

## **Purple Lights for pancreatic cancer**

Purple Lights for pancreatic cancer is an annual campaign in the UK that takes place during November's Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and supports the global awareness initiative, World Pancreatic Cancer Day. This year, World Pancreatic Cancer Day takes place on 17th November 2022.

In memory and honour of my late mum, Roslyn who lost her battle 6 months ago to this aggressive cancer

I am delighted to be raising awareness of this dreadful disease by taking part in the Purple Lights for pancreatic cancer campaign. I hope that by lighting up St Mary's Church in purple, I will help put a spotlight on a disease that many people still know so very little about.

### About pancreatic cancer

- Pancreatic cancer is the 5th biggest cancer killer in the UK with 9,000 deaths every year
- Pancreatic cancer has the lowest survival of all common cancers, with five-year survival less than 7%
- Most people with pancreatic cancer are diagnosed at a late stage.
  - 1 in 5 people with pancreatic cancer are diagnosed at stage one and stage two
  - 3 in 5 are diagnosed at stage three and stage four.
- Only 1 in 10 people with pancreatic cancer will receive potentially curative surgery

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