



Who are you sharing Christmas with?

The Diocese of Guildford have compiled this directory of support available over the Christmas period in Surrey and North East Hampshire. Thank you to all those groups who have shared information about how they are helping to support people at this time of year. Christmas is a busy time of year, celebrating and spending time with family and friends. However, we know that this time of year can be difficult for some people. They may be lonely – separated from family and friends, or vulnerable for other reasons.

Note for Organisers: We have been advised by one lunch organiser that your local Waitrose may be able to provide support generally for groups who are providing lunch for those who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day.

Another Source of information is <http://communitychristmas.org.uk/> which has a good listing of community events across the UK

Please share the information provided with those who may be on their own at Christmas and with those who may be looking for volunteering opportunities. If you know of another event, or are needing volunteers please do get in touch with the:

Communities Engagement Team,
Diocese of Guildford, Diocesan House, Quarry Street, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3XG
tel: 01483 790 324 email: cet@cofguildford.org.uk



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Surrey Heath

On Christmas Day a Community lunch is being held in **Bisley Village Hall**. The event is aimed at those who will be alone on Christmas day. They can only accommodate 40 guests so pre-booking is essential. The needs of the elderly and disabled are considered and they may be able to help with transport. There is no charge for this event. For more information please email bisleychristmas@gmail.com or phone 07479 244324 and leave a message. Times will be 11.30-4.00pm (TBC)
tel: Sally Hounsham 07788490608
email: bisleychristmas@gmail.com

Collingwood Grange Home, Camberley GU15 1LD are welcoming older people who may be alone at Christmas to a free traditional Christmas lunch, Booking is required for the meal
Volunteers are needed
For further information please contact:
Charlotte tel: 0330 1345069
Email: charlotte.claytor@bupa.com

Lightwater Care invites you to a Christmas Tea Party on Thursday 10th December 3:00pm - 4:30pm at **All Saints' Church Hall**, Broadway Road, Lightwater (for GU18 Residents only)
Do you live alone or know someone who does? Make new friends or meet old ones, transport can be arranged.
Numbers are limited so please call to register.
All Saints' Parish Office on 01276 453121 by Friday 4th December



Waverley

Redcot Residential Home, Haslemere GU27 2LL are hosting a free Traditional Christmas lunch for older people in the community. To find out more or to book a place please contact Janice Knight
Phone: 01428 644637
Email: manager@redcot.fote.org.uk

The Haslemere Churches are again providing a Christmas Day lunch for anyone who would otherwise be on their own.

'Haslemere Churches warmly welcome you to join the festivities at Haslewey Community Centre, Haslemere on Christmas Day for a delicious lunch with all the trimmings! The lunch is free to guests who would otherwise be on their own, whatever age or circumstances. Transport to Haslewey for guests can be arranged if needed. Next year we will be needing an organiser, if you are interested please also contact Jo.

To reserve a place please contact Jo Long hclorganiser@gmail.com or telephone 01428 724389'

Jo Long - Christmas Day Lunch Organiser tel:01428 724389

Cranleigh Methodist Church are hosting a Community Tea with a concert of Christmas music and community singing on Saturday 12th December from 2.30 to about 5pm. volunteers are most welcome, particularly with transport or simply to show a friendly face.

If people can afford to, we would like to make a modest collection for Action for Children.

For further information please contact (preferably) Jane O'Leary email joleary@oaktax.com alternatively Glenda Sewell Tel: 01483273037.

The Baptist Church in Ewhurst are hosting the Village Christmas Day Lunch, 12.15 for 12.30. For more details please contact Simon Bodington, Minister, Ewhurst Baptist Church email: simon_bodington@yahoo.co.uk tel: 01483 267878 The Street, Ewhurst, Surrey, GU6 7QA

Prime Time is for anyone over the age of 55 and is primarily a social activities group. There will be a Prime Time Christmas Carol Service in **Busbridge Church** on Tuesday 15th December at 2.30pm. It will be a traditional seasonal celebration followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Penny is the Primetime Befriending Co-ordinator

email: penny.naylor@bhcgodalming.org

Or via Revd Simon Taylor tel: 01483 421267

St John the Baptist, Brighton Rd, Godalming, GU7 1XA

Churches Together in Godalming for many years has organised a Christmas Day Lunch at the **Baptist Church** for people who would otherwise spend the day on their own and it has proved very popular. Transport assistance may be possible for Godalming residents. After lunch there is entertainment and everyone is given a small gift. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, preparing food and setting tables on Christmas Eve, providing transport on Christmas Day, helping in the kitchen with serving and washing up, hosting on the day, providing entertainment and to clear away afterwards.

Church Office tel : 01483 422105 email: gwenwheatman@hotmail.co.uk

Godalming Baptist Church, Queen Street, Godalming, GU7 1BA

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk



Mole Valley

St Nicolas Church, Great Bookham, run a friendship lunch to be held at 12 noon on **Sunday 6th December** in St Nicolas Church Pastoral Centre (KT23 3PW). This lunch is a chance for someone who would normally eat lunch alone to gather together, and these are held at various points in the year. There is a £4 per head fee which is payable on the door.

Also they hold a coffee morning every Tuesday 10am-12noon (Tuesday coffee will run until December 22nd this side of Christmas and then pick up again in the new year) in the Pastoral Centre which is open to all.

All are welcome, more details can be found via the parish office.

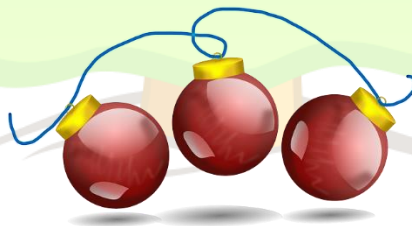
tel: 01372 450709 email: office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

Fetcham Village Hall, The Street, Fetcham, KT22 9QS

There will be a lunch for lonely, single, disadvantaged families on Christmas Day in Fetcham Village Hall. The Hall will be open from 10.30 to 4.00 with the usual Christmas Dinner at 12.30. Over the past few years there have been about 90 to 100 there.

Volunteers are always needed either: Christmas Eve in the Hall to prepare vegetables and put out tables etc. Or on Christmas Day socialising with those present, serving food, clearing up etc. In the past this has been run by an organisation called Pitstop, but this year it is being co-ordinated by Graham Peddie

Contact either: Pitstop email: enquiries@thepitstop.org.uk tel: 01372 363003 or Graham Peddie tel: 01372 373803



Elmbridge

Christmas Lunch in **All Saints, Weston Green Church Hall** is being held on Wednesday 30th December at 12 noon. It is aimed at those who are on the own over the Christmas period and is a continuation of their monthly lunch held on the last Wednesday of each month aimed at those who live alone.

Ian Whitley, Parish Missioner

All Saints Church – Weston Green tel: 07961 382293

Arbrook House Nursing Home, Esher, KT10 8BGIs hosting a free traditional Christmas lunch for older people in the community, booking is required, Volunteers are needed needed.

To Find out more please contact Jonathan tel: 0330 134 5069
email: jonathan.may@bupa.com

St Christopher's, Hinchley Wood, are holding a Christmas Lunch Together on Saturday 5th December, 12.30 - 3.00 pm at St Christopher's church hall., Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood, KT10 0AQ. Cost £15 payable on the day. Please ring the parish office on 020 8398 9095 to book a place.

We also have a hearing aid clinic for those with NHS hearing aids immediately after the lunch. This will be in the church.

St. Mary's Church Long Ditton are holding a Christmas Buffet Lunch (cost £8.00), 12.30pm on Monday 14th December in the community hall adjacent to the church. Children from the local Infant School will be singing carols and there will be a raffle for a Christmas Hamper. Booking is essential through Diana Jemmett.
tel: 020 8398 1184 email: diana.e.jemmett@btinternet.com
St. Mary's Church Community Hall, Church Road, Long Ditton, KT6 5HH

Holy Trinity Church , Claygate are hosting several events over the Christmas period, including
Christmas Connections for Seniors at 10 am Tuesday 8 December & 15 December
Their weekly event for Seniors but this time with a Christmas theme
Home-made cakes and fresh coffee
No charge

Please contact the church office if you know of anyone who will be on their own this Christmas and wherever possible we would arrange for them to be invited to a church members' home for Christmas lunch.

Enquiries to Janet Watkins churchoffice@holyltrinityclaygate.org.uk
Holy Trinity Church, Church Road, Claygate KT10 0JP tel: 01372 463603



Woking

St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park are planning a Christmas Lunch for the elderly/vulnerable/lonely in their Coffee Shop in the week before Christmas. Date to be confirmed. To find out more, please contact:

Rev'd Kate Wyles, Vicar of St Andrew's Goldsworth Park, Woking
email: Kate@Standrewsgwp.org tel: 01483 764523



Guildford

FOOTSTEPS drop-in centre is open on Sunday evenings and Christmas Day in Guildford town centre at Beverley Hall in Haydon Place. Their aim is to help homeless and needy people in and around Guildford.

They serve up to 40 men and women each week. Approximately two thirds are 'regulars' and the rest are more itinerant. FOOTSTEPS is run solely with the help of volunteers who all give their time free of charge and do not claim any expenses. New volunteers and gifts of food and funding are always welcome.

Beverley Hall Community Centre, 71 Haydon Place
Guildford, GU1 4ND

email: info@footsteps.org.uk

St Lawrence Church, Effingham regularly conduct activities and these will continue over the festive period. These will include:

Tuesday Teas - a gathering at the Catholic Church Hall, Lower Road Effingham on alternate Tuesdays - a donation of £1 is all that is required - details from Gill or Keith Walker 01372 457987.

Lunch at the Plough - a private function by invitation only for approx 20 details Robert Meier 01372 457407.

Parish Pint (for the chaps !) fourth Tuesday monthly at the Plough at 12 noon - contact Robert Hall 01372 453183.

Sunday Breakfast - a full English breakfast in the Bowdler Room, All Saints' Little Bookham on the fourth Sunday in the month details from Catherine Hall 01372 453183 .

Christingle Service - Sunday 6th December 3.30pm St Lawrence Church details from Anne Bleming 01372 458321.

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The Parish of **Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough** are inviting all residents who singly, or as couples, expect to be on their own for Christmas lunch and would like to join us in Seale Village Hall, to let us know. It is essential that they have notification in advance. To book a place please call: tel: 01252 783057.

Ven Adrian Harbidge, Rector of the Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

Christmas at **Canterbury Care Centre**, will include several events which require no booking.

Monday 21st Dec – Christmas Party in the hall starting at 2pm

Thursday 24th Dec – Social Drop-in 9:30am – 11:30am

Monday 28th Dec – Social Drop-in 9:30am – 11:30am

Thursday 31st Dec – Social Drop-in 9:30am – 11:30am

The Canterbury Care Centre is a Drop in Centre for South West Surrey Association for Mental Health, 23 Waterden Road, Guildford GU1 2AZ.

tel: 01483 577020 email: canterburycarecentre@yahoo.co.uk

St Michael and All Angels Church Pirbright is having a Christmas lunch after the service on Sunday 13th December which is a pre-book/pay event.

At 4pm the afternoon before - Saturday 13th December, they are also holding a Remembering Loved Ones at Christmas which everyone is invited to.

For more information please contact the Parish Office

tel: 07777659138 email: helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com

Salvation Army Christmas Day celebration and foodbank

Woodbridge Road, Guildford GU1 4QQ

email: guildford@salvationarmy.org.uk

tel: 01483 506763 or 01483 575 128

Vaughan House in Guildford often have a Christmas meal on the 25th where they could use some volunteers to help with serving lunch and doing games with residents.

Vaughan House, Supported Housing, 5-7 Chertsey Street, Guildford, GU1 4HD

tel: 01483 504704 email: guildford.hostel@riverside.org.uk



Epsom & Ewell

Churches together in Ewell are hosting a Christmas Day lunch at Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, Ewell.

'Together at Christmas Luncheon' will run from 12.30 – 4.15pm for those who might otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. There is no charge for this lunch and transport will be provided if necessary.

If you are interested or know of anyone who may be, please contact us at Christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com or telephone 0208 393 3011.

Epsom Methodist Church will be hosting Christmas Lunch for those in the borough who will otherwise be on their own (or couples who might be lonely). We accommodate about 50 guests and with helpers we lunch about 66. We rely on local business support for donations of food etc but otherwise the Church fund this event. Transport may be possible, depending on needs but only within the borough of Epsom. We have a limited number of drivers so transport cannot always be guaranteed but we will do our level best.

Lunch is from 12.30 until 4.00 p.m. With a little light entertainment in the afternoon post lunch and pre cup of tea and cake.

To book a place please contact Tony Blakeburn tony.blakeburn@ntlworld.com
Epsom Methodist church tel: 01372 728535



Reigate and Banstead

Abbeyfield House are hosting a Traditional Christmas lunch for older people in the community. Please contact the home to find out more
Abbeyfield House, 34 Somers Road, Reigate RH2 9DZ
tel: 01727 734 077 email: coping@abbeyfield.com



Hart

Victoria Hall, Hartley Witney RG27 8RE is hosting a Traditional Christmas lunch for all ages in the Community hall. To find out more or to book a place please call the number below. Please note the Closing date 20 December 2015

Volunteers are needed. For more information please contact:

Chris Cornwell tel: 01252 843251 email: over55forum@yahoo.co.uk



East Hampshire

PACT, Community Hall, Petersfield GU32 3EB

Are hosting a free Traditional Christmas lunch. Guest booking is required and Volunteers are needed

Closing date for bookings is 11 December 2015

For further information, please call Katie Wlglely tel: 01730 260213

email: pactchristmaslunch@gmail.com



Runnymede

The Village Centre, Englefield Green is again providing a Christmas lunch on 25th December at 1pm for anyone who is on their own or in need. Under 18's will need to have provided advance notice of their name, age and a contact number. They may be able to collect someone from the local area too. The meal is free, and if people are housebound they can also deliver directly to their door (Englefield Green area only).

Jayne Watson, Centre Manager, The Village Centre, Victoria Street, Englefield Green, TW20 0QX

tel: 01784 471110 email: villagecentremenager@gmail.com

Egham St John's Church will be opening "The Kitchen" during the Christmas week ie: 21st to 26th December. The Kitchen is located at Virginia Lodge, Station Road, Egham (opposite the Station) and they will be open from 10am to 2pm (possibly later depending on need) on the Monday to Thursday. Hot drinks and a hot meal/snack will be served on those days. They will also be open for lunch on Christmas Day and Boxing Day & they can arrange transport for guests who wish to join them on those days. A traditional lunch on Christmas Day and a hot meal on Boxing Day will be served. Please contact Lesley if you wish to join us for lunch on Christmas Day or Boxing Day or are interested in volunteering.
Lesley Pocock email: lesleypocock@aol.com



Rushmoor

On **Christmas Day St Peter's Church, Farnborough** will be holding a traditional Christmas lunch for anyone who would otherwise be on their own at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. Transport can be provided if needed and there is no charge. To book a place contact Elizabeth Lowden on 01252 543081.