

2019 Crocheted Christmas Tree

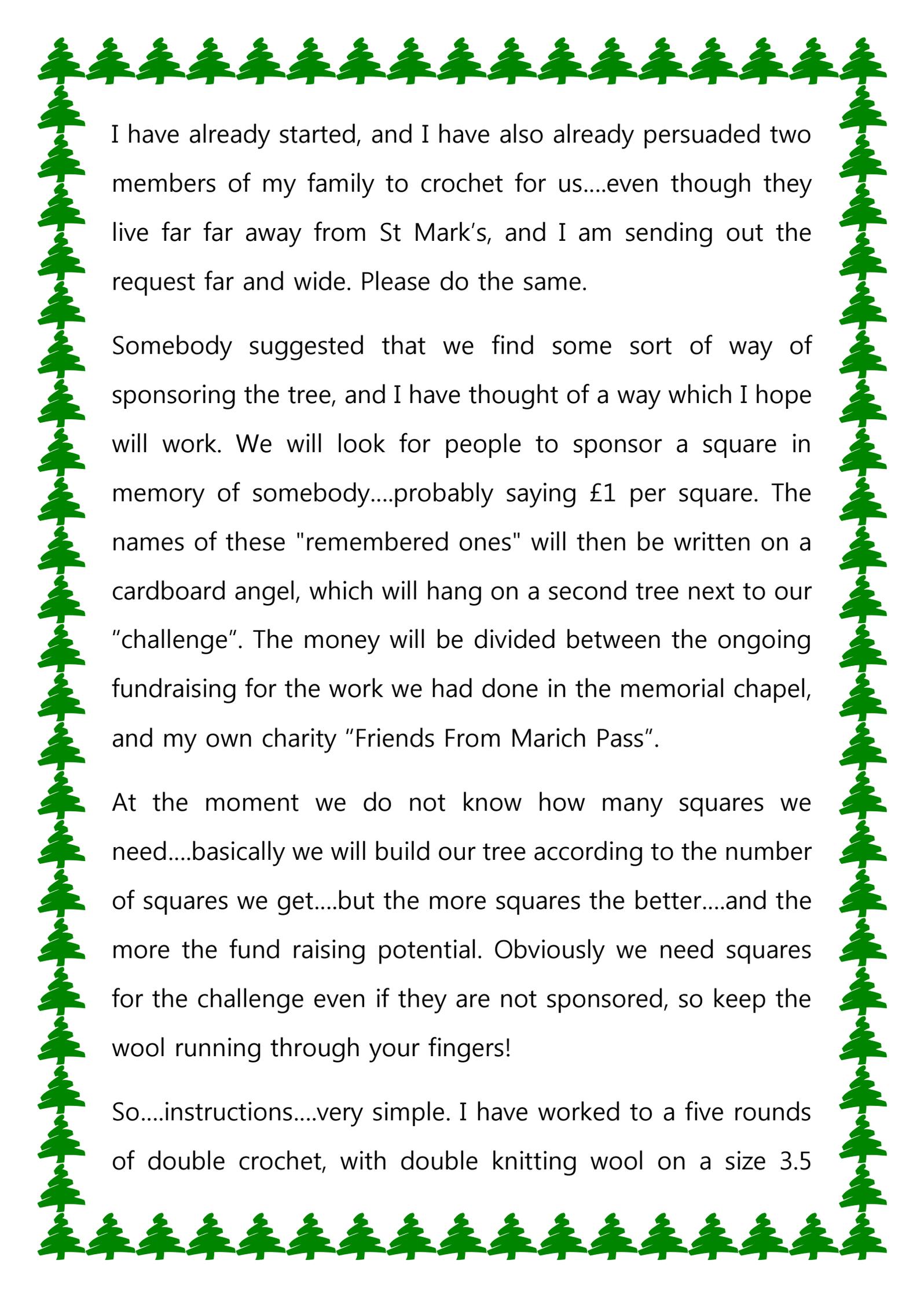
Challenge @ St Mark's.



Some of you will have seen my post with this on the St Mark's Facebook group.

Well in case you thought I was kidding.....it is all systems go.

WE ARE going to produce a crocheted (and probably knitted) tree to take pride of place in our week of seasonal celebrations in church, during the first week of December.

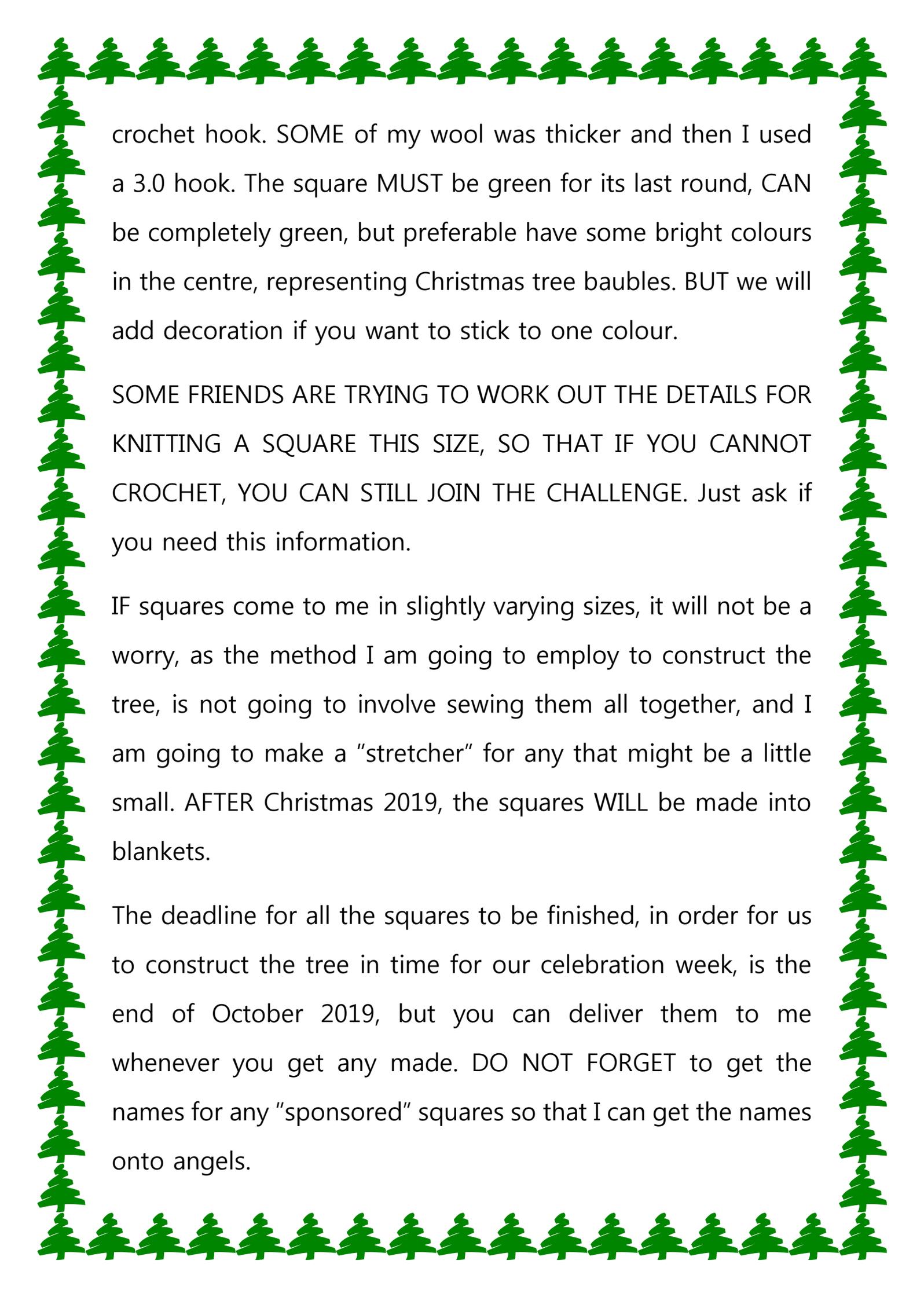


I have already started, and I have also already persuaded two members of my family to crochet for us...even though they live far far away from St Mark's, and I am sending out the request far and wide. Please do the same.

Somebody suggested that we find some sort of way of sponsoring the tree, and I have thought of a way which I hope will work. We will look for people to sponsor a square in memory of somebody....probably saying £1 per square. The names of these "remembered ones" will then be written on a cardboard angel, which will hang on a second tree next to our "challenge". The money will be divided between the ongoing fundraising for the work we had done in the memorial chapel, and my own charity "Friends From Marich Pass".

At the moment we do not know how many squares we need....basically we will build our tree according to the number of squares we get....but the more squares the better....and the more the fund raising potential. Obviously we need squares for the challenge even if they are not sponsored, so keep the wool running through your fingers!

So....instructions....very simple. I have worked to a five rounds of double crochet, with double knitting wool on a size 3.5



crochet hook. SOME of my wool was thicker and then I used a 3.0 hook. The square MUST be green for its last round, CAN be completely green, but preferable have some bright colours in the centre, representing Christmas tree baubles. BUT we will add decoration if you want to stick to one colour.

SOME FRIENDS ARE TRYING TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS FOR KNITTING A SQUARE THIS SIZE, SO THAT IF YOU CANNOT CROCHET, YOU CAN STILL JOIN THE CHALLENGE. Just ask if you need this information.

IF squares come to me in slightly varying sizes, it will not be a worry, as the method I am going to employ to construct the tree, is not going to involve sewing them all together, and I am going to make a "stretcher" for any that might be a little small. AFTER Christmas 2019, the squares WILL be made into blankets.

The deadline for all the squares to be finished, in order for us to construct the tree in time for our celebration week, is the end of October 2019, but you can deliver them to me whenever you get any made. DO NOT FORGET to get the names for any "sponsored" squares so that I can get the names onto angels.

This photo shows you the way in which we are going to put the squares together but also the "idea" of having "bauble" colours in the centre. These centres are all red because I was away from home and only took red and green wool with me.



So folks....ready setgo.

If I have missed anything you need to know in order to join us...please get in touch.

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