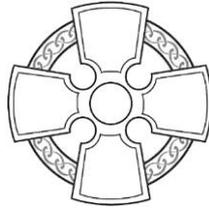


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**Church of the  
Holy Nativity  
Christmas Tree  
Sponsorship  
2020**



**CHRISTMAS TREE PROPOSAL**

- Holy Nativity Church occupies a prominent site at the junction of Plassey Street and Windsor Road. Following recent works, the opening up of the view of the Church provides a great opportunity to site a Christmas tree in a prominent location by the newly re-designed roundabout.
- The church itself does not have funds for such an initiative, beyond making the location available. However, thanks to the generosity of the **Penarth Town Council**, we have secured an offer of sponsorship to fund the cost of a Christmas tree and a banner, displaying a seasonal message with space to acknowledge sponsorship.
- **We are seeking additional sponsorship or donations to suitably decorate and illuminate the tree from local businesses and individuals to a total of around £300, as well as offers of assistance in kind to erect and remove the tree.**
- A further consideration this year is that the Christmas Tree Festival, which has become a traditional Penarth Christmas fixture at St Augustine's Church, will not be able to take place due to public health restriction to counter coronavirus and the need for social distancing.

**HISTORY**

- Holy Nativity Church dates from 1894. It is one of a small number of churches in the UK dedicated to the Nativity of Our Lord.
- The story behind the choice of dedication is that the church was intended to serve the growing community of Cogan, who had originally worshiped in a church mission which held services in a disused stable, with the first service being held on Christmas Day 1890. On 4<sup>th</sup> March 1941, the church narrowly escaped complete destruction by incendiary bombs although the nave was gutted. The congregation continued to worship in the bricked-up chancel until funds could be raised to restore the church in its present form. Holy Nativity was re-consecrated by the Archbishop of Wales on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1952.

## RECENT WORKS

- In recent years, the view of church had become obscured behind numerous trees, mainly common ash. Parts of the retaining wall along Windsor Road have also given cause for concern. Working in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, a number of ash trees suffering from die-back disease have been removed and the ground in front of the church re-profiled, as a result of the rebuilding and lowering of part of the retaining wall at the same time as the highway works to the roundabout. Holy Nativity is once again a much more visible part of the public realm.
- The sub-wardens of Holy Nativity and the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Penarth and Llandough are currently exploring options to fund the landscaping the church grounds to replace the lost trees. However, the landscaping will not be undertaken until the 2021 planting season at the earliest.

## DONATIONS

- We are looking for donations for our Christmas Tree project and hope that you feel it is a worthwhile initiative that you will consider supporting. To find out more please contact us for further information at [huwandkath@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:huwandkath@hotmail.co.uk) or on phone 02920 708 554.
- Donations made to the Parish of Penarth and Llandough will qualify for Gift Aid and any surplus will be used for the church grounds landscaping project.

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