

# Christmas celebrations begin at Fort Kinnaird

Christmas will begin at Fort Kinnaird next weekend as Santa Claus comes to town for three weekends of festive fun.

Santa and his chief elf Twinkle will be popping up at the centre every Saturday until 18 December to sprinkle some Christmas cheer.

Shoppers will also be able to take in the glittering Christmas decorations around the centre, including trees, star lights and Santa's very own trusty reindeer which is located near Odeon.

Throughout the festive season Fort Kinnaird visitors will be able to make contactless donations to the centre's chosen charity, Radio Forth Cash for Kids Mission Christmas, at the giant Giving Box located outside Boots.

Mission Christmas is a lifeline to families living in poverty, for who Christmas is a luxury they can't afford. Generous donations from the public can help ensure children across the Lothians, Fife and Falkirk receive a gift on Christmas morning.

Liam Smith, centre director at Fort Kinnaird, said: "Christmas was a difficult time for many last year, so we want to do what we can to help make this year extra special. We're excited to have a range of activities and festive characters to help visitors get into the Christmas spirit."

Fort Kinnaird's later opening times mean visitors have a full twelve hours to pick up their Christmas shopping every weekday from 9am – 9pm, with opening hours from 9am – 6pm on Saturday and Sunday. Please check with individual retailers for opening hours.

Free parking is available as usual and shoppers are being encouraged to visit outside of peak times if they can, with quieter times usually before 11am and after 6pm on weekdays.

<https://www.fortkinnaird.com/christmas>

