

Stowmarket Christmas Tree Festival 2018

This year there will be over 450 fantastic Christmas trees on display throughout The Christmas Tree Festival in Stowmarket Town Centre. They are decorated by local groups and businesses as well as individuals. It is a community event by the community for the community so do have a look and be amazed. There is no entrance charge although donations are encouraged.

	The Parish Church  <small>St Peter & St Mary Stowmarket</small>	Abbot's Hall 	Stowmarket Library 
Friday 23rd November	<p>5.45pm Doors Open for Opening Ceremony at 6pm. Children's Christmas Tree Fancy Dress Prizes presented. Christmas Tree lights switched on by Jack and Tim, Golden Buzzer Finalists from this year's Britain's Got Talent.</p> 	<p>5pm-7.30pm Drop in and meet Santa in Abbot's Hall, say hello to his reindeer and send a letter to the North Pole. See www.eastanglianlife.org.uk for details.</p>	<p>8.30am – 6.30pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library and 4pm – 6pm with Christmas Crafts organised by The Friends of the Library.</p>
Saturday 24th November	<p>9am – 12noon Indoor Boot Sale in St Peter's Hall. To book a table [£5] phone 01449 678623 10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served. 12noon – 3pm Live music and tower bells to be rung. 7.30pm- Festival Concert with Stowmarket Combined Churches Choir, The Kettle Girls&Mid Suffolk Brass. Interval with wine and mince pies. Tickets £7.50 adults & £2 for children.</p>	<p>10am – 4.30pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, Santa at Home, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk</p>	<p>8.30am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library.</p>
Sunday 25th November	<p>10am Festival Communion Service. 10am – 12noon Messy Church for 3-9 year olds and their families. 12noon Open to see the Christmas trees. Christmas cake served. 1pm – 4.30pm Live Christmas songs and music to join in with.</p>	<p>11am – 4.30pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, Santa at Home, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at</p>	<p>10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas Trees and use the library.</p>

		Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	
Monday 26th November	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.		
Tuesday 27th November	10am – 4pm Open see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 6.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Wednesday 28th November	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 5.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Thursday 29th November	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 5.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Friday 30th November	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 6.30pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Saturday 1st December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Live music played throughout the day. Refreshments available.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, Santa at Home, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home:	8.30am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.

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Sunday 2nd December	<p>9am Communion Service</p> <p>10.45am Family Service</p> <p>12.30pm – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.</p> <p>6pm Stowmarket Churches Together Advent Carol Service.</p>	<p>11am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, Santa at Home, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home:</p> <p>www.eastanglianlife.org.uk</p>	<p>10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas Trees and use the library. Coffee available.</p>
Monday 3rd December	<p>10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.</p> <p>6pm Cedars Park and Combs Ford Primary Schools to sing and perform in church.</p>		
Tuesday 4th December	<p>10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.</p> <p>6pm Chilton and Wood Ley Primary Schools to sing and perform in church.</p>	<p>10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home:</p> <p>www.eastanglianlife.org.uk</p>	<p>8.30am – 6.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.</p>
Wednesday 5th December	<p>10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.</p> <p>6pm Abbots Hall Primary School and Stowmarket Concert Band [Junior section] to sing and perform in church</p>	<p>10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home:</p> <p>www.eastanglianlife.org.uk</p>	<p>8.30am – 5.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.</p>
Thursday 6th December	<p>10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.</p> <p>12noon Communion Service in the Memorial Chapel [limited access to see the trees]</p> <p>6pm Trinity CEVA Primary School to sing and play in church</p>	<p>10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home:</p> <p>www.eastanglianlife.org.uk</p>	<p>8.30am – 5.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.</p>
Friday 7th December	<p>School children in Church until 11.30am.</p> <p>11.30am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.</p>	<p>10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information</p>	<p>8.30am – 6.30pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available</p>

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Saturday 8th December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served. 7pm Simply Brass Christmas Concert.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, Santa at Home, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Sunday 9^h December	9am Communion Service 10.45am Family Communion Service 12.30pm – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.	11am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, Santa at Home, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas Trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Monday 10th December	School children in church until 11.30am. 11.30am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.		
Tuesday 11th December	10am – 1.30pm and 3pm - 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. [School Carol Service 1.30pm – 3pm] Refreshments served.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 6.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Wednesday 12th December	School children in church until 11.30am. 11.30am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 5.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Thursday 13th December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served. 12noon Communion Service in the Memorial Chapel [limited access to	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family	8.30am – 5.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.

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Friday 14th December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served. 7.15pm Rotary Christmas Concert	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 6.30pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Saturday 15th December SnowFiesta in the town centre.	10am – 12.30pm & 3pm – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, Santa at Home, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Sunday 16th December	9am Communion Service, 10.45am Morning Worship 12.30pm – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served. 4pm Christingle Service [Make your own Christingle to take home with you].	11am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, Santa at Home, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas Trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Monday 17th December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.		
Tuesday 18th December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 6.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Wednesday 19th December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family	8.30am – 5.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.

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Thursday 20th December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served. 12noon Communion Service in the Memorial Chapel [limited access to see the trees]	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 5.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Friday 21st December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 6.30pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Saturday 22nd December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, Santa at Home, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	8.30am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Sunday 23rd December	9am Communion Service 10am Family Communion Service 12.30pm – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served. 6pm Town Carol Service, Collection to the Town Mayor’s chosen charities, refreshments provided by Stowmarket Town Council.	11am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees, museum exhibitions, Santa at Home, family trails and activities. For more information or to book Santa at Home: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk	10am – 1pm Open to see the Christmas Trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Monday 24th December Christmas Eve	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas Trees. Refreshments served. 6pm Crib Service telling the Christmas story especially for children. 11.30pm Midnight Communion		
Tuesday 25th	10am Christmas Family Communion		

December Christmas Day	Service		
Wednesday 26th December	See website for opening times		
Thursday 27th December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.		8.30am – 6.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
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Monday 31st December	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.		
Tuesday 1st January 2019	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.		
Wednesday 2nd January	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.		8.30am – 5.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Thursday 3rd January	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.		8.30am – 5.45pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Friday 4th January	10am – 4pm Open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.		8.30am – 6.30pm Open to see the Christmas trees and use the library. Coffee available.
Saturday 5th January	10am – 4pm Last day open to see the Christmas trees. Refreshments served.		8.30am – 4pm Last day to see the Christmas trees. Library open with coffee.

The museum will be selling real Christmas trees but the supply is limited. See www.eastanglianlife.org.uk for more details.

If you are inspired by the Christmas Tree Festival or Christmas trees in general we would love you to put your thoughts into a story, poem or prose, or draw or paint a picture. We are planning to publish the best for next Christmas. Hand your work into either the library, the church or the museum.

For the latest information and opening times visit www.stowmarketparishchurch.co.uk or phone 01449 774652/678623