



Berkhamsted Festival of Light
26 November 2017
Berkhamsted Town Council
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Sunday 26 November 2017 is the date for this year's Festival of Light in Berkhamsted town centre. Come along and join in the fun and festivities which start at **3.30 pm**.

There will be stalls lining the High Street selling festive fair, crafts, gifts, mulled wine and mince pies together with activities, games and raffles. In the Civic Centre Mrs Claus will be looking after the Elves' Posting House where children can write, crayon or design a special message to Santa. Entry to the Posting House is £2 per child.

The award winning Lockers Park Choir and The Choir on the Green will entertain the crowds and at 4.30 pm we are particularly privileged to be joined by members of **The London Community Gospel Choir** who will perform on stage at 4.30 pm. Many thanks to The "Faith Works" Trust, based in Whelpley Hill, who have most generously sponsored the Gospel Choir's attendance.

At 5 pm the "Best Dressed Shop Window" winner will be announced followed by the Town blessing by Rev Canon Timothy Pilkington and the switching on of the lights by the Mayor of Berkhamsted. Santa will then arrive on his sleigh with events drawing to a close at **6 pm**.

This fantastic family event takes place with the help of many dedicated voluntary organisations. The Town Council's thanks go to Community Action Dacorum, The Berkhamsted Chamber of Commerce, Berkhamsted Citizens, The Rotary Club of Berkhamsted Bulbourne and The Lions Club of Berkhamsted. All funds raised at Mrs Claus' Posting House will go towards the Berkhamsted Lions' charities which support many local community initiatives throughout the year. A special thank you to Berkhamsted Litter Pickers who do sterling work tidying up the High Street after the event.

Support is also provided by Marks and Spencer, Waitrose and Tesco who provide refreshments for the many volunteers on the day. London Midland also provide free parking in the station car park. The Town Council would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who contributes to the event making it the success it is.

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