

# Cheadle Hulme



## Advent Windows

All are welcome to get involved with a beautiful community project leading up to Christmas. See below to find out how...

### What is Advent Windows?

Advent windows is an advent calendar - but on a bigger scale! The idea is that for each evening of advent (1st-24th December) a new 'Advent Window' will be revealed, and may continue to be displayed until decorations come down on 6<sup>th</sup> January. The windows will be decorated by local residents, and will each be themed on a different Christmas carol. There will be a trail map so that people know where to find the windows, and children can have fun ticking off on their map the different windows they've visited, as well as looking up online some of the back-story, fun activities, and a link to a recording of the carol.

### How long will the windows be lit for?

The windows will be lit between 5pm and 8pm each evening, from the window's opening night (each will be allocated a different night in December) until the 24th December. You may find that some residents light their windows up for longer, but you will definitely find them lit between 5pm and 8pm.



# Can I decorate a window?



If you live within the area shown on the map (below) and have windows that the public can see from the street or an accessible car park then yes! Contact Gill to register your interest and/or book your carol and date: [admin@standrewscheadle Hulme.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewscheadle Hulme.org.uk) or Margaret on 07825 346728 by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## How should I decorate my window?

You will be given a Christmas Carol as your theme, use your imagination to reflect the carol in pictures. The most effective windows are quite simple - silhouettes made of dark paper work well, or tissue paper for colour. If you have children, give the job to them - this project is about community spirit rather than professional window decoration! And we can help with some resources if necessary. Include the number (Advent calendar date) and a QR code which you will be given (you may prefer to fasten this to your gate so people don't need to come into your garden to scan it).



## Will my name and address be published?

The trail map will show the street number of your house and which Christmas Carol you are displaying, but not your name, to protect your privacy.

## Does it need to be my whole window?

All our windows are different aren't they?! If decorating your whole window will mean you have no natural light for the whole of December, then maybe just decorate a



section? As long as you can see it from the street it will be fine.

## I live too far away/you can't see our windows easily - how can I be involved?

There are other ways to be involved. You can go and visit the windows, you could help a friend who lives nearer to decorate theirs or one at the church, you could help deliver trail maps to the local residents - contact Gill to offer to help!

## What if I miss seeing some of the windows?

We know it's a busy time of year... We will aim to hold a celebration service on the 24th December where we will show pictures of all the windows, we will also post pictures of the windows on Facebook and our website during advent, along with some background information to the window accessible by QR code. Search 'St Andrews Cheadle Hulme' and you'll find us...



# Some ideas to get you started...



And the list of carols: (you can listen to many of them here:

<https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/occasions/christmas/nations-top-30-christmas-carols/> )

Dec 1	The angel Gabriel	Dec 9	The first nowell	Dec 17	Angels from the realms
Dec 2	The Holly and the Ivy	Dec 10	Candlelight carol (Rutter)	Dec 18	Silent night
Dec 3	In the bleak mid-winter	Dec 11	See amid the winter's snow	Dec 19	Ding dong merrily on high
Dec 4	O come, O come Emmanuel	Dec 12	Hark the herald angels	Dec 20	Away in a manger
Dec 5	Once in Royal David's city	Dec 13	While shepherds watched	Dec 21	O Holy night
Dec 6	God rest ye merry, gentlemen	Dec 14	It came upon a midnight clear	Dec 22	Unto us a boy is born
Dec 7	Calypso Carol	Dec 15	Joy to the world	Dec 23	Girls and boys leave your toys (Zither carol)
Dec 8	O little town of Bethlehem	Dec 16	We three kings	Dec 24	O come all ye faithful

