



2024

# Hollyland Winter Festival

2ND DECEMBER 2024 - 7TH DECEMBER 2024

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ESSENCE OF OUR COMMUNITY

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## MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024

### A Seasonal Larder Experience

with Roma Support Hub, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and South Belfast Sure Start  
 @ Chinese Welfare Association, 1 Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast  
 Mon 2nd of December **10 am to 12 pm**

Ready to pickle your way into winter? Immerse yourself into the old practice of conserving fruits and veggies with a Romanian twist! Sample some delicious treats and learn the secrets of creating your own winter pickle. Come for the food, stay for the fun!



### A Taste of China and Poland

with Chinese Welfare Association and Polish Sisterhood  
 @ Chinese Welfare Association, 1 Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast  
 Mon 2nd of December **2 pm to 4 pm**

Join us for an afternoon of culinary adventure, where Chinese Jiao zi meet Polish pierogi. We will blend flavours and traditions to create scrumptious memories. This is the ultimate dumpling tasting exchange you won't want to miss!

Please be aware that food may contain prawns and sesame oil.



## TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2024

### Winter Warm-Up: Visit My Mosque

with Northern Ireland Muslim Family Association and HAWA Ladies and IHSAN  
 @ Northern Ireland Muslim Family Association, 7 Rugby Road, Belfast  
 Tue 3rd of December, **2 pm to 4 pm**

Shake off the winter chill and step into a warm mosque atmosphere. Discover the beauty of Islamic culture with a head scarf demonstration, a glimpse into Islamic literature, a journey through the Islamic calendar months and a unique look at Jesus in Islam. Everyone's welcome!



### An Evening with St Nicholas

with Belfast Intercultural Romanian Community  
 @ Chinese Welfare Association, 1 Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast  
 Tue 3rd of December, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm**

Dive into the timeless legacy of St Nicholas and celebrate the universal values of generosity, kindness and selflessness. Enjoy an evening of storytelling, anonymous gift-giving and festive cheer that transcends cultural boundaries. An event for all ages.

If you can, please bring a small gift to share!





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## WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2024

### Sanctuary Coffee Morning



with Queen's University Belfast  
@ Old Seamus Heaney Centre, 48 University  
Road, Belfast  
Wed 4th of December **10 am to 12.30 pm**

Bring your stories and favourite memories to a relaxed discussion about winter traditions from around the world. From the twinkling lights of Diwali to the serene magic of Christmas, the vibrant celebrations of Hanukkah and other beloved customs, we'll weave a global tapestry of winter wonders, right here, in the heart of Belfast.

You can register here  
<http://go.qub.ac.uk/sanctuarywinter>



### Wildflower Alley Glow-Up

with Wildflower Alley Residents Group and  
Ormeau Community Ukes  
@ Wildflower Alley, University Avenue, Belfast  
Wed 4th of December **6 pm to 8 pm**

You are invited to an evening of togetherness as we illuminate Wildflower Alley! Enjoy live ukulele music, warm up with delicious hot chocolate and spark great conversations. Let's light up the dark and be part of the magic!



## THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024

### Cosy Playgrounds



with Playgrounds City Church  
@ City Church, 12-24 University Avenue,  
Belfast  
Thu, 5th December **10 am to 11.30 am**

Perfect for parents and toddlers to bond and create magical memories together. Bring your little ones for a delightful morning of outdoor seasonal crafts, book gifts and giggles. We will move indoors if the weather is unsuitable.

Places are limited. Please register by searching 'Playgrounds' on Eventbrite.

### Merry Chirpy Birdfeeders

with Holyland Community Garden  
@ Common Grounds Café ( back room), 12-  
24 University Avenue, Belfast  
Thu, 5th of December **10 am 11 am**

Get ready to learn about our feathered friends—tits, sparrows and robins—while crafting feeders to welcome these charming birds to your garden. We'll have a tweet-tastic time!

Please be aware that some resources may contain nuts.





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## THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024

### Winter Wonderland at Botanic PS

with Belfast Intercultural Romanian Community, Nandi Jola and Santa!  
@ Botanic Primary School, 6 Botanic Court, Belfast  
Thu 5th of December **1 pm to 3 pm**



Calling all pupils for a day of festive fun! Gather 'round for stories and crafts from around the world and brace yourselves for a visit from the jolly man himself! Don't miss out –this winter bash is going to be epic!



## FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024

### Open Doors - A Somali Welcome

with Northern Ireland Somali Association  
@ NISA, 185A Ormeau Rd, Belfast  
Fri 6th of December, **10 am to 12 pm**

Come along for a cosy get-together featuring captivating cultural displays, an introduction to the Somali language and food tasting that will tantalise your taste buds. Plus, you can't miss the chance to adorn yourself with stunning henna art! Have we sparked your interest!?

### Festive Workshop with a Dash of Polish Charm

with MyFAAB  
@ Common Ground Café ( back room), 12-24 University Avenue, Belfast  
Fri 6th of December, **6 pm to 8 pm**

Discover the rich traditions of Poland and let us guide you through the creation of unique Christmas decorations. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just starting out, come along for an evening of creativity and laughter! Sounds merry and bright, right?





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**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024**

## Holyland Winter Festival Grand Finale

Sat 7th of December

Carnival Parade **11 am to 12 pm**

Community gathering **12 pm to 3 pm**



Join us as we wrap up a fantastic week of festivities with a vibrant carnival parade through the Holyland, kicking off at Chinese Welfare Association, 1 Stranmillis Embankment. After the carnival, make your way to City Church on University Avenue for a community gathering filled with delicious food, live music, children's activities and heartwarming connections!



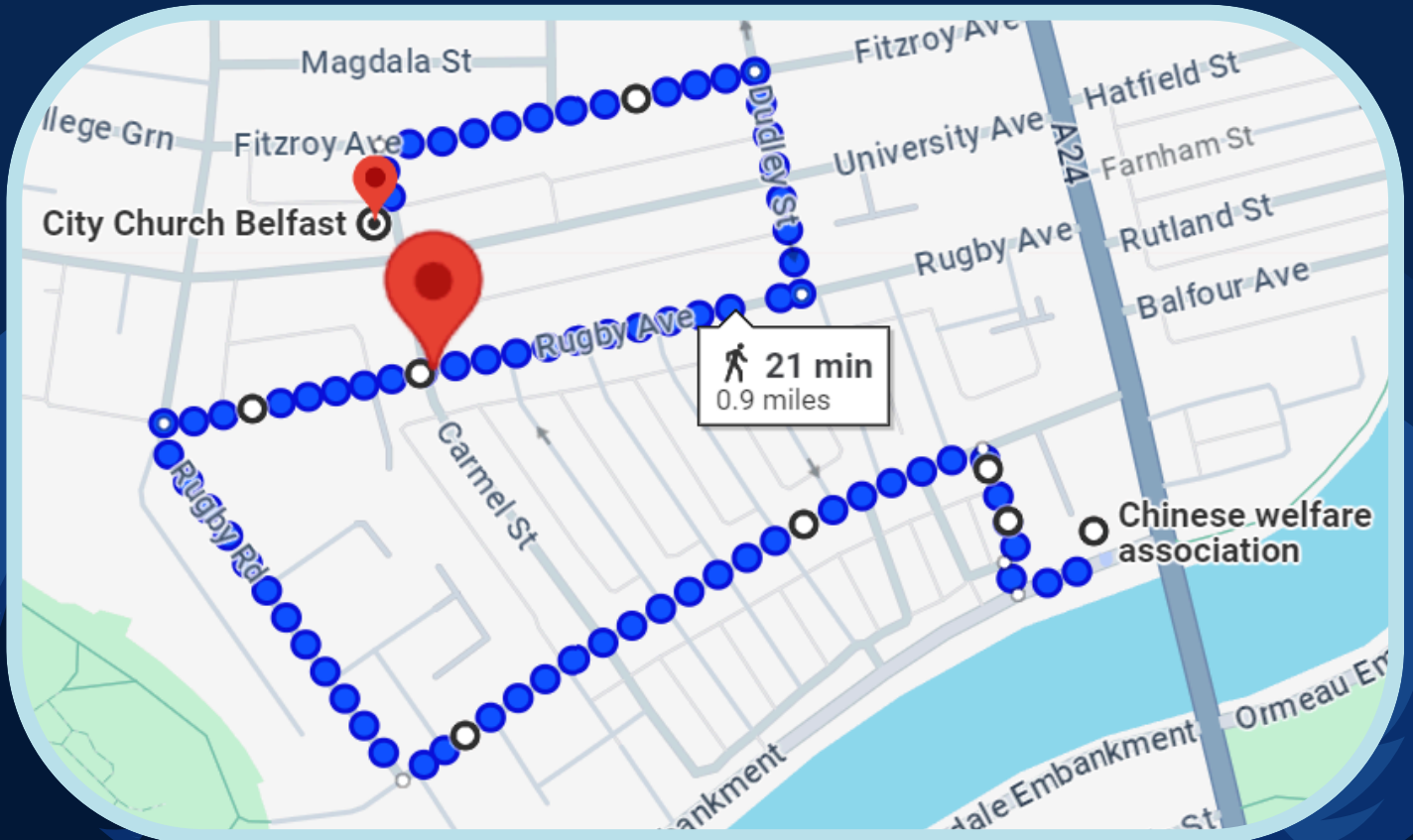




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## HOLYLAND WINTER FESTIVAL CARNIVAL PARADE ROUTE



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