

#### **Dear Friends**

The Events Working Group will again hold the Christmas Festival at St Columb's Cathedral as it has become a valued part of the community's Christmas season.

"We know the incredible skills and creativity within our community and hope you will share your creations with us. Your participation will inspire others and add to the festive spirit."

This event relies on support from local groups, businesses, organisations, and schools. Despite challenging times, we hope your group will join in to help create a festive display.

#### **Event Details:**

- The festival runs from 24 November to 20 December 2025.
- We will be open to receive your creations from 19 November 2025,
   10am 3pm, or by special arrangement.
- The Cathedral Quarter businesses will operate stalls on Pump Street and London Street for five days beginning 24 November.
- Lighting should be power operated LED (Not battery)

### **Suggestions for participation**

- Christmas tree a standard tree with LED lighting and amazing decorations
- Christmas tree with 'out of the box thinking' and innovative ideas reflecting your business/organisation
- 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 and 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 items in garages and roof-spaces that have not seen the light of day for years but have special memories and would be an inspiration to others. Begin the search and let us see your family history.

### **Contact Information:**

Please complete the attached form about your entry and send it to <a href="mailto:linda@stcolumbs.net">linda@stcolumbs.net</a> 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 2025. Otherwise, we are happy to display your items until the New Year."

We are organising a coffee dock on Saturday 29 November a cake stall, and various stalls of interest as part of our annual fundraiser, we would appreciate your support in the form of volunteering, donations or by setting up a stall. The launch of the Festival will also take place on the same day at 12 Noon.

This community festival will only be successful with participation from your group/ business/organisation and we ask again for your support and encouragement. Let us make it another enormous success!

Looking forward to hearing from you

**The Events Working Group** 

# St Columb's Cathedral Christmas Festival 2025

# **Information and Contact Form for Display**

Cathedral Reference Number CF25:
Contact details: Name:
Telephone/Mobile No.
Email Address
Description/name of item/s:
Owner:
Any special instructions on care:
Date of return:
Method of Transportation to Cathedral:
Story of Your Display: