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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL –
30th November to 8th December 2019

We are now organising our fifth Christmas Tree Festival with an exciting new programme planned for 2019, and are inviting you to join us in bringing the community of Cudham together at this special time of year. Our Festivals over past years have been very popular and we are very grateful for the support and involvement of local clubs, organisations, businesses, families and individuals. Comments in our visitors book such as 'excellent display', 'beautiful imaginative creations' and 'well done, well worth a visit' have all been encouraging.

Our 2019 Festival will begin on Saturday 30th November at 12 noon. Then at 7pm there will be a concert of light music to celebrate the launch of the festival, hosted by The Friends of Cudham Church, with refreshments. The concert will be widely advertised with tickets available soon.

The Church will be open during the Festival for visitors to view the trees and displays from Saturday 30th November until Sunday 8th December. Weekend opening times will be 12 noon until 5pm and weekdays from 2pm until 5pm. We have extended the afternoon opening times to 5pm to give families the opportunity to visit after school times when the church will be lit only by the displays. Groups are also welcome – so if you know of any groups that would like to come along please let us know and we will invite them at a mutually suitable time.

Although primarily a Christmas Tree Festival any other display, such as decorated twigs, a Christmas wreath, angels or other inspiring creative ideas are always welcome. Display size can be from the tiniest to the largest, but we would ask you to restrict the maximum size to 2 metres in height and spread. You will be provided with a convenient power point to connect your tree lights; if low energy LED lights can be used so much the better.

We were again blessed with a large number of entries from children last year including those from Cudham School (some of which are shown in the photograph at the top of this letter). We welcome children to submit their own special displays which can be up to a metre in height.

The trees will be displayed in various places around the Church. The position of your tree will be dependent upon its size and style and will be left to the organiser's discretion. The trees would need to be put in place and decorated on Friday 29th November between 10am – 8pm. We would ask you to then remove your tree during the evening of 8th December.

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If the times noted overleaf are not convenient please contact the organisers on 01959 532656 (Barbara) or 01959 572052 (Sue) or by email admin@pcd.org.uk and a suitable time outside of these hours can be arranged.

Whilst this is a community project a donation by the exhibitors would be most welcome of perhaps £10 (cheques made payable to Cudham PCC) to cover the costs of running the event e.g. heating and lighting etc. We hope that visitors viewing the trees will show their appreciation with a small donation to the Friends of Cudham Church.

We are really looking forward to hosting this event again in our lovely 11th century medieval church and do hope you will decide to join us. Enclosed is a booking form. Please return this to us at Cudham Parish Church at the address overleaf or by email admin@pcd.org.uk as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. If you know of any others who would like to participate do let us know and we will forward additional application forms to you. Details of our Festivals and a 2019 entry form and letter can also be downloaded by visiting the church website www.pcd.org.uk/eventsandphotos.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

With our best wishes,

Sue Everest and Barbara Sheret
Christmas Tree Festival organisers

Encl: booking form