

# *Christmas*

## *at Bishop Auckland*

### *Friday 1st December 2017*

**A free festive evening of entertainment for all of the family**

**Featuring 'Now Light 1000 Christmas Lights'  
Come along and help us light up the Market Place.**

**Supported by a wide range of activities including appearances from Santa and his special guests The Police Interceptors. Musical performances by Belle from Beauty and the Beast and Friends, and Christmas Carols from local school children.**

**Children's rides, Santa's grotto, Street Food and much more.**

**For further information  
please contact the Town Council on  
01388 609852 or [council@bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk](mailto:council@bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk)**



**Bishop Auckland Town Council's yearly Christmas event is always popular and a great treat to start the festive season. The event in the market place features, carols, festive street food, children's rides, Santa's grotto, Belle from Beauty and the Beast and Friends, the Police Interceptors and of course Santa will arrive to switch the lights on.**

**The theme for this year's event is very much about light, with focus placed on family, friendship and togetherness. All are welcome to come down to the Market Place and help us to light it up with '1000 Christmas Lights'. Be sure to charge up your mobile phones before you arrive and have the torch app at the ready!**

<b>Children's Ride's</b>	12 noon	7:00pm
<b>Santa's Grotto In the Town Hall**</b>	1:00pm	7:00pm
<b>Food Vendors</b>	1:00pm	7:00pm
<b>Event Opens</b>	5:00pm	5:05pm
<b>Unveil the Advent Window</b>	5:05pm	5:15pm
<b>1000 Christmas Lights and Lanterns</b>	5:15pm	5:20pm
<b>School Carols</b>	5:20pm	5:35pm
<b>Belle and Friends</b>	5:40pm	5:55pm
<b>Santa arrives with Interceptors</b>	5:55pm	6:10pm

**NB All times are approximate**

**\*\*The Grotto will be closed from 5:30pm to 6:10pm while Santa leaves to feed his reindeer; he is very busy this time of year!**

## Advent Windows

On the 1st December you may well enjoy opening up an Advent Calendar in the lead up to Christmas.

In Bishop Auckland a very different giant Advent Calendar will start to open up in shop windows around the town.

The first window designed by Woodhouse Community Primary School at the Town Hall will be opened by the Mayor of Bishop Auckland.



During December, 23 more windows will open with each displaying a different Christmas carol or song.

Every window display will be created in partnership with a school or other local organisation.

For more information contact: **David Pott on 07932 790525** or e mail **badventwindows@gmail.com**

## St Anne's Church



St Anne's Church will provide a warm welcome with mulled wine, mulled apple juice, mince pies and treats.

All are welcome to come along and join Santa's Workshop where you can decorate Angel and Star cookies.

## The Auckland Project

In the lead up to the big Christmas tree light switch on in the Market Place, the Auckland Project is sending specially designed lantern templates to schools across the town to decorate and make, with 1,000 lucky children being given special battery lights to put inside them and bring them along on the 1st of December.

Each school will receive 100 lanterns and 50 lights – with more lanterns available on request – as well as a specially produced pack for teachers full of activities and information which links the lanterns with Auckland Castle's history, the magnificent Deer Park, and the forthcoming Faith Museum.

For more information, contact **education@aucklandproject.org**

**Bishop Auckland Town Council would like to thank  
everyone involved in the Christmas Event  
and wish everyone a**

*Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year.*



**Bishop Auckland is open for all of your Christmas Shopping  
needs! **Parking is FREE after 3pm during December** and on Small  
Business Saturday 2nd Dec, free after 10am in Durham County  
Council Car Parks.**



**St Anne's  
Church**

