



MAKARAVILAKKU MAHOTSAVAM

SREE PUTHIYAKAVU BHAGAVATHI TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Pazhayakunnummel Grama Panchayat

District

Thiruvananthapuram



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Kilimanoor Junction – 900 m

Nearest Bus Station

Kilimanoor K S R T C Bus Depot – 1.4 Km

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Varkala Railway Station – 21.5 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 40.5 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

November - January

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

41 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Till twelfth century, Brahmin families settled in the north western parts of the area at which the temple is presently situated. This place was famous for temples, temple ponds, kaavu (dense grove regions where snakes are worshipped). These above mentioned Brahmins used to conduct tantric rituals and poojas. By the end of twelfth century, these Brahmins fled from this place due to the invasion of Landlords. In course of time this place became dense forest. After that, in the sixteenth century, blacksmith workers settled in that area. While working with the axe in the forest, accidentally the axe hit on a rock and it started bleeding. This was installed after the tantric rituals in the temple. Mandala Makara Vilakku is celebrated as a penance period for the devotees on pilgrimage to Sabarimala.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

About 10000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

*Daily pooja
Vilakku
Annadanam*

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The tantric rituals, daily pooja and vilakku will be conducted during the festival. The devotees take penance on these days and go on pilgrimage to Sabarimala. All these days there will be free food serving (Annadanam) for the devotees.

