**The first Thornton Christmas Tree Festival at St. Peter’s Church, Thornton**

***Would you like to decorate a tree?***

This year,  the Friends of St. Peter’s (FOSP), Thornton, are organising their first ever Christmas Tree Festival at the church.  It will be open to the public over the weekend of Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th December (50p entrance per adult, with refreshments available) and all money raised will go towards the maintenance of this lovely 14th century listed building.

Would you like to bring, decorate and exhibit a tree and be part of this new event?  There will be prizes for the best tree in the following categories:

* most imaginative tree
* best adults' tree
* best children's tree

The theme of the Festival is *“****Christmas Carols and Songs****”,*so all you need to do is choose your favourite carol or song and be inspired to decorate a festive Christmas tree!

If you would like to participate, forms are available from Thornton village shop and St Peter's Church. Alternatively, by E-mail: [baba.gibson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:baba.gibson@yahoo.co.uk) or Telephone: 01530 230455.

An impressive and colourful display of trees will make the Carol Service on 16th December even better than ever.

*\*Please note:  Battery-operated lights only please (no electrical leads/cables).  Trees up to 1m (38”) high will be displayed above floor level on boards, ledges etc;  all trees over 1m high will be displayed on the floor.*



**Day/time to bring your tree to church to decorate**

St. Peter’s will be open for preparations on Friday 14th December, 2pm – 7pm for you to bring your tree into the church and decorate it  *(\*battery-operated lights only are permitted).*  You will be allocated your space on arrival.  If you need to come outside of those times, please contact Sue;  email  [suembakewell@gmail.com](mailto:suembakewell@gmail.com)    /  telephone 01530 230643 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

**Day/time to take down and remove your tree from St. Peter’s**

St. Peter’s will be open on Tuesday 18th December, 2pm – 7pm for you to take down and remove your tree.  If you need to come outside of those times, please contact Sue;  email  [suembakewell@gmail.com](mailto:suembakewell@gmail.com)   /  telephone 01530 230643 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Hope to see you at the festival and also don’t forget  the annual **Carol Service** which will be held at 6pm on Sunday 16th December

