

Light up a Life this Christmas for St Columba's

The Christmas tree in Charlotte Square Gardens will be lit up on Monday 6 December as part of the appeal for St Columba's Hospice Care – Light up a Life.

A service will be held for those who have a connection with the hospice and also anyone else who wishes to attend. The lights on the trees are dedicated by supporters in memory of people who have died.

St Columba's Hospice Care Chief Executive, Jackie Stone, spoke about the importance of the appeal to the Hospice. She said: "Light up a Life is a hugely important appeal for us, as it brings the St Columba's Hospice Care community together at what can be a time of mixed emotions for many who are remembering a loved one. The donations we received last year, in excess of £110,000, helped us to reach patients and families across Edinburgh and East Lothian. The money raised this year will enable us to bring world leading palliative care to even more of the people who need it in our communities."

A second tree will also be put up in Haddington at St Mary's Pleasance Courtyard and will be lit on Thursday 9 December.

The Tree of Remembrance lighting ceremonies usually attract many people. This year's events will open at 5.30pm, before the services begin at 6.30pm. The events are sponsored by Farmer Autocare and Walter Scott Foundation.

[Ciara Harvie](#), a 23 year old classical crossover singer from Edinburgh will be performing at both services this year. Her reputation is now global, with regular appearances in Europe and beyond, as the world continues to be wowed by this young classical singer possessing a voice filled with passion, warmth, soul, and maturity. The Edinburgh Brass Band will also perform in Charlotte Square Gardens.

Anyone is welcome to attend a service. Email fund@stcolumbashospice.org.uk to let organisers know your name, venue of choice and the number of guests.

The trees will remain lit throughout the festive period until Monday 3rd January.

Dedications can be made online throughout December at stcolumbashospice.org.uk/light-up-a-life-2021 or by calling 0131 551 1381.



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