

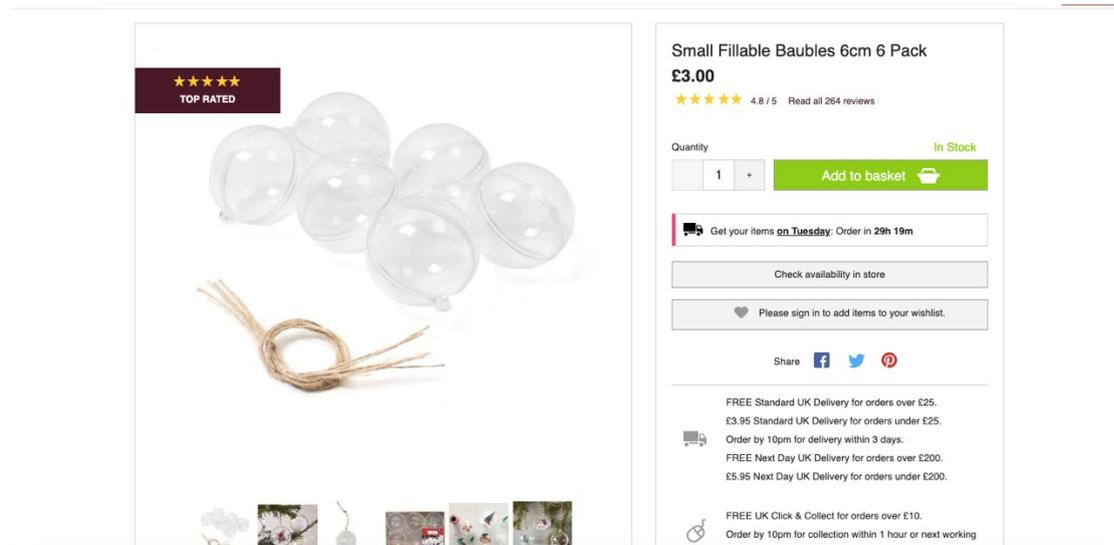
Memorial Christmas Tree

Christmas is the time of year which is known to be very family orientated and a Christmas without a loved one is difficult for so many.

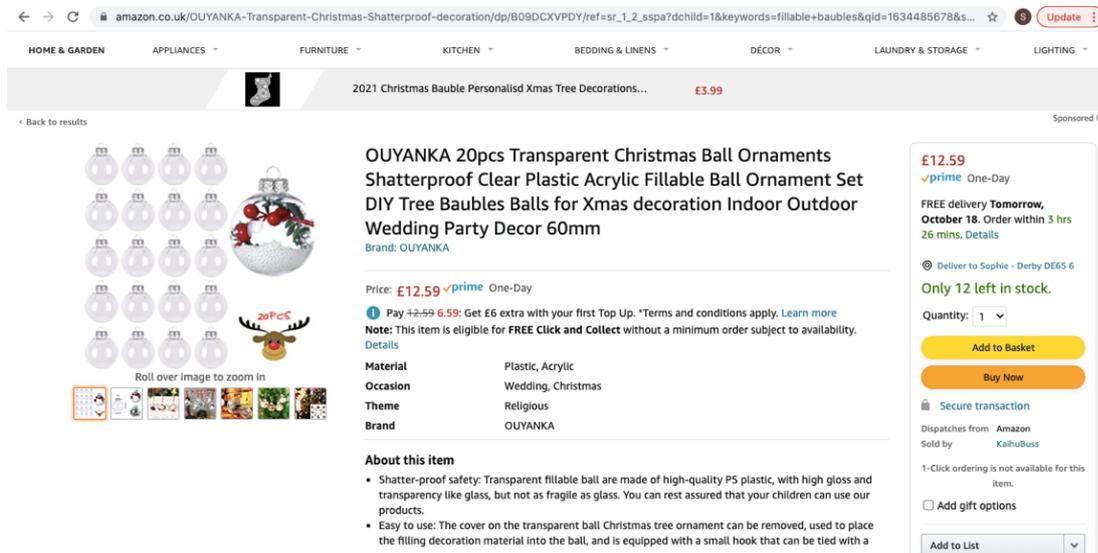
The village has lost a number of parishioners during the past couple of years, I feel that the village Christmas tree could be used as a yearly memorial service for lost ones.

I'm suggesting buying a number of fill your own baubles for parishioners to apply for, collect, and fill and/or decorate to remind them of their lost one. And then on a set day (10 days prior to Christmas, perhaps) hold a small memorial service where people with baubles can meet, put the baubles on the tree, say a few words and console with each other.

Hobbycraft sell a pack of 6 x 6cm transparent plastic refillable baubles for £3.00. These baubles are split into two halves to fill.



Amazon sell a pack of 20 for £12.59. These are also 6cm and are filled by removing the top section.



The Works sell a 6 pack of 6cm baubles for £2.00 These are split in the middle to make 2 x halves to fill.



I suggest buying a set number of baubles, perhaps 30 (approximately £15), and advertise the service being provided on social media and the Parish Council website. If there is more interest, we can up the amount to a maximum of £30 spent on baubles so the tree isn't overloaded.

We can either give them away for free (yet this may be misused, and people will get 'free' baubles to use at their own house), ask for 50p per bauble to cover costs or even give the money 'raised' towards a nominated charity.