



Who are you sharing Christmas with?

The Diocese of Guildford have compiled this directory of support available over the Christmas period in Surrey. 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.

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 need volunteers, please do get in touch with the:

Communities Engagement Team,
Diocese of Guildford, The Church of England
tel: 01483 790 324 email: cet@cofeguildford.org.uk

Compiled by:





Waverley

The Haslemere Pre-Christmas Lunch is being held at Haslewey Community Centre, Weyhill, Haslemere. A traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings or Nut Roast and dessert. Tickets £12. All are welcome. Pre-booking is essential. tel: 01428 648716 email: info@haslewey.org

Alfold and Loxwood Parish are performing a Live Nativity at Alfold Sports & Social Club from 3:30 - 6:00pm on Saturday 16th December, followed by carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies. For further details, please contact the Church Office via: tel: 01403 753821 or email: alflox.parish.off@btinternet.com

The Baptist Church in Ewhurst: Following their morning service at 10:30am they will be hosting the Village Christmas Day Lunch, 12.15 for 12.30. For more details please contact: Cherry Matthews on 01483 277895 or matthewscherry@btinternet.com
The Street, Ewhurst, Surrey, GU6 7QA

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.

email: gwenwheatman@hotmail.co.uk

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





Guildford

FOOTSTEPS drop-in centre is open on 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 open for coffee and mince pies from 10.30 am and serve a meal at 12.30pm, closing at 3pm. There is no need to pre-book.

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 John's Church, Stoke Road, Guildford, GU1 1HB have their monthly Outlook Lunch on Weds 6th Dec, for senior citizens. There is a hearty lunch & a short service in the church. It starts at 12.30pm & costs £3.50 per person and lifts may be possible. For further information please contact Janet Durrant via:

email: office@stjohnstoke.com or tel: 01483 574562

St Nicolas' Church, Guildford are having Coffee & Cake from 10:30am on Friday 29th December which will be followed by a Festive Feast in their Community Centre, Bury Street, GU2 4AW from 11:30 – 1:30pm. There is a small charge (£7) and booking would be appreciated. They hold a lunch on this basis, all in aid of USPG, on the last Friday of every month, no booking required.

Please contact them via email: parishoffice@saintnics.com or tel: 01483 564526

Dray Court, Guildford: All Saints Church, Guildford will be hosting a 'Christmas Carol Service' on Wednesday 20th December, 2.30 pm, at Dray Court (Sheltered Housing for the Elderly), Guildford GU2 7UW. Anyone from the local community is welcome to come along. The service will be led by Revd Beverly Watson, Vicar of All Saints Guildford.

Emmanuel Church, Stoughton have two regular events which will continue over the Christmas period. A club for retired people every Wednesday from 11am-12.30pm. £1 to cover refreshments, etc. You can choose from a variety of activities such as table tennis, crafts, bowls, scrabble, pool and triominoes (triangular dominoes) – and even have some armchair exercise! If you'd rather just sit and chat you are welcome to do that too. They also have a Pensioners' Lunch on the second Monday of each month (except August) from 12.30-2.30pm. They invite those who are retired to come along for a two course lunch for £4.50. You'll find plenty of people to chat with, good food and a nice relaxing atmosphere to enjoy. Please contact the Parish Office for more details on:

tel: 01483 561603 or email: parish.office@emmanuelchurch.co.uk

Emmanuel Church, Emmanuel Church, 1 Shepherds Lane, Guildford, GU2 9SJ

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

- **Chatterbox** will be on Tuesdays from 10.30am-12pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays in St Lawrence & on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at All Saints. Catherine Hall: 453183 for further info. (Last session on 19th December & resumes on 9th January 2018)
- **Parish Pint** (for the chaps) Tuesday 28th Nov: 4th Tuesday monthly at the Sir Douglas Haig, Effingham, 12pm. (No Parish Pint in December). Contact Robert Hall: 453183 or Robert@whestons.co.uk if coming (for catering).
- **Sunday Breakfast** 10th Dec: Monthly on 2nd Sunday in the Bowdler Room, All Saints' Church, Little Bookham, 8am Communion. Catherine Hall 453183.
- **Tuesday Tea:** Tuesday 21st Nov. Alternate Tuesdays, in the Catholic Church Hall, Lower Rd, Effingham. From 2.30pm-4pm. A donation of £1 is all that is required. Contact either Gill or Keith Walker on 457987.
- **Christian Meditation Group**, Thursday 23rd Nov: Meets fortnightly, 2pm in the Methodist Church, Effingham. Info - Mrs Sylvia Lindsay 457383.
- **"Connect" Group**, Thursday 23rd Nov - for carers & partners living with dementia meets fortnightly at 10am-12pm, St Lawrence Church Hall.
- **Messy Church**, Wednesday 13th Dec: St Lawrence Church Hall 3.30-5.30pm. 2nd Wednesday of each month.
- **Advent Carols** is on Sunday 3rd December at All Saints Church, Little Bookham, 6pm
- **Christingle Making** is on Saturday 9th December at All Saints Church, Little Bookham, 10am
- **Christingle Service** is Sunday 10th December at St Lawrence Church, 3.30pm
- **Village Carol Service** is Sunday 17th December at St Lawrence, 6pm
- **Effingham Living Nativity** is Thursday 21st December at 6pm starting at The Douglas Haig Pub

The **Canterbury Care Centre** (mental health drop in centre) are looking forward to welcoming friends old and new over the Christmas period. No booking required - all welcome. Their Christmas opening is as follows:

Carol Service at Christ Church, Waterden Road, GU1 2AZ, 1pm on Monday the 11th December.

The only days they are closed over the Christmas period are Christmas Day, Monday the 25th, New Years day and Monday the 1st January.

The Canterbury Care Centre is in Church House, 23 Waterden Road, Guildford GU1 2AZ. tel: 01483 577020 email: canterburycarecentre@yahoo.co.uk
www.canterburycarecentre.com

Salvation Army will have their normal drop in on Friday 22nd December but not at any other time. They will be closed, apart from this Friday, over the Christmas period.

Woodbridge Road, Guildford GU1 4QQ
email: guildford@salvationarmy.org.uk
tel: 01483 506763 or 01483 575128

Vaughan House in Guildford often have a Christmas meal 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

Christmas at the North Guildford Food Bank

As Christmas Day falls on a Monday there will be no alteration to our normal opening days and times at any of our branches throughout the festive season. From Wednesday 6th Dec all branches will be offering clients a fresh chicken, potatoes, carrots and parsnips for them to make a Christmas meal plus of course mince pies, Christmas puddings and cake. We shall also have a selection of toys and Christmas decorations available.

On **Christmas Day between 10am and 12pm, Bills Restaurant** will be opening for free coffee and cake for people over 60. Transport may be possible but needs to be discussed with them. Tel: 01483 455187

1 Angel Gate, Guildford Town Centre, GU1 4AE

St Michael and All Angels Church, Pirbright, have a number of events happening over the Christmas period:

6th Dec. 10.15am Holy Communion service followed by Café Club.

9th Dec. Christmas lunch - to book a place contact Barbara Douglas, rbdouguk@aol.com (places are limited)

9th Dec. 4pm - Remembering Loved Ones at Christmas service, followed by tea.

10th Dec. 3pm – Christingle service, followed by village children's Christmas party provided free of charge by the Church.

13th Dec. 6.30pm Carol singing around the village, raising money for Crisis, everyone welcome, mulled wine & mince pies at The Vicarage afterwards.

15th Dec. 2.15pm - Carol service for elderly residents, followed by tea.

16th Dec. 3.30-5.30pm – Messy Church everyone welcome.

16th Dec. - delivering Christmas goodies to local people in need.

If anyone would like transport to any Christmas services or events, or would like more information please contact one of their churchwardens Catherine Copley 01483 481234 or Pauline Cannon 01252 326534