

The Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree is such a central part of Christmas for most people. It speaks of our childhood. It evokes memories of when life seemed simpler.

With this Christmas Tree Festival we shall fill the St Nicholas Centre with trees in celebration of all that is good in our life. It will be a celebration of our very diverse community. The trees can be a symbol of the enduring love of God even in the winter moments of our life.

We hope you will take part. We hope that lots of people will come and be lifted and enchanted by the designs that come from people's imagination. We hope that the weekend will provide a happy celebration and memory of our life in this island.

As people look around the Festival there will be an opportunity for them to vote on which tree speaks to their heart most. The entry with the most votes will win a £100.00 voucher from a local supermarket - a very handy prize in the run up to Christmas.

Admission to the Festival will be by Programme (£2.00 – but no charge for children under 12). All proceeds will be divided between the work of the Church in Canvey Island and a charity supporting communities battling with flooding due to increased tide levels.

Throughout the weekend the coffee bar will be open for refreshments. There will be an optional quiz and occasional entertainment.



Parish Website: www.canveycofe.co.uk



Canvey Island Christmas Tree Festival

St Nicholas' Church Centre, 22nd – 24th November 2019

Exhibitors' Entry Form

Please complete and return this form **by Wednesday 4th November**

To: The Rev Marion Walford,

St Nicholas' Church, 208 Long Road, Canvey Island, Essex, SS8 0JR

Or email your details to cipoffice1@gmail.com

Name:.....

Title of Tree:.....

Entered by (Organisation or individual):.....

Email address:.....

Telephone:..... Mobile:.....

Address:.....

.....Post Code:.....

Tree Size: Up to 2ft ; 2-4ft ; 4-6ft ;

Power (maximum of one socket): Needed ; Not Needed ;

Tree coming to Centre: Thurs 7.30 pm-10pm ; Fri 7am-Noon ;

It will be: an advertisement ; in memory ; in celebration ;

by an individual ; by a family ; by a school ; a business ;

a group ; other .

Signed: Date:2019.

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You are invited to take part in this very exciting venture for Canvey Island. On the weekend of 22nd to 24th November we are going to fill the St Nicholas' Church Centre in Long Road with Christmas trees, each one designed and decorated by individuals, families, churches, schools, shops, businesses, clubs and groups.

The invitation is for you to provide and decorate a tree to put on display in the Centre. Trees may be fresh or artificial and should be on stands or in a pot. They can be any size from a few inches tall to a maximum of 6 ft. As far as decoration is concerned the only restriction is your imagination. You could decorate your tree to advertise your organisation, in memory of someone, in celebration of a wedding, an anniversary or a birth, or anything else. Afterwards, the tree goes home with you for Christmas.

Your tree can be brought to the Centre fully decorated, or you can decorate it at St Nicholas'. Power is available for lights (one socket per tree). Trees should be brought to the Centre on either Thursday 21st November between 7.30pm & 10pm or on Friday 22nd - 7am & 12 noon.

There will be a Gala Preview Evening with Wine and Cheese on Friday 22nd November from 6 o'clock. The centre will be open to the public on Friday from 2pm to 9pm, Saturday from 9 am to 4pm and Sunday from 7.30 am to 4pm.

Trees must be collected on Sunday 24th November between 4 and 6pm.

Please invite all your friends to come and see your entry and enjoy this spectacular event. With your help this Christmas Tree Festival promises to be a huge success.

We shall probably have to limit the number of trees to about 55. So fill in your entry form SOON and don't miss out on the chance to be part of something wonderful in Canvey Island.

The Rev Marion Walford
Rector of Canvey Island

