

Christmas Food Support

Organised by Type of Support

*This is the food support that is available over Christmas, organised by type: Christmas Hampers, Hot food/Lunch Club, Community Connection and Other. This is not an exhaustive list, instead a list that has been created with the Access to Food Partnership. **Tell us about any projects that are missing from this list, [by filling in this easy form.](#)***

This document will be updated over the winter season. Feel free to print this document, but be aware it may become out of date.

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Christmas Hampers

Bournemouth Foodbank through Citygate Community Hub

200 hampers are delivered to families in crisis over the Christmas period. Each family will receive everything they need to eat and celebrate together for three days. The hampers include fresh and frozen food and Christmas goodies. Supported by East Cliff Rotary.

[Join as a partner](#) to nominate families to receive a hamper.

Contact: <https://citygate.church/hampers>

Address: Citygate Centre, 138a Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth, BH8 8AS

Opening Times: TBC over Christmas - delivery date for hampers is the 23rd December

Donation Requests: Food - In-date, unopened, non-perishable foods. Money - sponsor a hamper for £20. Volunteer - help deliver hampers.

Christchurch Foodbank

50 full dinner hampers with a turkey and all the trimmings with an additional voucher for toys or fuel or mixture of both.

Christmas food hamper going to families identified by Children's team and Adult Social Care teams. Hampers include goodies and Christmas crackers, chutneys and all the extras.

Contact: <https://faithworkswessex.org.uk/projects/foodbank/christchurch/>

Address: St Joseph's, 67 Purewell, Christchurch, BH23 1EH

Opening Times: Monday (10am - 12pm), Tuesday (10am - 12pm), Thursday (11am - 1pm) and Friday (2pm - 4pm). Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

Donation Requests: Financial and Food donations. Household items. Please contact Christchurchfoodbank@gmail.com

Poole Foodbank

50 Christmas hampers to be issued to families identified through schools and other support workers. Hampers to include 1 x turkey; Christmas goodies; vouchers for toys and for some, a voucher for fuel.

Recipe bags and fresh fruit offered over a 12 week period to end of January.

Contact: <https://faithworkswessex.org.uk/projects/foodbank/poole/>

Address: Jimmy's Place, St James' Church Centre, Church Street, Poole, BH15 1JP

Opening Times: 9am - 12.30pm Tuesday - Friday (Closed Christmas Day and New years Day)

Christchurch Community Partnership

Delivering 100 Christmas hampers, with food and christmas treats to households supported by Christchurch Community Partnership.

Contact: <https://www.christchurchcommunitypartnership.org.uk/>

Address: 43 Barrack Road, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1PA

Donation Requests: Gift a meal

<https://www.christchurchcommunitypartnership.org.uk/meal-card.html>

Hamworthy Together

Distributing Christmas bags to households in Hamworthy and Turlin Moor. Christmas Bags consist of festive food and treats, crackers and small toys and gifts. Distributed to regulars at Moor Community Food, young carers households and others (discretionary).

Contact: <https://www.hamworthychurch.co.uk/>,

Address: St Gabriel's Church, Keyworth Road, Turlin Moor BH16 5BH

Donation Requests: New gifts/toys and treats. Please no used toys.

Friendly Food Club

Providing 300 Christmas Cookboxes, containing the ingredients and instructions to make a yule log. The Christmas Cookbox also contains games, prizes and toys. These cookboxes are going to those who are already recipients of Friendly Food Club Cookboxes.

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/thefriendlyfoodclub/>

Poole Waste Not Want Not

PWNWN will be providing Christmas parcels for members, containing christmas foods, treats and gifts for the family. These parcels will be available for collection at the store on Christmas Eve at 11am - 3pm and 8pm - 10pm. Must register as a member before 11th December. Referrals for membership can be done by email (quoting name and address) - poolewastenotwantnot@gmail.com

Contact: poolewastenotwantnot@gmail.com

Address: 70 High Street, Poole, BH15 1DA

Opening Times: 11am - 3pm Monday to Saturday. Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Monday 28th December.

Donation Requests: Food donations (ambient).

Poole Housing Partnership

Working with local schools providing ambient food parcels for the schools to distribute to families they are working with. Supporting our most vulnerable PHP residents who are working with our support team with food parcels.

Contact: Claire Wade, Wellbeing and Inclusion Officer - claire.wade@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Address: Beech House, 28-30 Wimborne Rd, Poole BH15 2BU

Opening Times: By appointment

Donation Requests: Christmas chocolate selection packs, new and in date until the end of December. Tins of festive biscuits, new and in date until the end of December

Boscombe Salvation Army

A Christmas bags with essentials and treats will be sent out to those who would normally be on their own, and those who are homeless or vulnerably housed connected with the BH1 Project. Supported by East Cliff Rotary.

Contact: <http://www.boscombesalvationarmy.org.uk/in-the-community/bh1-project/>

Address: 107 Palmerston Road, Boscombe, BH1 4HP

Opening Times: Weekdays 10am - 4pm, Weekends 10am - 2pm, closed Christmas Day, Boxing day and 27th December.

Donation Requests: Jams, coffee, food based gift items. Socks, pants, hats, gloves etc. Please no cuddly toys.

LIFEhouse

Munch bags (a weekly bag containing items to help with children's lunches) will be distributed during Christmas holidays and will include some Christmas crafts and booklets.

Distributed to low income households/any family struggling-those who don't qualify for Free School Meals provision generally.

Contact: <https://bournemouth.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Address: 711-715 Wimborne Road, Bournemouth, BH9 2AU

Opening Times: Mon-Fri, 10.00-12.30, closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day

Donation Requests: Items for children's lunches are always welcome-crisps, cartons of juice, choc biscuits, pudding pots etc

St George's Church, Oakdale

Delivering a 'Goodie' bag of Christmas items on 20th December to 60 persons from Oakdale Parish and beyond. This is an extension of the Community Tea Group, for anyone alone and over 55, or referred by GP.

Contact: <https://www.stgeorgesoakdale.com/>

Address: Darby's Lane Oakdale Poole, BH15 3EU

Opening Times: Church office open 10-12 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Christian's Against Poverty Poole

CAP Poole, working with Poole Christian Fellowship, are providing hampers the week commencing 13th December to all CAP Clients. Individuals needing help with unmanageable debt ring our freephone number 0800 328 0006 to book a first telephone appointment

Contact: 0800 328 0006 - to book an appointment

Opening Times: Monday - Wednesday, 9am - 5pm

West Howe Community Enterprise

Working with Bournemouth & Poole College and Absolute Music to make and distribute Christmas food hampers to anyone in West Howe who needs food support over Christmas holidays. Hampers can be picked up from the Henry Brown Youth Centre between 10am - 12pm on Monday 21st December, and are given on a first come first served basis.

Contact: Anneliese Fay - 07483 442015.

Address: 32 Cunningham Crescent, West Howe, Bournemouth, BH11 8DU

Opening Times: Monday 21st 10am - 12pm. Henry Brown Centre will then be closed afternoon of Monday 21st - 4th January.

Unity in Vision

Unity in Vision are sending out hampers for those who would normally receive a hot meal from Unity in Vision. Hampers consist of fresh and frozen food for four days. These hampers are for the week that Unity in Vision will be pausing hot meals over the Christmas holiday.

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/UnityinVision> or unityinvision@gmail.com

Opening Times: Closed between Christmas and New Years Day

Donation Request: Sweets and gifts to include in hampers

Lunch Club/Hot Meal Delivery

Christchurch Community Partnership

CCP are working with Custom Lunches to deliver a nicely presented and plated traditional Christmas lunch on Christmas Eve which can then be reheated on Christmas day.

Contact: <https://www.christchurchcommunitypartnership.org.uk/>

Address: 43 Barrack Road, Christchurch, BH23 1PA

Opening Times: Deliveries for Christmas Dinners will happen on Christmas Eve

Donation Requests: Gift a meal

<https://www.christchurchcommunitypartnership.org.uk/meal-card.html>

Christchurch Foodbank

Hot Christmas dinner delivered x 50 who are isolated and don't want to mix - list from Foodbank, churches, Adult Social Care team and GPs

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Twyneham Church

Do you know anyone that lives on their own or is unable to provide a lunch on Christmas Day? Twyneham Church are preparing a traditional Christmas Day lunch cooked fresh and delivering them hot to those who are living on their own or unable to cook for themselves.

Must book in advance, closing date for bookings is 20th December.

Contact: Deborah Marshall - 07899 898 746, debs.marshall1@btinternet.com or call the office at Twyneham church on 01202 473626

Address: Twyneham Church 99 Barrack Road, Christchurch. BH23 2AL

Crumbs

Crumbs has a festive food offering at very competitive prices - we are supporting the community providing free delivery of ready meal packages at £3.50 pp =£25 for 7 days - we add in extra free items when we have surplus stock to help support those on low income.

Contact: To order call 01202 519320 or email erika@crumbs.org.uk

Address: Hibberd Court, 20A Hibberd Way, Bournemouth BH10 4EP

Opening Times: Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm (Excluding Christmas Day and New Years Day) after hours when needed

Donation Requests: Financial donations appreciated <https://crumbsathome.org.uk/training/>

Bournemouth Christians Alongside Roughsleepers

Churches and Christian organisations around Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole are ensuring there are community meals available every day for those who are homeless or vulnerably housed. Community meals will be provided every day during the holidays, with YMCA hosting a Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day.

Contact: bcars@faithworkswessex.org.uk

Opening Times: [Click here for the programme of community meals](#)

Donation Requests: <https://bcars.org.uk/get-involved/>

Winton Salvation Army

Take out hot meal on the Mondays either side of Christmas and New Year. A festive goody bag to be included for those rough-sleeping and those experiencing food insecurity.

Free meal for all children attending the community restaurant during the Christmas holiday (covid restrictions allowing) and a breakfast pack for families in food insecurity.

Toy appeal for vulnerable families open for referrals

Also providing a festive goody bag on Christmas day for some lone/shut in individuals

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/WintonBournemouthSalvationArmy/>

Address: 1 Latimer Road, Winton, Bournemouth BH9 1JY

Opening Times: Community Restaurant is open from 7-23rd December, 9.30-2pm Monday to Friday

Donation Requests: Gift vouchers for teenage children for Christmas. [Also fundraising to support the work of the Salvation Army in Winton.](#)

St Paul's Lunch Club

A Christmas meal on three consecutive Wednesdays leading up to Christmas - if covid restrictions allow. Each session will accommodate up to 20 different diners. If covid restrictions in place; the intention is to provide a Christmas meal in the New Year.

Predominantly Isolated individuals over the age of 75. The people who attend are all members of the club which has a membership of 60 people.

Contact: <http://www.stpaulscanfordheath.org.uk/church-life/lunch-club/>

Address: St Paul's Church, Culliford Crescent, Poole BH17 9DW

Opening Times: Wednesday 12:00 to 14:00. This time maybe extended but again is subject to covid restrictions.

Donation Requests: A small gift would be nice.

ASDA Cafe - Poole

Asda has today stepped up its support for families across the UK by offering children the chance to eat for free in its cafes throughout December. Asda is offering hot and cold menu choices such as fish fingers, chicken nuggets or sandwiches – all served with a drink and a piece of fruit. The offer will run from December 1st to 31st December except Christmas Day when stores are closed.

<https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2020/11/30/kids-can-eat-free-in-asda-cafes-throughout-december>

Address: ASDA, West Quay Road, Poole, BH15 1JQ

Opening Times: Monday - Saturday, 8.30am - 6pm. Sunday, 10am - 4pm.

Lansdowne Church

Lansdowne Church are working with a local business to cook and deliver Christmas Dinners to those who wouldn't otherwise have one on Christmas Day. If there is anyone in your community, that would benefit from this please feel free to sign them up via this form

<https://forms.gle/AvzZCoh8a3frYckx5>

Deliveries will take place between 12noon-1pm, on Christmas Day. This is available for anyone in Bournemouth, Christchurch or Poole.

Booking deadline is Friday 18th December.

Contact: Tom Davenport <tom.davenport@lansdownechurch.uk>

Community Connection

Prama Life - Telephone Friendship Groups

Hosting telephone friendship groups to support people who may be feeling lonely and isolated, and to engender peer support within communities. Calls are hosted by volunteers and can take place at any time. For more information get in touch with Prama.

Contact: www.pramalife.org/support-for-communities or call Keith Gubbins at 01202 804914 or email at keith.gubbins@pramalife.org

Donation Requests: Looking for volunteers to host meet ups. Commitment as little as 90 minutes a month - full 'in person' training is provided with on-going support.

Christchurch Angels

Christchurch Angels will be offering telephone friendship group calls to those receiving hot meals from Christchurch Community Partnership over Christmas.

Contact: <https://www.christchurchcommunitypartnership.org.uk/angels.html>

Bournemouth Central Primary Care Network

Virtual coffee mornings on Christmas Day and New Years Eve, both running for an hour from 11am to 12pm through Zoom. Calls include a fun quiz for the Christmas Day session. Anyone is welcome to join in for some festive fun, the only criteria is to be aged 18+ and have access to Zoom. People do not need to live alone, have any specific health conditions or be under a particular team.

Referrals from GP practice staff in our own network, self-referrals and referrals from outside agencies are welcome

Contact: romany.ross@dorsetgp.nhs.uk

Opening Times: Christmas Day 11am to 12pm and New Years Eve 11am to 12pm

It's All About Culture - Multicultural Hub

IAAC host a Friday support club at the hub, with food, company, board games and craft workshops. There is free food for children accompanied by a parent at the pop up cafe in December school holidays. They will also be distributing food parcels in January.

This will be happening where covid restrictions allow.

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/itsallaboutcultureboscombe/>

Address: IAAC Multicultural Hub, Sovereign Centre, Boscombe, BH1 4SX

Opening Times: Thur Fri Sat 12 - 4.30

Donation Requests: Tins, cereal and dried food. Shampoo and sanitary products. Christmas food and gifts for families. Boardgames and puzzles for the hub. Volunteers who will deliver.

Age Concern Christchurch

Social activities have had to stop but we are still available for people who need information and advice on a range of subjects - not just covid related. Our befriending service will continue via telephone alongside AgeUK's telephone service.

Contact: <https://www.ageconcernchristchurch.org.uk/Friendship%20Groups/>

Address: 85 Bargates, Christchurch, BH23 1QQ or 130 Tuckton Road, Tuckton, BH6 3JX

Donation Requests: Financial donations via our website -

www.ageconcernchristchurch.org.uk

Our two charity shops who help fund our services would love any unwanted items donated to them. Anyone who can spare some time each week to either volunteer in our office or shops.

Other Support

BCP Crisis Payments Helpline

We will remain open to calls from those who need financial support over christmas. Helpline number is: 01202 633713

Contact: 01202 633713, adultsocialcaretriage@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9 - 4pm except 25th, 28th December and 1st January