

28th November to 4th December

10th

Christmas Tree Festival

Put a Christmas Tree in our 10th Festival either personally or for an organisation, choose a theme, and decorate it entirely your own way.

The festival is a major visitor attraction in the heart of Ipswich during the run up to Christmas.

This is a celebration of the life of our town and county communities with many individuals, groups, charities and businesses taking part from in and around Ipswich.

Proceeds go towards the music & upkeep of the Tower and to local charities

St Mary-le-Tower

Tower Street, Ipswich, IP1 3BE



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL...

Q: Who can take part and why?

A: Anyone can take part either as an individual or on behalf of a group, charity or business. You can take part to promote your organisation, or celebrate the life of your community or group, or simply have fun being creative and imaginative.

Q: Is there a charge for having a tree?

A: No, but it will be up to you to provide your tree complete with decorations at your own cost. You may order discounted real trees through the festival office if preferred.

Q: Can I sponsor a tree in the festival?

A: Yes, there are opportunities to sponsor a limited number of trees which the church will decorate for you. Please enquire about other ways to sponsor the festival if interested.

Q: How may I decorate my tree?

A: In any way you wish! Your tree doesn't have to be religious, and may be real or artificial. Choose a theme and make your tree an expression of you or your organisation. If you wish you can place a single supply of your own leaflets by your tree.

Q: How large or small can my tree be?

A: All sizes! Parts of the church will be designated for smaller and mini trees.

Q: What will visitors to the festival see?

A: It's breathtaking! There will be approximately 120 real and artificial trees decorated with an amazing variety themes in an incredible diversity of ways. There will be activities for children and refreshments available too.

Q: What will be the entrance charge?

A: There is no entrance charge. Donations and proceeds during the festival will be divided between church funds and local charities. See overleaf for this year's list of charities.

Q: What happens afterwards?

A: Nearly all the trees have to be taken out of church when the festival is over as the space is needed for various Christmas services. Our hope and intention is that most trees will be re-sited in participants' own premises and homes.

Q: Where is St Mary-le-Tower Church?

A: Next to Sailmakers shopping centre, on Tower Street. See the map overleaf.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Wed 27th Nov 7.00^{pm} **Opening Celebration**

A thank you for all participants, sponsors and volunteers

Sat 30th Nov 7.00^{pm} **Walkin' with the King**, a Jazz inspired evening of Music with
John Petters and friends

Sun 1st Dec 6.30^{pm} **Advent Festival Service of Hope and Light** with the choir of
St Mary-le-Tower.

Mon 2nd Dec 4.30^{pm} **Christingle Candle Carol Service**, a service for all the family

Tue 3rd Dec 1.10^{pm} **Lunchtime Concert : Zucchi-Ward Duo**, saxophone & piano

BOOKING FORM

To take part in the **10th** Grand Christmas Tree Festival
at St Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich

You can download this form from the festival website:

www.ipswichtreefestival.org.uk

About Yourself.....

Application from (name of person):		
Organisation (if applicable):		
Position in organisation (if applicable):		
Email:		
Tel no. (W):	(H):	(Mob):
Address:		
Postcode:		

(Please tick)

- I/We would like to have a Christmas Tree in the festival.**
- Please contact me about sponsorship opportunities in the festival.**

Please detach this half of the form and send it to:

Mrs Donna Joyce, Festival Office
17 Tower Street, Ipswich IP1 3BE
or email to
ipswichtreefestival@hotmail.com

Tel: 01473 225610 / 07834 369774



Bookings can be personal or on behalf of an organisation.

Please use this form to express your interest in our festival.

In due course we will ask you for more information about your tree, and give you the opportunity to order real trees and stands at a discount through the Festival Office.

10TH GRAND CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL CHARITY FUND

The following charities are being supported by the festival:



Headway Suffolk is a registered charity in England (no.1075338) that offers advice, support, rehabilitation and support services to anyone (over the age of 16) who has, during their lifetime, sustained a brain injury through traumatic accident, stroke, virus, tumour, neurological conditions or other similar event.

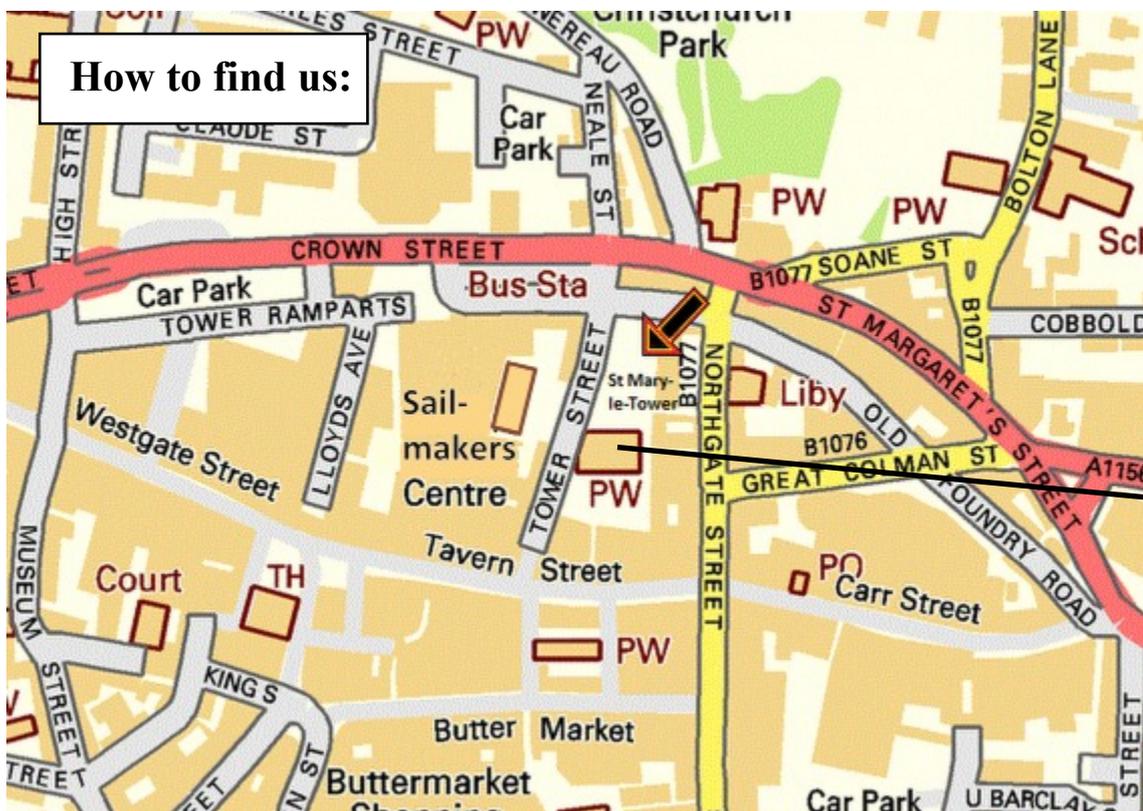


WASSUP is a project run by local young women in Ipswich focussing on raising awareness of sexual exploitation, domestic abuse, honour based violence and gang grooming. They also prioritise lobbying for changes to social policy and practice on these issues promoting young people's voice.

Inspired by Ipswich-based project WASSUP, **We Are Patrick** is a youth social action programme delivered by young men in Ipswich.



One of the main purposes of the festival is to raise funds for the music and upkeep of St Mary-le-Tower and particularly its work with young people.



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