

ST MARY REDCLIFFE CHURCH
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2023
SERVICES & CAROLS



ADVENT

Sunday 3 December 17:30 • *Special service featuring music and Advent Procession Bible readings to reflect the period of anticipation of the birth of the Christ Child.*

CHRISTMAS

Thu 7-Sun 10 December All-day • *Annual charity Christmas tree festival with music and refreshments.*
TREEFEST

Thursday 7 December 13:00 • *Christmas carols during Treefest Treefest Carol Service around the piano.*

Saturday 9 December 18:00 • *Special Christmas carol service Treefest Carol Service surrounded by Christmas trees!*

Saturday 16 December 15:00 • *Family favourite all-age service with Christingle popular carols. An interactive service reflecting on the meaning of Christingle.*

Nine Lessons & Carols 17:30 • *Traditional candlelit Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.*

Sunday 17 December 17:30 • *Traditional candlelit Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.*

Tuesday 19 December 19:30 • *Celebration of Christmas with the band of the Salvation Army. Salvation Army Carols*

Thursday 21 December 13:00 • *Carols for all to sing, sacred and secular, with poems and readings.*

Sunday 24 December 16:00 • *Family favourite all-age service with Christmas Eve popular carols and a nativity tableau. Crib Service*

Christmas Eve 23:30 • *Traditional and atmospheric service of Holy Communion for Christmas night. Midnight Mass*

Monday 25 December 10:30 • *Family friendly all-age festival service of Holy Communion. Christmas Day All-Age Eucharist*



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MARKET

with **BETTER EVENTS**

Better Events will be bringing a taste of local to Christmas this year, with their festive market in the Undercroft at St Mary Redcliffe. Running from the 7th to the 10th December during Treefest, come and join us for Bristol-based artists, craftspeople and gifts, plus a bite to eat! We will be running every day with around 20 stalls, plus workshops and Santa might even pop in to say hi!



PLUM PUDDINGS

Buy an Ultimate Plum Pudding during Treefest:

For over 30 years, The Ultimate Plum Pudding has been used to raise funds for hospices, schools, animal sanctuaries, cathedrals, choirs, churches, sports clubs and tours, expeditions, overseas aid, disability support groups, youth groups, conservation and so much more. It is a fabulous recipe. Many of our customers followed the pudding from its original home in Kendal. Some have been buying (and eating) the pudding for over 30 years

We have limited numbers, so first come, first served!

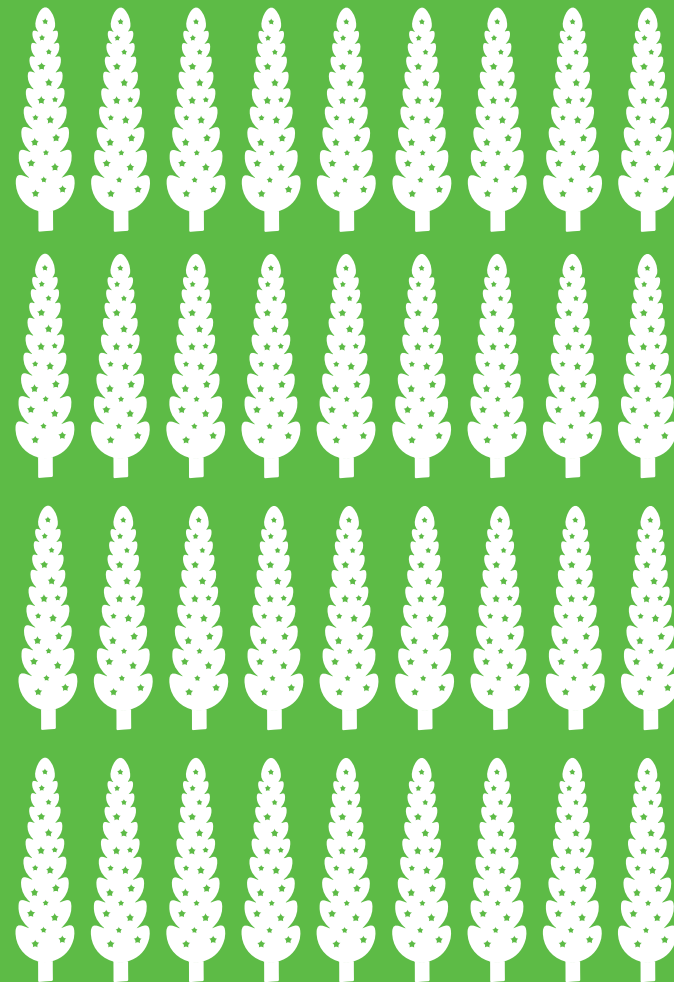
CHURCH SHOP

Be sure to visit Jackie in our church shop for a range of cards, jewellery, gifts, books, decorations and festive treats!

TREEFEST

BRISTOL'S FREE CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ST MARY REDCLIFFE CHURCH
7-10 DECEMBER 2023



A SPECTACULAR FESTIVE DISPLAY OF DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES



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Welcome to Treefest 2023 Whatever draws you to St Mary Redcliffe for this spectacular annual celebration, you are very welcome.

Our church is as diverse as the Christmas trees you will see during Treefest 2023. The community gathers from all over the city; some have lived here all their lives, others have moved here recently, some very recently; some live in families of varying combinations of adults and children, others live on their own, some on their own once again; some are in work, others in school; some retired and others would love to be earning a living. Gathering together, every individual valued and unique, to celebrate the love that God offers and how that love was made known in Jesus: a fragile human baby, born in a feeding-box in a back street of the non-descript little town of Bethlehem.

The diversity of Treefest 2023 can be found in the variety of spectacular decorated Christmas trees. Local charities, organisations, businesses and individuals have used their creativity to bring joy to all who view them. You'll find real trees, artificial trees and stylised trees. You'll find beautiful decorations, many handmade by the donors, and trees made from a wide variety of materials from recycled plastic & paper to pompoms. It is a real celebration of the diversity of our fabulous city.

SMR is committed to serving our parish and the city. Treefest 2023 helps us do that by raising funds for two great causes. The Bristol Women's Centre brings belief, hope and long-term recovery to lives affected by addiction and multiple disadvantages; and SMR's own Redcliffe Community Hub provides advice, information and activity for local residents, many of whom are experiencing financial, emotional and mental health concerns.

Hidden amongst the trees, we have a music programme packed to bursting: choirs really want to come & sing in St Mary Redcliffe and we're looking forward to a varied programme throughout TreeFest. So please come and visit to enjoy the trees, wonder at the ingenuity, smile at the humour, support the charities, ponder on the deeper meaning of Christmas and join the congregation at SMR for any of our Christmas services in the splendour of St Mary Redcliffe Church.

Merry Christmas
Canon Dan Tyndall

MUSIC

Thu 7 Dec	10:00	Oldland Brass
	11:00	Miscellany
	12:00	Ilminster E Act Academy
	13:00	Contemporary Carol Service
	14:00	Steve Golding - Poetry reading
	15:00	Gospel Generation Community Choir
Fri 8 Dec	16:00	Free Range Acapella
	10:00	Rhymetime
	11:00	Bristol Harmony
	12:00	Bristol Umbrella Singers
	13:00	Fly-By Choir David Ogden
	14:00	St Mary Redcliffe School Brass Ensemble
	15:00	Shameena Arabic Dancers
	16:00	Lynda Jones on Autoharp
	17:00	The People of Note
18:00	Piratititude - shanty singing pirates	
19:00	Partsong - acapella choir	
Sat 9 Dec	10:00	Withywood & Hartcliffe Community choir
	11:00	Brigstowe Village Band
	12:00	Storm Force 10
	13:00	Bristol Folk Singers
	14:00	Folk House Choir
	15:00	Hotwell Howlers
	16:00	Arnos Vocale, Nightingale Valley & Redcliffe Singers
	17:00	In Accord
	18:00	Treefest Family Carol Service
19:00	Batala Bristol Samba Reggae Drumming Band	
Sun 10 Dec	12:00	Notabene
	13:00	iSax
	14:00	Jenny Peplow Singers
	15:00	Bristol A Cappella

TREEFEST

ST MARY REDCLIFFE CHURCH 7-10 DECEMBER 2023
BRISTOL'S FREE CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

VISIT TREEFEST

Treefest is a spectacular festive display of Christmas trees held within the splendid gothic church of St Mary Redcliffe.

The festival features dozens of Christmas trees designed local people, schools, businesses, charities, community groups and other organisations - all displayed in the atmospheric gothic surrounds of St Mary Redcliffe. There will also be live musical performances throughout Treefest and a festive market, run by Better Events and featuring products made by local artists and makers, in our Undercroft located beneath our main entrance.

To find out more about Treefest visit:

stmaryredcliffe.co.uk/treefest or scan below:



THIS YEAR'S CHARITIES

This year we are supporting **Bristol Women's Centre** run by **The Nelson Trust**. The centre provides practical and emotional support addressing a range of issues including trauma, abuse, exploitation, and mental health.

We will also be supporting the work of **Redcliffe Hub**, St Mary Redcliffe's community centre, which works to improve the lives of local people by providing information and services.

With thanks to our sponsors **Redcliffe & Temple Business Improvement District (BID)** and **Evelyn Partners**.



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