

ST MARY REDCLIFFE CHURCH
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2022
SERVICES & CAROLS

ADVENT

Saturday 26 November 15:00 • *A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten sung by the Girls Choir & Choral Scholars*

Sunday 27 November 17:30 • *Special service featuring music and Bible readings to reflect the period of anticipation of the birth of the Christ Child*

CHRISTMAS

Thu 1 - Sun 4 December 10:00 • *Annual charity Christmas tree festival featuring trees decorated by local people*
-17:00 (daily) *With music and refreshments*

Saturday 10 December 15:00 • *A family favourite: celebrating Christmas with an orange and raising funds for the Children's Society*

Saturday 17 December 17:30 • *Our traditional candlelit Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

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Tuesday 20 December 19:30 • *Celebrate Christmas with the band of the Salvation Army Carol Service*

Thursday 22 December 13:00 • *Fifty minutes of carols for all, choir items and festive readings*

Christmas Eve 16:00 • *A family friendly service with well-known carols celebrating the birth of Jesus*

Midnight Mass 23:30 • *A traditional and atmospheric service of Holy Communion for Christmas night*

Christmas Day 8:00 • *A said service of Holy Communion (BCP)*

All-Age Eucharist 10:30 • *Festival Eucharist with Nativity Play for all the family*

ABOUT TREEFEST

Treefest is a spectacular festive display of Christmas trees held within the splendid gothic church of St Mary Redcliffe.

The festival is a fabulous celebration of the diversity of creative talent in Bristol and a chance to learn more about the groups behind the trees plus an opportunity to support two of the charities via making donations to help support their work.

THIS YEAR'S CHARITIES

Each year Treefest supports two local charities. This year the event will support

REDCLIFFE FOODBANK
(MANAGED BY NORTH BRISTOL FOODBANK)

"The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline."

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

nbsg.foodbank.org.uk

FREEWHEELERS EVS

Freewheelers EVS is a charity often known as a Blood Bike group. Running for 32 years the charity provides an out of hours emergency medical courier service to Bristol, Bath, Taunton and the towns and villages in-between. This is conducted by volunteers with no paid positions, the charity is funded entirely by donations with the service free of charge to the NHS.

freewheelers.org.uk

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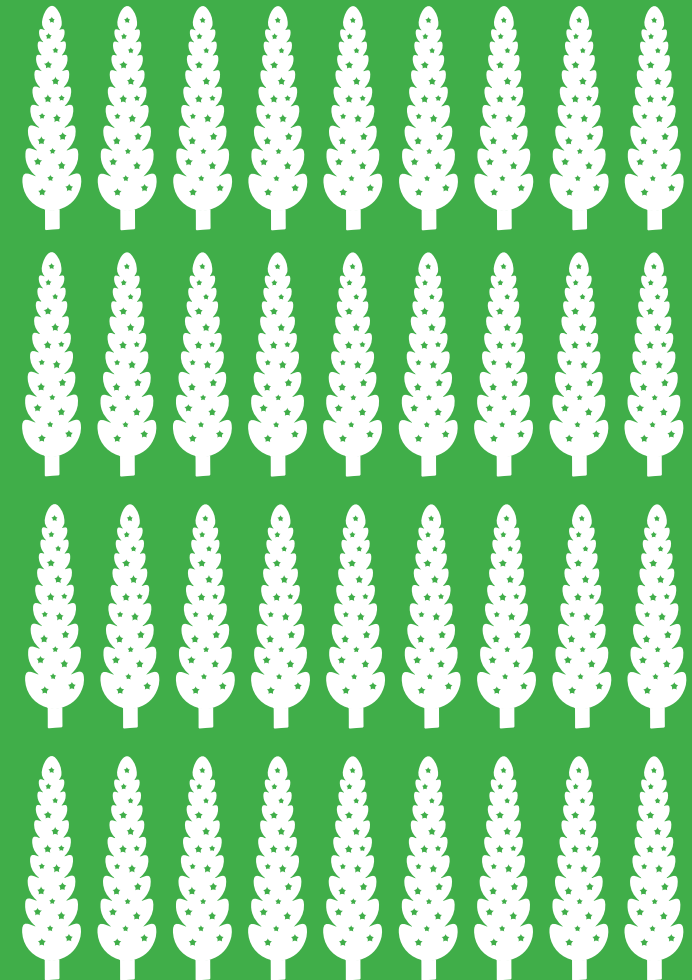
If you would like to support this year's charities, you can do so via the contactless payment points in church or online by scanning the QR code to the right.



TREEFEST

BRISTOL'S FAMOUS CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ST MARY REDCLIFFE CHURCH
1 - 4 DECEMBER 2022



A SPECTACULAR FESTIVE DISPLAY OF DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES



stmaryredcliffe.co.uk



WELCOME TO TREEFEST

If you want to get into that Christmas feel and learn about the amazing charities and organisations that make Bristol the lively, diverse inclusive city that it is ... come to TreeFest!

TreeFest isn't the only Christmas Tree festival around; but it is the only one set amidst the soaring columns and vaulted ceiling of a church building that Queen Elizabeth First described as, "the fairest, goodliest and most famous parish church in all England."

Treefest is a spectacular display of decorated Christmas trees made by local charities, organisations, businesses and individuals who have used their creativity to bring joy to all who view them. You will find real trees, artificial trees and stylised trees covered in beautiful decorations, many handmade by the donors; you'll find trees made from a wide variety of materials from recycled plastic & paper to pompoms. It is a real celebration of the diversity of our fabulous city.

Treefest is also a chance to support the work of our two nominated charities:

- **Redcliffe Food Bank (part of North Bristol Foodbank)** which offers food boxes to local residents in need, has seen a recent increase in need due to the cost of living crisis
- **Freewheelers (Blood Bikes)**, a free out-of-hours motorcycle courier service of blood and other emergency supplies to hospitals in the South West of England, has seen a dramatic increase in calls on their work

Hidden amongst the trees, we have a music programme packed to bursting: choirs really want to come and sing in St Mary Redcliffe and we're looking forward to a varied programme throughout TreeFest.

So please come and visit to enjoy the trees, wonder at the ingenuity of those who have made them, support the two charities and ponder on the deeper meaning of Christmas in the splendour of St Mary Redcliffe Church.

Merry Christmas.



Canon Dan Tyndall

WHAT'S GOING ON?

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring your family and friends to admire the display of dozens of Christmas Trees held in the Gothic splendour of St Mary Redcliffe Church to raise money for local charity.

THE TREES

We have invited local people, charities, schools, businesses and other organisations to make and / or decorate a Christmas tree. The trees range in size from 1ft to 6ft. We never know quite what people will create, but in the past we have had trees made out of canoes, fabric, wood, wire, ladders, tools, textiles, recycled materials, & pompoms. Come & see this year's amazing trees and vote for your favourite. If you like what you see, why not enter a tree next year.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOOD CAUSES

The Trees help raise awareness of the causes, activities and services offered by the makers; as well as helping to raise money for local charities

HELP SUPPORT TREEFEST

Entry is free but a donation to support this year's charities would be appreciated. You can donate via the contactless donation points in church.

FOOD AND DRINK

Refreshments are available in the church

ENTERTAINMENT

We've invited local musicians and choirs to perform for our visitors during Treefest, so look forward to a full programme of festive musical treats while you're here.

Our Music Programme is available to view on the next page.

MUSIC PROGRAMME

THU 1 DEC	11:00	Ilminster E-Act Academy choirs and instrumentalists with Preludes
	12:00	Oldland Brass Ensemble
	13:00	Organ recital – Andrew Kirk
	14:00	Tobacco Factory Singers
	15:00	SMR Girls' Choir Rehearsal
FRI 2 DEC	10:30	Bristol Harmony
	11:30	Arabic Dance demonstration with Aid Box Community
	12:30	Aid Box soup lunch
	13:00	Airbus Choir with David Ogden
	14:00	SMRT Brass Ensemble
	15:00	Miscellany
16:00	People of Note with The Rising Sun Singers and Folks & Bairns	
SAT 3 DEC	10:00	In Accord
	11:00	Raff Pack
	12:00	Bristol Folk Singers
	13:00	Storm Force 10
	14:00	City of Bristol Brass Band
	15:00	Great Western Chorus
	16:00	Steamship singers, Nightingale Valley & Redcliffe Singers choir
SUN 4 DEC	12:30	Elmlea Junior School Chamber Choir
	13:00	Bristol A Cappella
	14:00	Jenny Peplow Singers
	15:00	i-Sax

OUR SPONSORS



Thanks to this year's sponsors **Redcliffe & Temple BID**

The Redcliffe & Temple Business Improvement District works with many stakeholders to develop and enhance this increasingly vibrant area of Bristol. The organisation delivers creative and sustainable initiatives to build a thriving, caring and welcoming community. To find out more visit our website:

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