

† Living God's Love



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**Community Christmas Festival –  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 11am-2pm**

We have been organising our Christmas Festival for a number of years now with a great deal of success. This year, St Peter's church is celebrating it's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we are asking community groups and individuals to provide a display for our windowsills of "Celebrating 150 years" to go in church for people to come and view and then enjoy our mini-Christmas Market in the church and hall with mince pies, bacon rolls, and a few stalls. The displays will then stay in the church during the lead-up to Christmas and into early 2026.

I am writing to ask whether you would like to take part in this venture again by providing a display for the church. It can be traditional or contemporary, however you would like to show 'Celebrating 150 years'. It could be made out of playdough, paper cut outs, lego, washing up bottles, recycled tin cans, used plastic, knitted; let your imagination take over, decorated in a way that somehow reflects your group. There are a few ideas below to help your creative juices flow. To accompany your display, we would also like a card giving the viewers some information about yourselves and why you decided to display your 'Celebrating 150 years' the way you did. There is a competition again this year for the best display, so get your thinking caps on for something original!

It would be useful to know your planned display in advance and perhaps have an alternative idea in case we ask you to change. Please let the Parish Office know that you wish to take part and your preferred display by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November which then gives you a few weeks if you need to change it.

I look forward to hearing from you and very much hope you will join us again for this festive venture.

Best wishes

*Elaine*

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*A few ideas we came up with at our planning meeting:*

***'Celebrating 150 years'***

*Victorian Christmas*

*Wartime Christmas*

*Space Age Christmas*

*70's Christmas*

*60's Christmas etc*

*Reflection on times since 1875*

*150 years ago*

*150 'things' e.g. baubles, father christmasses, angels*

*150 years in the future*

*Things that are also 150 years old.*