



An invitation to take part in the

# Christmas Tree Festival

"Anniversaries"

at St. Lawrence's Church, Swindon Village

on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December

A magical start to the festive season.

Local groups and individuals decorate and display trees in the church which is open to visitors for the weekend.

Admission to the festival is free but we ask visitors to make a donation to the building restoration and repair fund.

Free refreshments

Christmas goods for sale

Christmas hamper raffle

Children can make a Christmas decoration to take home.

Details of how you can join in are on the next page.

We'd love you to be there.

*These photos are from last year's festival on the theme of "Seasons".*

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Here's what to do - it's simple...

This year's theme is "**Anniversaries**". This can be interpreted as widely as you like.

There are no rules, just a few guidelines.

- \* As an individual or as a group choose or make decorations for your tree.
- \* Trees can be real or artificial or not even Christmas trees at all, as long as they are vaguely tree-shaped. (Previously we have had a toy washing line and a decorated traffic cone and even a tree lying down in a swimming pool!)
- \* Please limit your tree to a height of about 4ft as space in the church is limited; many people use 3ft trees which may seem small but they hold a lot of decorations!
- \* We cannot supply electricity to trees so any lights you use must be battery-powered. Someone will turn them on and off for you.
- \* We will supply a name card to identify your tree. If you want to give your tree a title within the theme we'll put that on the card too.
- \* Please bring your tree to the church on **Friday, 2nd December, between 4pm and 8pm** either ready-decorated or join in the anticipation and excitement by decorating it there. Arrangements for collecting the trees after the festival will be made when you arrive.

Your support of this community event would be much appreciated. As well as bringing people together it raises money to help keep the church building, which exists for everyone, in good condition.

If you are a business then you may leave business cards or small leaflets with your tree.

To book your tree in or for more information please contact me by e-mail or phone. I look forward to hearing from you.

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