



*"We exist to receive and share
the love of God."*

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Dear Friends in Hurst and beyond,

St John's Christmas Tree Festival – 30th Nov to 2nd December 2018

We hope you will want to join our festive community event at St John's. This year's Christmas Tree Festival has the fun theme of children's books and nursery rhymes. See if you can guess which children's books will feature in the model railway which will again feature!

Friday 30 Nov – Start of Festival 6.30pm to 9pm. Come and see who has displayed a Christmas Tree and vote for your favourite! Entrance £1 (cost of programme). Children free. Entertainment by Tameside Community Voices, mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 2nd Dec – Christmas Market 10.00am to 2.00pm Craft stalls, tombolas, glitter tattoos, home bake, Grand Christmas Draw, toy & children's book stall and another chance to see all the Christmas Trees from across our Hurst community. If you would like to book a craft stall, the cost is £15.00 - to be paid in advance.

Sunday 3rd Dec – 8.30 and 10am Morning Service after which our 2pm Christingle Service closes the Festival Take your pick! If you have never been to a Christingle Service, it is one for all the family with music and candlelight. The collection taken at this service goes to the Children's Society. We hope to see our choristers, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies especially.

How to enter a tree

We hope to bring the community together for this event – please consider entering a tree. This involves your business, group or school decorating a 3' or 4' Christmas Tree and **bringing it to St John's to be put in the display on Thursday 30th Nov between 4 & 8pm or Friday 1st Dec between 4 & 6pm.** We are expecting some novel decorations to achieve this! **If you need St John's to provide such a tree to enable you to enter, we would hope to do this. Please let us know.**

There is no cost to enter other than your tree ornaments, which are great fun to make. If you need help with 'themed' decorations, there is an art & craft group at St Johns each Wednesday 5.30pm to 7.30pm who would be only too glad to help. If you want lights on your tree, you will also have to provide these and **they should be battery lights.** No musical decorations please.....it could get too noisy if everyone had them and we hope to have as many Christmas Trees displayed as possible. Last year we had twenty four entries. We would love it to be more!

There will be certificates of merit for different categories awarded during the festival weekend and Hurst folk attending on the Friday evening will be able to vote for their favourite tree. On Saturday morning 8th December, we would like you to retrieve your tree to display on your premises until Christmas – keeping the event going in the whole community. It will be great fun to join together in this way. If you have any queries, please discuss these with your 'buddy' from St John's who came to talk to you or emailed you about the event.

We hope this will be a festive and happy community event for families to enjoy and we hope you will visit and share with us the many activities and refreshments throughout the weekend for your enjoyment.

Please complete the slip below and pass this to your St John's Buddy if you wish to join in the fun and see your name in our programme for the festival weekend.

With love,

Revd Liz and the St John's Community

Below are some pictures from last year's Christmas Tree Festival.

Please visit our new website at

www.stjohnschurch-hurst.co.uk for more information and to see more pictures.

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St John's Christmas Tree Festival

Entry Request – Christmas Tree / Craft Stall (please circle your request)

Name of business/group	
Address	
Person applying	Name
	Signature
Telephone number	
If submitting a tree: Title/theme	

Crafters please send above completed slip and cheque for £15 made payable to St John's Church, Hurst to:

Janet Matley, 21 The Mere, Ashton-u-Lyne, OL6 9NH

Any queries, telephone : 07528 386771