

## PRESS RELEASE

## **Christmas Lights Switch-On 2024**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November will see Stone Town Council staging the annual switch-on of the town's Christmas lights.

The event opens at 5pm, with Samantha Lloyd as compere for the evening and entertainment leading up to the switch-on including an appearance from The Grinch and Cindy Lou and music from Samantha, and of course the combined schools' and CK Community Choir!!

At 7:00pm we will get to the main event - the turning on of the lights. This year the lights will be switched on by the Town Mayor, Councillor Philip Leason, and of course, Father Christmas! They will be joined by the winners of the Mayor's Christmas Card competition.

The ever-popular Warwick's Funfair will be set up in the Market Square and down the High Street, and there will be food stalls, trade stalls, and charity stalls with all manner of things to buy and win.

Councillor Jill Hood, Chairman of the Council's Tourism and Town Promotion Sub-Committee, said: "I always look forward to this event, when the High Street is lit up with Christmas trees and the school choirs sing to the town. We will again be putting on a fantastic show, with a full programme of entertainment and even Santa himself putting in an appearance. This is a hugely popular event for all age groups, and I hope you will join us on the evening to welcome the Christmas season to Stone."

The Council would like to thank Stafford Borough Council's High Street Boost campaign and the UK Government who have provided funding to support this year's Christmas Lights Switch On event.

As with previous years, we are expecting mobile traders selling light up goods to be present in the High Street. These sellers are not endorsed or authorized by Stone Town Council, as a matter of safety we discourage purchasing goods from these traders.

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