

**Helmsley Together and All Saints' Church, Helmsley
invite you to take part in our
Christmas Tree Festival
'Follow the Star'**

**Saturday 30 November to Saturday 14 December 2024
Exclusive Pre-Event Light Switch On
and Opening Service in Church
with Entertainment
Friday 29 November at 6pm**



In celebration of our community, we would love you to take part in our annual Christmas Tree Festival by decorating a tree in your own unique style with the theme 'Follow the Star'.

**Please send in your booking form to secure a place by
Thursday 31 October 2024.**

Booking forms can also be downloaded from
www.helmsleyparish.org.uk.

or you can book online at <https://bit.ly/3XnzIKW>

We have limited spaces available so let us know as soon as possible if you would like to enter a tree.

The aim of the Festival is to bring our community together in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is organised and run by Helmsley Together supported by Helmsley Church for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

Please come along and bring your family, friends and visitors. All monies raised are to be split between St Catherine's Hospice, Helmsley Together and Helmsley All Saints PCC.

Thank you for your generous support.

Frequently asked questions

Who can take part and why?

Anyone can take part either as an individual or on behalf of a group, charity or business. You can take part to promote your organisation or celebrate the life of your community or group or simply have fun being creative and imaginative around this year's theme 'Follow the Star'.

Is there a charge for having a tree?

Yes, trees are provided at a cost of £35 each (no increase from last year). You will need to provide your own stand, decorations and battery powered lights.

Can I book online?

Visit the church website <https://www.helmsleyparish.org.uk/> or book online at <https://bit.ly/3XnzIKW>

How may I decorate my tree?

The theme of this years festival is 'Follow the Star', but essentially you can decorate your tree anyway you wish. You may like it to reflect your business or community group.

Will there be a prize for the best decorated tree?

Yes - Best Decorated Tree (to be decided by public vote)
We will announce the winners on Facebook and at our Sunday Services.

What will be the entrance charge?

There is no entrance charge. Donations and proceeds from the festival will be split equally between St Catherine's Hospice, Helmsley Together and Helmsley All Saints PCC.

Will there be a guide or brochure for the event?

Please submit a short paragraph about yourself, your company or organisation with the booking form so our visitors know about you and what you do - a bit of self promotion.

Do I have to do anything else?

We hope that you will want to spend an hour or two during the festival in church welcoming visitors to the event. Please indicate your availability on the form below. But don't let it put you off decorating a tree.

What happens afterwards?

Nearly all the trees have to be taken out of church when the festival is over on Saturday 14 December, by 6pm.

Who can I contact with any questions?

Email: tania.helmsleyparish@gmail.com or Tel: 01439 772491 and leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Christmas Tree Festival Booking Form
To take part in the 2024 Helmsley Christmas Tree Festival either:
fill in the form below and post in the box in All Saints' Church,
or email to tania.helmsleyparish@gmail.com
or book at <https://bit.ly/3XnzIKW>

Name:

Organisation:
(if applicable)

Position in organisation:
(if applicable)

Email:

Tel:

Address:

A short paragraph to use in the brochure that tells us about you, your company or organisation.

Availability for stewarding, yes or no?

You can sign up to welcome visitors
on the sheet at the back of church from 31 October 2024

Payment of £35
with booking

By **bank transfer** - details:
All Saints Parochial Church
Sort Code: 209898
Account No. 63498689
by **card machine at the back of church,**
or by **completing the form at <https://bit.ly/3XnzIKW>.**

Tree set up by Noon on Friday 29 November	Exclusive Pre-Event Service Friday 29 November 6pm	The Festival Saturday 30 November to Saturday 14 December 9am to 4pm	Tree Removal Saturday 14 December
<p>The church will be open on Wednesday 27 (2-7pm) Thursday (9am-9pm) and Friday (9am to Noon) for you to decorate your tree.</p>	<p>Family Service to celebrate the beginning of Advent with musical entertainment</p>	<p>Entrance is free to view the trees. Take the opportunity to see the festival any day and during our pop-up café enjoy a quality cup of coffee with homemade cake in the beautiful setting of so many lovingly decorated trees.</p>	<p>Trees are to be dismantled between 4 and 6pm on Saturday 14 December. The trees are yours to take away</p>



December can feel like chaos – lots of social events, services, Christmas presents to buy, never-ending to-do lists and the pressure to create the perfect Christmas. But in the midst of this chaos, Helmsley Together and All Saints' Church can offer an opportunity to find peace during this busy time.

The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2024, Follow the Star: Calm and Bright, draws on the world-famous carol, Silent Night. One of the reasons that this carol is so universally loved is the way it invites us into the still centre of the Christmas story.

Come and spend some time in the *calm* of the church enjoying the trees in the still atmosphere and leave filled with *bright* hope.