



Dear Friends

The Events Working Group is delighted to host the Cathedral Christmas Festival again, now a cherished part of the community's festive season.

We are very proud of the creativity and talent within our community and appreciate the trust you put in us to display your treasured creation at the festival. It truly is an inspiration as visitors admire and aspire to your creativity.

This event is a huge leap of faith for us as it depends on the support of local groups, businesses, organisations, and schools taking the time to decide on a display and then create it. We are always delighted and surprised with every display that come through the door.

Event Details:

- "The festival will run from 23 November to 19 December 2026."
- "We will be open to receive your creations from 18 November 2026, 10am – 3pm, or by special arrangement."

Suggestions for participation

- ❖ Christmas tree – a standard tree with LED lighting and 3pin plug (no batteries) displaying amazing decorations
- ❖ Christmas tree- of your own design and theme
- ❖ Christmas cribs- traditional or modern
- ❖ Christmas quilts- old or new
- ❖ Woodcraft pieces- home made.
- ❖ Tree Skirts- your design
- ❖ Table-centres- that make your table special.
- ❖ Stockings- for adults or children
- ❖ Stained glass- nativity pieces
- ❖ Flower displays- be inspired.
- ❖ Wreaths- go big.
- ❖ Bunting- to brighten the house.
- ❖ Gingerbread houses- really looking forward to these.
- ❖ Cakes- they do not have to be real cakes, except the icing; royal icing is special!
- ❖ Any other idea- surprise us

We are aware that there are many U.F.O. items in workrooms and garages that should really be completed. Now is the time to make a start and mark it off your 'to do' list and exhibit your talent to the community.

Contact Information:

Please complete the attached form giving details of your entry and send it to linda@stcolumbs.net Alternatively, you can inform Linda that you are bringing an entry or contact her if you need more information.

If you wish to have your item returned before Christmas, please let us know. We can arrange for returns after 21 December 2026. Otherwise, we are happy to display your items until the New Year."

We are organising a coffee dock in the grounds on Thursday evening 10th December 2026, we will have a cake stall, and various other stalls of interest within the cathedral as part of our annual fundraiser. We would appreciate your support in the form of volunteering, donations or by setting up your own stall.

If your group would like to sing, dance or recite poetry do tell us and you can book a slot in our music programme.

This community festival will only be successful with participation from your group, and we ask again for your support and encouragement. Let us make it another enormous success! Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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