

The Parish Church of St Oswald, Ashbourne

Christmas Tree Festival 2025

6th December 2025 to 3rd January 2026

St Oswald's Church will be holding our Christmas Tree Festival commencing on Saturday 6th December 2025 and continuing through Advent and Christmas until Saturday 3rd January 2026.

The church will organize the provision of the Christmas trees and stands and a donation of £35 by your organization will secure a tree and stand. The theme for this year is **Christmas Carols and Christmas Songs**. You will, however, be able to display a small amount of advertising literature for your organization near our tree. Trees will be located near electric sockets so that they can be lit using 240v power supply, although flashing lights will not be permitted.

Trees will be available for decoration from Monday 1st December 2025 and should be decorated by Saturday 6th December 2025. The church will be open from 10am until 5pm during the week, but can be opened by special arrangement with the organisers.

The trees will be dedicated during the 10:30am morning service on Sunday 7th December and everyone is welcome to attend this event.

The Festival will be open to the public during normal daily church opening times which will be 10am to 5pm. Entry will be free, but donations will be invited towards general church funds.

Terms and conditions together with application form are enclosed. For further information please contact:

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Terms and Conditions of Participation

- All trees will be supplied ready for you to decorate. The trees will be approximately 5ft high
- The organisers will provide tables for the trees to stand on where necessary
- Trees will be available for decorating from Monday 1st December until Saturday 6th December between 10am and 5pm. Alternative times are possible by prior agreement.
- Trees will be on public display from Saturday 6th December 2025 until 3rd January 2026 during normal church opening times. This will normally be between 10am and 5pm each day, but may be subject to change without notice.
- For practical and safety reasons the following applies to decorations:
 - No naked flames or incandescent materials
 - No flashing lights
 - No musical lights or musical decorations
 - No sharp or bladed items
 - We recommend that shatterproof ornaments are used
- We ask all participants to ensure that decorations are appropriate to the setting of the display in the Church. The organisers reserve the right to remove any decorations that are deemed inappropriate by the Vicar or Churchwardens.
- Space will be limited but participants are welcome to leave a small stock of appropriate publicity material to be displayed alongside their tree
- Whilst every care will be taken to ensure the safety of decorations, the organisers cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss.
- **The trees will be dedicated during the 10:30am service on Sunday 7th December 2025 and you are invited to attend.**
- **Decorations can be removed between Sunday 4th January 2026 and Thursday 8th January 2026. All trees will be removed on Friday 9th January 2026.**

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Application Form

Name of Organisation: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please indicate which day and time you plan to decorate your tree:

To secure your tree and stand, please enclose a cheque for £35 made payable to:

“PCC of Ashbourne” or by bank transfer as follows:

Sort Code: 30-90-25 Account No: 00100768

And return by 23rd November 2025 to:

Paul and Gill Elliott, 47 Peak View Drive, Ashbourne, DE6 1BR.

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Agreement

I have read the Terms and Conditions and agree to abide by them

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Position in Organisation _____