

Starry Christmas

Our annual fundraiser

23 November 2019 is ...

- 327th day of the year.
- 32 days to Christmas
- 47th Saturday of 2019.
- 7 days before the official start of winter.
- 99 days before the official start of spring.
- **ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - A STARRY CHRISTMAS!**
(with Christmas tree, wreath and star festival – see below)

A Starry Christmas is our largest fundraiser for the year, and also our opportunity to showcase our beautiful church and our welcoming and friendly congregation to all of Hertford as well as people from surrounding towns and villages who come to enjoy the Hertford Town Council Christmas Gala. Some of the funds raised will go to the Alzheimer's Society.

In preparation for this, we need to start collecting items for the tombolas and prizes for raffles and the games tables, as well as committing to baking cakes and most important of all, volunteering to man some of the stalls. From the beginning of October, boxes will be placed at the back of the church to start the collection of the following items:

- ✓ Bottle Tombola – any bottles e.g. drinks/wine/sauces etc
- ✓ Chocolate Tombola – chocolate bars, sweets etc
- ✓ Toiletries – individual items or sets.
- ✓ Soft toy tombola - second hand toys from home or charity shops can be washed; soft toys are available to be purchased cheaply from Amazon and various local shops.
- ✓ Raffle prizes

Also from the beginning of October we will have rosters on hand, asking members of the congregation to sign up to help for an hour

or two so that we can make sure that all the stalls and activities are manned throughout the day. There may also be family members or friends who are willing to help.

Craft in Church on September 28 will provide an opportunity to get going with wreath and star making - let's have at least one of each per family!

Christmas Tree Festival - If you know of a business, a family or charity that would be interested in sponsoring or buying a tree, please let us know.

To make suggestions, or for further information, please speak to Dorothy, Marion, Janet O, Janet B, Luella or Nerine. Thank you.

Christmas Tree, Wreath and Star Festival

22nd-24th November



Alongside "A Starry Christmas" we are combining our experience of running a Christmas Tree Festival and a Wreath Festival on separate occasions and mixing them together along with Stars – a real Christmassy mix!

The Festival will launch on Friday 22nd early evening (timed to match the turning on of the Christmas Lights in the Town Centre. It will run until mid afternoon on Sunday 24th and will end with a Festal Evensong at 18.30.

Our Choir have turned their Friday Practice into a "Carolathon" – more details on this, and how to sponsor a carol, nearer the time.

For now, please put the dates in your diary and please speak to one of the team named above if you would like to help/get further involved.