CHRISTMAS FACTSHEET 2024

*Below is our most up to date list of Christmas opening hours, free Christmas meals and other food support provided during the Christmas season. For further details and support please phone our Community Connections Lewisham phone line on 0330 0583 464, open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday to Friday (*except Thursdays when it is open 2-4pm only).*

Lewisham Council Customer Service Centre

020 8314 6000 automated switchboard- open every day, 24/7.

Crisis Mental Health Line

(South London and Maudsley mental health support line)
0800 731 2864 – open every day 24/7.

Advice Lewisham

Closed from 12.30 24th December.
Reopens 3rd of January.

Community Connections Lewisham

Our phoneline is closed 25th December and reopens the 2nd of January. Our drop in is closed 28th and 5th and reopens 9th January.

Rushey Green Pharmacy

Primary Care Centre, Hawstead Road, SE6 4JH.
Telephone: 020 8690 8917

Christmas Opening: 25th December, 10am-6pm, 26th December, 10am-2pm
New Year Opening: 31st December, 10am-6pm, 1st January 2025, 10am-2pm
All other days normal opening hours.

Forest Hill Jobcentre

32-34 Dartmouth Road, London, SE23 3XU

Closed only for designated bank holidays:
25th December, 26th December,1st January 2025.

Good Gym

Please submit referrals as early as possible.
Christmas: The referral portal will close at 3pm on 24th December. Referrals re-open on 27th December at 9.30am.
New Year: The referrer portal will close on 31st December at 3pm and reopen on 2nd January at 9:30am.

Lewisham Mencap

Final evenings with Christmas Parties:
Monday Club - 16th December, reopens 6th of January.
Tuesday Club - 17th December, reopens 7th of January.
Thursday Club - 19th December, reopens 9th of January.

Silver Line

Telephone 0800 470 8090
The Silver Line Helpline offers conversation and is open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

Waythrough Lewisham Recovery Service and Aftercare

55 Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill, SE23 3HN
Telephone 020 8699 5263

Open over festive period 9am to 5pm except:
Christmas Eve, 24th December, closing 3pm.
Christmas Day, 25th December, and Boxing Day 26th December, closed.
New Years Eve, 31stJanuary, closing 3pm.
New Years Day, 1st January, closed.

Drug and Alcohol service
https://www.waythrough.org.uk/find-support-near-me/lewisham-primary-care-recovery-service-pcrs/

Food Services

See this link for **Good Food Lewisham's** list of free and cheap food, which will continue to be updated: https://www.goodfoodlewisham.org/post/christmas-in-lewisham-2024-useful-services-free-meals-and-free-food

Before and After Christmas

The Bear Church at Evelyn Community Centre

Evelyn Community Centre, 9 Wotton Road, SE8 5TQ

Community Meals at 7pm on 8th and 15th December, and then closed until 5th January 2025.

Food Cycle Lewisham

The Lewisham Irish Community Centre, 2a Davenport Road, Rushey Green, SE6 2AZ

Midweek meal open until Wednesday 18th December, reopening Wednesday 8th January
1-3pm.
Weekend meal open until Saturday 21st December, reopening on Saturday 4th January 1-3pm.
A three-course, vegetarian meal open to all, no eligibility criteria.

The Feast at King's Church Catford

Catford Hill, SE6 4PS

Dinner every Wednesday, up to Wednesday 18th December at 7pm. Due to building works, there will be a takeaway service.

Rehoboth Community Outreach Club

Ray Champion Meeting Room, 1-18 Allwood Close, SE26 4JP
Telephone: 07487738908 / 07946354617 for additional information.

Monday December 23rd 11am -3pm Annual Christmas Dinner.
Carol singing, music, hot meals and food parcels. Collection only.
December 16th,11am - 3pm: Children 0 - 16 yrs. Winter jacket give away.

Christ Church United Reformed Church Bellingham

15 Bellingham Green, London, SE6 3HQ

Christmas Meal Friday 20th December 12.30 - 1.30pm followed by various activities until 4.30pm. Three course, traditional Christmas dinner. Will cater for special diets and ask people about this at the time of booking. Can cater for up to 40 places, so please book in advance.
Contact Fiona Thomas on 07905889260 or info@ftconsults.co.uk

Ichthus Community Table

Ichthus Lee Green, 23 Lampmead Road, London, SE12 8QJ

20th December at 1.30pm**.**
Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.
Opening hours remain the same 1.30-3.00pm every Friday, except they will be closed on 27th December.

Bank of Things & Community Youth Fridge

Unit 19, Lewisham Shopping Centre, Molesworth Street, SE13 7HB

Open Wednesdays and Fridays 3 - 5pm until Friday 20th. Then open again on Friday 3rd January. For young people aged 11 – 25. Distributing surplus foods such as pastries and cakes.
Contact: Hannah hannah@lewishamlocal.com or 07726 350915

Greater Faith Ministries

Leemore Centre, 29-31 Clarendon Rise, Lewisham, SE13 5EY
Bonfield Road Entrance

Friday 13th December 5-7pm.
Community Christmas Meal**.**

Catford Soup Kitchen

1 Bromley Road Catford SE6 1JX

25th December, 12noon – 2pm.
Christmas Dinner.
Also open over the Christmas and New Year period every Saturday 11am – 1pm outreach@uckg.org

Community Connections Lewisham / Lewisham Salvation Army

Sunday 22nd December.
Meals on Wheels.
Freshly made meals and goody bags delivered in the morning by volunteers. First come, first served booking for Lewisham residents isolated over Christmas. Limited number of meals, refer early to avoid disappointment.
Please signpost to the Community Connections Lewisham phoneline or ring yourself on 0330 058 3464 to provide details, dietary requirements, and anything else we should know about the delivery.

Mye Green Mango

1a Station Approach, Catford, SE6 4RE (near Catford Bridge Tavern)

21st December 11am-4pm. Christmas Dinner with trimmings.

Lewisham Donation Hub

Unit D, Place Ladywell, 261 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6AY

Please check website before visiting www.lewishamdonationhub.org
Weather/limited volunteer numbers can close certain parts of the service.
Planned opening and service times as follows:

28th November- 14th December.
Food only, no general support/Sunday donations.

15th, 22nd, 29th December, 5th January.
Donation Days.
17th, 18th,19th December.
Fully open for general + food support (weather permitting).

24th, 26th, 31st December, 2nd January.
Food support (+very limited general support).

25th December (Christmas Day).
1st January (New Year's Day).
Fully closed.

7th, 8th, 9th January.
Fully open for general + food support (weather permitting).

10th January – 25th January.
Food only, no general support/Sunday donations.

The Love Fellowship Lifeline Ministry

Honor Oak Community Centre, 50 Turnham Road, SE4 2JD
Telephone 07957 198 304

25th December 2 – 5pm.
Free Christmas meal for people in need on the estate.
To book your meal visit https://www.greetingsisland.com/invites/pyq01vxfm4zt
Living Waters Christian Centre last foodbank day 18th December,
returning 29th January 2025.

Cummin Up Caribbean Takeaway with Taste Soul Good

389 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6NZ

25th December 1pm to 6pm.
Christmas day traditional meal with a Caribbean twist.
Richard Simpson 07831423163 no booking necessary.
Family environment encouraged, volunteers welcome.

After Christmas

Hill Station Cafe

Hill Station Cafe, Kitto Road, SE14 5TY

26th December 11am – 5pm.
Free basic hot drinks (instant coffee and tea-bag tea), squash and biscuits. Stay as long as you like. On 484 and 343 bus routes.

Christ Church United Reformed Church Bellingham

15 Bellingham Green, London, SE6 3HQ

Friday 27th December 12.30 - 1.30pm.
Festive Meal followed by various activities until 4.30pm. Three courses including roast dinner. Will cater for special diets and ask people about this at the time of booking. Up to 40 places available so need to book in advance.
Contact Fiona Thomas on 07905889260 or info@ftconsults.co.uk

Action for Refugees in Lewisham / St Peter's Church Food Bank

St Peter's Church, Lee, SE12 8HQ

Food Bank dates over Christmas period: 21st December, 4th January. Closed 22nd December – 3rd January.
The Food Bank is not drop in, maximum of 40 places for people with no recourse to public funds and all referrals must be agreed in advance. Accept referrals from organisations and self-referral from individuals.
Contact Louise Vangheluwe, Food Bank Coordinator on foodbank@afril.org.uk

Catford Fridge
Lewisham Irish Community Centre, SE6 4AS

Will be closed for 3 Saturdays: 21st, 28th December, and 4th January.
Bags given at 12.45pm.

CHART Food Bank at WG Grace Community Centre
1 Lions Close, SE9 4HG

Foodbank on Wednesday 18th December and back on 1st January 10:00am - 11:30am
For food and hygiene essentials. It's quick and easy to register, just bring your ID and proof of address - no referral needed. If you have any questions, please contact: chartcicfood@outlook.com mobile: 07455 213 291.

Downham Gleaning Pantry - Social Supermarket
Brook Lane Community Church, 27-29 Brook Lane, Bromley, BR1 4PU

Open Fridays 9.30-12.30pm. Closed on 27th December and will open as normal on 3rd Jan. Social Pantry for people on low incomes and affected financially in Downham.
Residents pay a membership fee of £5 a week to choose from a variety of food.
Contact downhamaid@gmail.com

Feed the Hill
367 New Cross Road, London, SE14 6AT

Open on Wednesdays 10am-12noon throughout the holiday period. Social supermarket for people on low incomes (£2 per shop), no membership required, bring proof of address. For people on low incomes who may benefit from spending less on their weekly shop (£2 per shop, or free if you can't afford £2).
Contact feedthehill@gmail.com

Lee Community Foodbank
370 Lee High Road, SE12 8RS

Thursdays 10.00am - 11.30am and Sundays - 1.15pm - 2.00pm.
Closed 26th & 28th December, 2nd & 5th January 2025.
Opening back from the festive season 9th January 2025.
Contact Foodbank@ntcglee.org.uk or Ann 07956972622.

Lewisham Foodbank

Last session before Christmas: Monday 23rd December, 12:00- 2pm at Deptford Salvation Army, Mary Ann Gardens SE8 3DP
Reopen: Fri 3rd January 10:00-12:00 at Catford Salvation Army, 23 - 25 Brownhill Road, SE6 2HE

Rastafari Movement UK Wellbeing
The Community Hub, 33 Wildwood Close, Lewisham, London, SE12 0ST

Will be closed 25th December – 5th January. Reopens on 6th January.
Offering African and Caribbean Cultural Foods, fresh fruits, and veg and other groceries and toiletries for wider community needs.

St Luke's Downham
Northover, Bromley, BR1 5JR

The Front Room at St Luke's Downham closed from Friday 20th December reopening on Monday 6th January.
Welcome Club at St Mark's Downham closed from Thursday 19th December. Reopening Wednesday 8th January.

Sydenham Community Supermarket
Kelvin Grove Children Centre, Kelvin Grove, SE26 6BB

Open every Thursday, term-time only.
Booking system in place – need to call 07443888181 on Tuesday or Wednesday of week before to book your slot.

Word of Life: Food Bank and Community Resource Centre

72A Mayeswood Road, SE12 9RP

Friday 20th December final session.
Friday 10th January 2025 reopens 12noon to 2pm.

This information has been complied by Community Connections Lewisham and Good Food Lewisham. If you have any updates or see anything that's not correct, please email Joe on community.development@ageuklands.org.uk

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