

Letter from Lincoln

Hello Holy Crossers! Greetings from Lincoln. As it is getting near Christmas and you are all racking your brains as to what Christmas presents to buy, I thought I would give you an insight into our Christmas Market.

History of the Christmas Market

Lincoln brought the first traditional German Christmas market to the UK as part of its friendship and twinning with the town of Neustadt in Germany. The market grows annually, constantly adding new attractions to excite the senses of visitors from near and far.



German stall

From its beginnings in 1982 with just 11 stalls in Castle Square, the market now takes over most of the cultural quarter of the city, with well over 300 stalls. The German link is still strong, the stall holders from Neustadt bringing German crafts, food and drink to the market – the perfect gift if you want something a bit different.

For some, the Christmas Market is the most important event in the city's calendar as it brings over 100,000 visitors to Lincoln. These visitors often return at other times in the year when they realise what Lincoln has to offer. One thing is for sure, those on the hunt for beautiful, hand-crafted and unique Christmas presents will find a treasure trove of goodies from a spectacular selection. Visitors to the market should look out for hand made jewellery, hand poured candles, wooden toys, hand painted glass, ceramics, photographs and locally created art, as well as fabulous fresh produce from the local area. The market this year is **from Thursday 3rd December to Sunday 6th December.**

I look forward to seeing you all at the Holy Cross Christmas Craft Fair on December 5th.

Ray Allen