

Let's light up Christmas!

Cowley festival of Christmas trees 2017

theme : Journeying

Dates

set up : **DECEMBER** Wednesday 6 – Friday 8
opening reception : Friday 8 5:30-6:30 pm
concert : Saturday 9 7:00-9:00 pm
Christingle service : Sunday 10 4:30-5:15 pm
Messy Christmas : Saturday 16 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Carols by candlelight : Sunday 17 4:00-5:00 pm

public opening

Saturdays 9, 16 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Sunday 10 2:00-4:00 pm
Monday 11 - Friday 15 2:00-4:00 pm
Wednesday 13 6:30-8:30 pm

all to include live music and refreshments

trees to stay in Church and the St James Church Centre
over Christmas if they are not needed – take down
on/after 5 January

business sponsorship invited



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and our plans for 2017
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St James Church
Beauchamp Lane, Cowley

supporting



Respite nursing for
Oxfordshire's
Sick
Youngsters



Grief Support for the
Young in Oxfordshire

2016 : Friday 4-Sunday 13 December

theme : The greatest gift

There were 60 trees, decorated by 19 Cowley Parish groups, 4 schools, 14 community groups/churches, 4 businesses /shops and the two festival charities



The festival was advertised on several event websites; it featured on That's TV Oxford (YouTube); and was well signposted around Cowley with banners and arrow boards

There was an opening reception, a youth jazz and choir concert, a pop-up join-in-&-sing session, Christingle service and Messy Church, as well as school and Rising Voices choirs, handbells and music making during opening times



Facts and figures

Trees	2016 : 60	2015 : 53
Visitors	2016 : 958	2015: 800
Money	<i>figures rounded</i>	
Income	2016 : £2,100	2015 : £2,582
	<i>including £500 sponsorship from an anonymous donor</i>	
Expenditure	2016 : £100	2015 : £176
	<i>not covered by donations & the Parish</i>	
Donation to SeeSaw & ROSY each		
	2016 : £1,000	2015 : £1,000



We acknowledge with gratitude all personal contributions of time, talent, cash, equipment & other resources We particularly value the £500 sponsorship and the 'in kind' support received from the Templars Square Manager and staff and look forward to extending our presence in the Square in 2017



For 2017, the target is 65 trees and £1,111 for each of our two charities

We always hope to increase participation by the local community – schools, churches, youth groups, families and businesses in entering trees – actual or an artistic creation – and/or performing during opening times

Please will you build this into your school/group/business/family Christmas plan?



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