

Torchlight Procession 2023- Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I park to avoid the road closures?

We would like to thank Lincoln Christ Hospital School for opening their car park for this event. The car park is open from 4:00pm until 9:30pm and all cars must be off site by 9:30pm. Any cars not removed by this time, will be locked in until the next day. There is a maximum capacity of 450 cars. These will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We ask that attendees of the Torchlight Procession car share where possible to reduce congestion in this car park.

What are the times?

7:00pm: Gates to Clayton Sports Ground are open for members of the public to arrive, collect their torches and be directed into formation.

7:30pm: The procession begins, leaving Lee Road to travel past the St Barnabas Inpatient Unit, through the Bailgate to the Cathedral.

9:00pm: Blessing ends and supporters are welcome to tie their messages of love around the Tree of Life.

What happens if it we have adverse weather conditions?

We will be monitoring the weather and will make the best decision for the event and for the safety of those attending. In ideal circumstances, we will look to go ahead weather permitting. However, if we need to make any announcements, we will email those who have registered their attendance online and make an announcement through all our communications channels.

I have not yet dedicated a light, but I would like to. How can I do this?

Every year local people are invited to dedicate a light(s) to someone special on our Tree of Life at Christmas time. You can dedicate a light towards the Light up a Life campaign by going to: stbarnabashospice.co.uk/lual

How much is it to attend the Torchlight Procession?

It is free to attend the Torchlight Procession and walk with us, but we are asking all participants to register online and pre order your torch or lantern, to be collected on the night. Torches cost £6.50 and lanterns cost £5. Once you have registered you will receive an email confirming your booking and purchases. Torches and lanterns will also be available for sale at Claytons on the evening.

How old do you have to be to walk in the Procession?

We welcome all ages to attend the Torchlight Procession. Under 14s must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18. You must be 18 years old or above to walk with a torch.

How long is the route?

Length of procession: Approx. 1.6miles – 32 minutes

What happens if I lose sight of my child?

If you become separated from your child or someone you are caring for then we advise contacting a member of the team in either a yellow or orange high-vis vest. At Clayton's Sports Ground you can report a missing person at the Bates Sound van located to the right-hand corner of the field. At the Lincoln Cathedral please report to the St Barnabas Hospice Van which will be stationary to report a missing person.

Can I bring my dog?

Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome dogs onto the site at Clayton Sports Ground and it is not permissible for dogs to be brought to walk along the procession route. Due to the nature of the event and vast number of people carrying wax torches with naked flames and potential for the wax dripping causing harm to dogs, we ask that you ensure that they are not brought to the event. Anyone that does choose to bring their dog to the event will be asked to leave and no refund will be issued.

What roads are closed and when will they reopen?

Road Closures & No Waiting / No Loading At any Time Orders in place on:

1. Nettleham Road – Longdales Road
2. A15 – Pottergate Junction
3. Lee Road – Wragby Road to Nettleham Road
4. Nettleham Road – Lee Road to Priory Gate
5. Priory gate – Nettleham Road to Wragby Road
6. Church Lane – Nettleham Road to Newport
7. Eastgate – Nettleham Road to Greetwell Gate
8. Newport – Bailgate to Rasen Lane
9. Bailgate
10. Castle Hill – Exchequer Gate
11. Minster Yard

PERIOD OF RESTRICTIONS: 21/11/2023 (6:30pm to 9:00pm)

(Restrictions to be implemented when required in each location during this period, signage detailing accurate dates and times will be displayed on site in advance)

The following roads will be reopened when the Safety Officer has been advised that the procession cleared:

- o Lee Road.
- o Nettleham Road up to the Church Lane junction.
- o Church Lane.
- o Bailgate up to Westgate junction.