunity to involve young families who attend Messy Church and the Family Service.

Martin Penny and members of the choir are working on delightful musical interludes and the Saturday Night Soiree and Sing-Along, will give us all a chance to come together and enjoy the mid-point of the festival. Wine and Nibbles will add to merry-making.

It may seem a long way off, but the month will fly by. Please try and sell as many Grand Draw Tickets as you can. We have been very lucky in being given fantastic prizes by individuals and local companies.

Meanwhile, let's all work together to make this a weekend to remember.

Thank you for your support  
The Planning Team

## **Christmas Wreath Competition:**

Free Entry Open to All

Make or decorate a Christmas Wreath for display at the Festival. There are three categories for competition:

### **1. Decorated (Decorate a plain green, or plain wicker etc, wreath)**

You can purchase wreaths with just green foliage at various places (Bengeo Nursery will be able to offer them at £5.00).

### **2. Home Made - Made from scratch (Covered and decorated from base ring)**

All Saints can supply wire wreath rings ready for covering at £1.00 and with a basic moss/grass covering at £2.00.

### **3. Age 12 and Under**

#### **What you need to do:**

Please bring your wreath to church from Wed 4th December 3pm to 8pm, or Thursday 9.am to 6pm stating which category 1 or 2 you are entering, together with a card with your name address and contact details clearly written.

We also need to know if you wish to keep your wreath or whether you wish it to be sold for the Festival. You may collect it on Monday 9th if you wish to have it returned to you.

Each wreath will be numbered so no name will be displayed and there will be a prize for the best in each category, and "The Visitors Choice".

The Wreaths will be all be displayed on the pillars down the aisle.