

## Sick Children's Trust Hosts Second Christmas Carols Service

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The Sick Children's Trust, which supports families with seriously ill children in hospital, will host its second Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December in a bid to raise £500 so it can continue to support families with free 'Home from Home' accommodation.

The charity, which runs two 'Homes from Home' supporting Sheffield Children's Hospital, will host its Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's Church, Bramall Lane. Yorkshire Presenter Stephanie Hirst, Paralympian Susan Gilroy MBE and Footballer Stephen Bywater will entertain the audience with Christmas readings.

Guests will also get into the festive spirit with favourite carols, and back by popular demand is The Voice UK star Janine Dyer and the Sheffield Community Choir, alongside Ashdell Preparatory School, who will be giving musical performances. Wine and mince pies will follow the service to continue the Christmas merriment. **Sick Children's Trust Regional Fundraiser, Laura Leverton, says:**

"After last year's success, we had to do another Christmas Carol Service for our supporters, families and friends and this year's will certainly not be one to miss! For many of us, Christmas is about spending time with family. Unfortunately, for the families staying in our 'Homes from Home', this Christmas will be a difficult one as they care for their seriously ill child in hospital. But The Sick Children's Trust will be there, ensuring that they can be there when it matters most. This is only made possible because of our fantastic and dedicated supporters who attend our events such as the Christmas Carol Service."

The charity's 'Homes from Home' in Sheffield – Treetop and Magnolia House – are provided free of charge to families in need, however it costs the charity £30 to support a family with a seriously ill child for one night. The Sick Children's Trust relies entirely on voluntary donations to meet this cost.

**Laura adds:** "Everyone who attends our Sheffield Christmas Carol Service will be making a difference to a family with a sick child in hospital this Christmas. Tickets are £8 and are available from The Sick Children's Trust website. We hope to see you there!"

For further information on how to get your tickets, please visit:

[http://www.sickchildrenstrust.org/Get\\_involved/Special\\_Events/Sheffield\\_Christmas\\_Carols/index.html](http://www.sickchildrenstrust.org/Get_involved/Special_Events/Sheffield_Christmas_Carols/index.html)

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