



Dear Friends

FARLEIGH HOSPICE & FRIENDS OF ST LUKES CHURCH TIPTREE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

Farleigh Hospice and St Luke's Church (in conjunction with the Friends of St Luke's *FoSL*) are delighted to be joining forces to put on a second Christmas Tree Festival in the Church. This will be held over two weekends of Saturday 1st /Sunday 2nd and Saturday 8th December.

We would like to invite you as a business/organisation in Tiptree to have a tree at the festival. As for last year, the idea is to decorate a tree to reflect who you are and what you do in our lovely village of Tiptree, or with a Christmas theme if you wish – be as creative as you like! There will be a prize for the best tree (judged by myself and the Festival team).

Since last year we have made a few changes, having learnt a lot along the way, and we will make sure that there is more room for trees in either the church, or lobby area so that none will need to be in the hall. Also, by closing the festival before the concert on Saturday 8th we are ensuring that we will not need to move any trees or disturb the carefully arranged decorations.

As before, there is a fee for participating in the festival and the proceeds of this will be split between Farleigh Hospice and St Luke's Church. The cost is £30 to enter if you would like us to supply a real tree for you to decorate (which you take away at the end of the Festival), or £10 if you supply your own tree (again you take this away after Festival).

We have spaces available both inside and outside the Church and if anyone would like to decorate one of the four window sills in the Church, these are also available (entry fee for windows, £10). Please note, that no flowers can be used during advent, but any greenery and other decorations, can be used. Last year the Flower Club did some lovely pillar decorations which were very festive!

Setting up for the festival will be on Friday, 30th November from 11.30am in the church and entrance (please note that Art Club may be using the car park until 12.30pm).

Dismantling will be on Monday 10th December, 9.30 - 12.30am. All trees and decorations must be removed by the end of this day, unless you have arranged otherwise with us.

We do hope you would like to be part of our second Tiptree Christmas Tree Festival. Don't forget

to encourage your friends, family, members and colleagues along to visit the festival – especially when we have refreshments available!

The opening hours for 2018 will be:

10am to 4.00pm on Saturday 1st December; 12.00pm to 6.00pm on Sunday 2nd December and 9.30am to 4.00pm on weekdays. The festival closes on Saturday 8th December, when opening will be from 10am to 1.00pm (with coffees and refreshments available in the hall).

During the festival you will be very welcome to join St Luke's for the Christingle Service on Sunday 2nd December at 11.00am and the special Advent Carol service at 6.00pm the same day (with readings and carols for Advent, the season leading-up to Christmas).

To apply for a tree or window sill please complete the application form attached and return it to us by **Thursday 6th September 2018** to ensure you are guaranteed a tree and to give us an idea of the quantity that we will need to order.

Thanking you in anticipation

Best Wishes

Sheila Gunson
Christmas Tree Festival Chair, & Farleigh Craft Group