

## **National Trust Press Release**

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### **Book now for Trengwainton's Christmas Lights**

Add some sparkle to your festive season by booking tickets to see Trengwainton Garden's Christmas Lights event near Penzance. Taking place over the first three weekends of December, the walled garden and orchard will be lit with hundreds of fairy lights and creative lanterns made by local children and professional artists.

Visitors can make a Christmas wish by hanging a bauble on the wishing tree and gather around the selfie station with family and friends for that perfect seasonal picture. The bookshop will be for some winter reading, where children can make a Christmas craft. The shop will also be open for a spot of Christmas shopping.

Renowned CAST café, from Helston, will be selling locally sourced food and delicious drinks from an outdoor stand. They'll be selling Cornish dairy beef, mushroom and red wine stew, seasonal vegetable and lentil stew and Cornish pork sausage rolls. For those with a sweet tooth there will be frangipane mince pies, and lemon, rosemary and olive oil cake. Keep mittens warm with El Barco Delice traditional Spanish drinking chocolate, mulled juice or tea and coffee.

Marina Rule, Visitor Experience Officer at Trengwainton, says, 'Community is at the heart of our Christmas Lights festival, with involvement from local schools, Kesobera youth project and local artists John Keys and Alessandra Ausenda from Tough Dough CIC, a non-profit organisation that's been working with communities and schools in Cornwall since 2005. Tough Dough also commissioned on our behalf two other local artists, Tony Crosby and Chris Nixon to make lanterns for the event. We're excited to again include feature lighting by students on the BA(Hons) Technical Theatre Arts course at Falmouth University, led by tutor Paul Joines.'

The Christmas Lights are on 1-3 December, 8-10 December and 15-17 December. Booking is essential and tickets are selling fast, so head over to Trengwainton's website to reserve a timed entry spot [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trengwainton-garden/christmas-lights-at-trengwainton](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trengwainton-garden/christmas-lights-at-trengwainton) (or call: 0344 249 1895). Adults £7.50, children (5-18yrs) £3.75. Under 5s free. Charges apply to National Trust members and non-members.

Please note, assistance dogs only at this event due to the combination of limited lighting and narrow paths..

More information can be found at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/trengwainton](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/trengwainton)

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