



## 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.

Other sources of information is <http://communitychristmas.org.uk/> tel 0800 0639285 and [www.premier.org.uk/christmasalone](http://www.premier.org.uk/christmasalone) which both have 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:

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tel: 01483 790 324 email: [cet@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:cet@cofeguildford.org.uk)

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## 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 and all are welcome, pre-booking is essential tel: 01428 648716 email: [info@haslewey.org](mailto:info@haslewey.org)

**Churches Together in Farnham's, Christmas Day Lunch** starts at 1.00pm at The Gostrey Centre, East Street, Farnham GU9 7SB. The lunch is for people who live locally and who would otherwise spend Christmas Day on their own.

Booking essential.

To book a place please ring before 9th December;

Mariola Boyd 01252 716785 or Michael McDonnell 01252 712600

Transport provided if required.

There is no charge for lunch or transport.

Volunteer helpers welcome (especially drivers). To volunteer please ring:

Jo Rendall 01252 737162

**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 from Church Office

tel: 01403 753821 email [alflox.parish.off@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto:matthewscherry@btinternet.com)

**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](mailto:gwenwheatman@hotmail.co.uk)

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



## **Mole Valley**

**St Nicolas Church, Great Bookham**, run a friendship lunch to be held at 12 noon on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** November in St Nicolas Church Pastoral Centre (KT23 3PW). This lunch is a chance for those who would normally eat lunch alone to gather together, and these are held at various points in the year. There is a £5 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 info from our parish office.

tel: 01372 450709 email: [office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

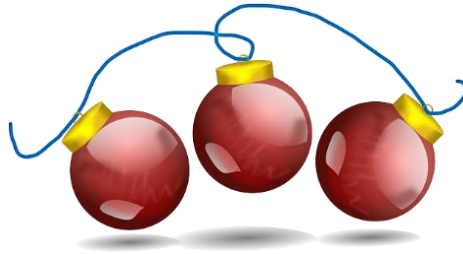
Christmas family fun Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2pm-4pm Christmas crafts, activities & fun for all ages including a baby play area. There'll be a story time with carol singing and a Café serving seasonal treats. **EVERYTHING IS FREE** but all children must be accompanied by an adult responsible for their care.

### **St. George's Christian Centre, Barnett Wood Lane, Ashted, KT21 2DA**

members of St George's congregation are again opening a place at their Christmas table over the festivities. They have their café open on 20th, 21st, 22nd December for light lunches tea & coffee's

Also are also running Evergreen our Social club for the over 75's on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.30-4.15

To find out more please contact Jacqui Kershaw (Outreach for the elderly)  
01372 813200 Jacqueline.Kershaw@ashteadparish.org



## Elmbridge

**St Paul's East Molesey**, Church Road, KT8 9DR are welcoming people to their Christmas lunch for all in the Parish room (next to the church) on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 12:30pm. The lunch will be preceded by a service of Holy Communion if you wish to attend. The meal of 2 courses followed by tea or coffee costs £5. Please ring Judy Lanaway to book on 020 8979 0014.

**St Andrew' Cobham** warmly invite you to their Christmas Day lunch from 1pm – 4:30pm at church Gate House. Please reserve your place by contacting the Parish Office: tel: 01932 867883 or email:parishoffice@standrewscobham.org.uk

**St Christopher's, Hinchley Wood**, are holding a Christmas Lunch Together on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm – 3pm. Please ring the parish office on 020 8398 9095 to book a place (there may be a small charge)

**St. Mary's Church Long Ditton** are holding a Christmas Buffet Lunch (cost £8.00), 12.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Connections which is their weekly event for Seniors, running from 10am -11am every Tuesday in the Church. There is a constantly changing range of activities with everything from mini hand massages to craft activities and games as well as special interest tables put together by local guests. All are welcome for home-made cakes and fresh coffee and there is no charge!

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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@holytrinityclaygate.org.uk

Holy Trinity Church, Church Road, Claygate KT10 0JP tel: 01372 463603



## Woking

### **Christmas Day Community Lunch at St John's Church, West Byfleet**

Alone on Christmas Day? Come and join us for lunch.

Plan for the day: Welcome drinks from midday, Traditional Christmas lunch served at 1pm, Time for chatting, with optional quizzes & carols, Tea and mince pies, Depart by 4pm

To **book your place** or for further information, please email [christmaslunch@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk](mailto:christmaslunch@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk) or contact the Parish Office on 01932 342263. They hope to be able to help with transport where it is most needed; please contact us them to discuss.

Open every day of the year, the **Woking Safe Haven** is a cafe-style drop-in centre. Offering out of hours mental health support to people who may be experiencing or approaching crisis. The informal and friendly venue offers a safe and comfortable space to find help and is open to carers as well. Visitors to the Safe Haven Woking will receive a warm welcome and can talk to professional wellbeing staff, including a Community Psychiatric Nurse who can provide mental health assessments. There is also the support of others with lived experience of mental health crisis. The Safe Haven team will ensure your privacy and dignity at all times. They can support you through your mental health crisis and link you with other services to provide further help.

Seven days a week. 365 days a year.

The Prop, 30 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6JT

Opening times: Monday - Friday, 6 pm - 11pm

Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, 3pm - 8pm

The **Moorcroft Day Centre** in Woking GU22 9LY, **are hosting a free** traditional Christmas lunch, for older people who are on their own. Christmas Guest booking is required. Transport may be possible. No volunteers are needed.

For bookings and further enquiries please contact :  
anneroberts3@ntlworld.com Tel: 01932 403292



## **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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stjohnstoke.com) or tel: 01483 574562

**St Nicolas' Church, Guildford** on Friday 29th December are having Coffee & Cake from 10:30am 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](mailto: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

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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, like 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.

Also a Pensioners' Lunch - On the second Monday 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 ring the Parish Office for more details.

tel: 01483 561603

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)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: **Parish Pint** (for the chaps): 4th Tuesday monthly at the Sir Douglas Haig, Effingham, 12pm. (No Parish Pint in December). Contact Robert Hall: 453183 or [Robert@whestons.co.uk](mailto: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 awhter 8am Communion. Catherine Hall 453183.

Tuesday 21st Nov: **Tuesday Tea**, 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.

Thursday 23rd Nov: **Christian Meditation Group**: Meets fortnightly, 2pm in the Methodist Church, Effingham. Info - Mrs Sylvia Lindsay 457383.

Thursday 23rd Nov: **"Connect" Group** for carers & partners living with dementia meets fortnightly at 10am-12pm, St Lawrence Church Hall.

Wednesday 13th Dec: **Messy Church**, St Lawrence Church Hall 3.30-5.30pm. 2nd Wednesday of each month.

**Advent Carols** is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December at St Lawrence Church, 3.30pm

**Village Carol Service** is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at St Lawrence, 6pm

**Effingham Living Nativity** is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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:

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Carol Service at Christ Church, Waterden Road, GU1 2AZ, 1 pm 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

**St Michael and All Angels Church, Pirbright** have a number of events happening over the Christmas period including their Annual Christmas Lunch on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Church Room at 12:30pm Tickets at £12 each are available from Barbara Douglas rbdouguk@aol.com and Helen Whitworth helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com, also in the church on Sunday mornings. Space is limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

**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 575 128

**Vaughan House** in Guildford often have a Christmas meal when 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 Cobley 01483 481234 or Pauline Cannon 01252 326534



**Epsom & Ewell**

**Churches together in Ewell** are hosting a Christmas Day lunch at Stoneleigh Baptist Church.

'Together at Christmas' will run from 12.30 – 4.15pm for local residents who might otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. There is no charge for this lunch, If you are interested or know of anyone who may be, please contact them at Christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com or tel:) 020 8397 7307 or 0208 393 3011  
This event is Kindly supported by Ewell Rotary Club

**Epsom Methodist Church** will be hosting Christmas Day Lunch which is via invitation only to those in the borough (and couples) who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day). They 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 they’ll do their level best.

Lunch is from 12.30 until 4.00 p.m. With a little light entertainment in the afternoon and possibly a visit from Father Christmas!

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



### **Reigate and Banstead**

Alone at Christmas? **Banstead Methodist Church together with The United Church of St Mark (Tattenham Corner)** will be hosting a Christmas Day lunch for anyone who finds themselves alone. Our day begins in the morning, when our guests are picked up from your home and transported to Banstead Methodist Church for the Christmas Day service. Afterwards there is some light entertainment before enjoying an excellent Christmas lunch when there is an opportunity to chat to the many other people. After watching the Queen's speech, we will transport them home with a packed tea and present. There will be no charge.

Contacts: Janet Willock, The United Church of St. Mark, St Marks Road,  
Tel (01737) 353138 or Sara Watkins, Banstead Methodist Church, The Drive,  
Tel (01737) 359056



### **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 18 December 2016

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For more information please contact:

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

**Churches Together in Fleet**, supported by Fleet Town Council, are organising a lunch for 40 people from Fleet or Church Crookham on Christmas Day for those who are lonely and would otherwise be spending Christmas alone. The lunch will be held at The Harlington. If you would like to attend/know someone who would benefit from attending, then please contact: Charlotte Benham (Fleet Town Council) tel: 01252 625246



## East Hampshire

**Petersfield Area Churches Together** are again hosting a Christmas Day Lunch will take place from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Petersfield Community Centre, Love Lane. GU32 3EB. Transport to and from the Community Centre may be possible Guest booking is required and Volunteers are needed For further information, please call Katie Wigley tel: 01730 260213 pactchristmaslunch@gmail.com



## Runnymede

**Egham St John's Church** "The St John's Christmas Kitchen will again be open this year at the new Easter Centre, Manor Farm Lane, Egham (located behind the Church) They will be open from 11am to 2pm on Wednesday 20th December with

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hot drinks and a hot meal being served. They will also be open for a traditional Christmas lunch on Christmas Day between 12 noon and 3pm and can arrange a lift for guests who wish to join them and who rely on public transport. May this ministry continue to show God's love to our community

Please contact Lesley Pocock if you wish to join them for lunch on Christmas Day. mob 07833307629 email: lesleypocock@aol.com

**Addlestone** – The Salvation Army will be hosting their annual Christmas day meal. Coffee, a Service, Lunch and Entertainment will be provided and the event is free to attend. Please contact Penny for more information and timings, transport may be possible. tel:01932 829678.



### **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.

**St John's Church, Cove** are having a Christmas lunch at St John's Hall for those who would otherwise be on their own. The lunch will be served at 1.30 on Christmas Day but people are welcome to meet at 12.00pm. For further information or to book a place please contact Sally Brett on 07555 691218.

**The Vine Centre, Aldershot** is a Christian charity for homeless and vulnerable people. They welcome visits so do get in touch.

Wednesday 20th December - 11am to 3pm - Christmas Dinner - all ages

Thursday 21st December - 11am to 3pm - Christmas Buffet - over 55's

Friday 22nd December - 10am to 11.30am - Christmas brunch - all ages

Thursday 28th December - 11am to 3.00pm - Christmas Dinner - over 55's

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Further enquiries: Client Services Team - 01252 400196