

CHRISTMAS FACTSHEET 2025

*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 2:00pm-4:00pm only).*

GENERAL SUPPORT

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 24th December.

Reopens 5th of January.

Community Connections Lewisham

Phoneline will be closed from 4:00pm 23rd December and reopen 9:30am on the 2nd January.

Drop-in is closed 25th December and 1st January and re-opens on 8th January.

Rushey Green Pharmacy

Primary Care Centre, Hawstead Road, SE6 4JH.

Telephone: 020 8690 8917

Christmas Opening: 25th December, 10:00am-6:00pm, 26th December, 10:00am-2:00pm

New Year Opening: 31st December, 10:00am-9:00pm, 1st January 2025, 10:00am-2:00pm

All other days normal opening hours.

Forest Hill Jobcentre

32-34 Dartmouth Road, London, SE23 3XU

Week commencing 22nd December:

Closed 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th December

Week commencing 29th December:

Open 29 - 31st December,

Closed Thursday 1st January, reopens from Friday January 2nd as normal.

Good Gym

Please submit referrals as early as possible.

Christmas: The referral portal will close at 3:00pm on 24th December. Referrals re-open on 27th December at 9:30am.

New Year: The referrer portal will close on 31st December at 3:00pm and reopen on 2nd January at 9:30am.

Lewisham Mencap

Final evenings with Christmas Parties:

Monday Club - 15th December, reopens 5th of January.

Tuesday Club - 16th December, reopens 6th of January.

Thursday Club - 18th December, reopens 8th of January.

Day out in the city to see the Christmas lights: 20th of December, timings to be confirmed. Call 07932 001217 to join.

Silver Line

Telephone 0800 470 8090

The Silver Line Helpline offers support and conversation for people aged 55 and over. Open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

Waythrough Lewisham Recovery Service and Aftercare

55 Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill, SE23 3HN

Drug and Alcohol service.

<https://www.waythrough.org.uk/find-support-near-me/lewisham-primary-care-recovery-service-pcrs/>

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, 31st January, closing 3pm.

New Years Day, 1st January, closed.

Bank of Things

Distributing toiletries and school supplies for 11-25-year-olds living, working or studying in Lewisham.

Locations:

Elevate 100, Downham Health and Leisure Centre BR1 5EW

Wednesdays 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Last date before Christmas Wednesday 17th December.

Unit 19, Lewisham Shopping Centre, Molesworth Street, SE13 7HB- Fridays 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Last date before Christmas Friday 12th December.

Contact: Hannah hannah@lewishamlocal.com or 07726 350915

FOOD SERVICES BEFORE AND AFTER CHRISTMAS

Note: also see this link for **Good Food Lewisham's** list of free and cheap food, which will continue to be updated during December 2025:

<https://www.goodfoodlewisham.org/christmasmealslewisham>

The Bear Church at Evelyn Community Centre

Evelyn Community Centre, 9 Wotton Road, SE8 5TQ

A free hot freshly made meal, all welcome, 6:00pm-7:00pm on 7th December.

Christmas meal on the 21st December, 6-7pm with carols.

Reopening Sunday 11th January.

Food Cycle Lewisham

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

Last meal before Christmas: 21st December 1:15pm.

Three course vegetarian community meal.

Reopens 3rd January.

Food Cycle New Cross

All Saints Hatcham Community Centre, 105 New Cross Road, London, SE14 5DJ

Last meal before Christmas: 18th December 1:15pm

Three course vegetarian meal. Free to everyone.

Reopens 8th January.

The Feast at King's Church Catford

Catford Hill, SE6 4PS

Dinner every Wednesday, up to Wednesday 17th December at 7:00pm, with Christmas meal on the 10th December.

Rehoboth Community Outreach Club

Ray Champion Meeting Room, 1-18 Allwood Close, SE26 4JP

Telephone: 07487738908 / 07946354617 for additional information.

Children 0 - 16 yrs winter jacket give away

Monday December 15th, 11:00am - 3:00pm

Community Christmas Dinner

Monday December 22nd, 11:00am - 5:00pm

Christmas Eve - December 24th, 6:00pm - 10:00pm

News Years Eve - December 31st, 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Soup Kitchen/ Food Bank Opening Days:

Monday 11:00am - 2:00pm (Free Hot Meals)

Wednesday 2:30pm - 4:00pm (Food Parcels)

Thursday 11:00am - 2:00pm (Food Parcels)

Saturday 3:00pm – 9:00pm (Fundraising Saturday - All donations gratefully appreciated).

Christ Church United Reformed Church Bellingham

15 Bellingham Green, London, SE6 3HQ

Christmas Meal Friday 19th December. Doors open at 12:30pm for a three course, traditional Christmas dinner. Will cater for special diets and ask people about this at the time of booking. Gentle activities afterwards until 4:30pm. Can cater for up to 40 places, so please book in advance.

Contact Christ Church on 07546 952 661 or hello@ccbellingham.org.uk

Please note - The Friday Drop-In will be closed for one week only on Friday 26th December.

Friday 2nd January. Doors open at 12:30pm for a three course, festive dinner including roasts. Will cater for special diets and ask people about this at the time of booking. Gentle activities afterwards until 4:30pm. Can cater for up to 40 places, so please book in advance.

Contact Christ Church on 07546 952 661 or hello@ccbellingham.org.uk

Ichthus Community Table

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

19th December, 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 26th December and 2nd January 2026.

Catford Soup Kitchen

1 Bromley Road, Catford SE6 1JX

25th December, 12:00pm – 2:00pm.

Christmas Dinner.

Also open over the Christmas and New Year period every Saturday, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Contact outreach@uckg.org

Community Connections Lewisham / Lewisham Salvation Army

Meals on Wheels. Tuesday 23rd December.

Freshly made meals for Lewisham residents isolated over Christmas. Delivered in the morning by volunteers. First come, first served booking. 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.

Lewisham Foodbank

Last session before Christmas: Monday 22nd December, 12:00pm - 2:00pm at Deptford Salvation Army, Mary Ann Gardens SE8 3DP

Closed Tuesday 23rd December until Thursday 1st January inclusive

Reopens: Fri 2nd January 10:00am -12:00pm at Catford Salvation Army, 23 - 25 Brownhill Road, SE6 2HE

Mye Green Mango

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

24th December 12:00-4:00pm. Christmas Dinner with trimmings.

Lewisham Donation Hub

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

Please ALWAYS check the 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- 18th December.

Food support: Tickets shared at 9:00am - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

General support: Please check the website

Donations: Please check the website

Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th December

Open for Food support - tickets shared at 9:00am

Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st December

Open for Food support - Tickets shared at 9am

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

6th, 7th, 8th January

Food support: Tickets shared at 9:00am - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

General support: Please check the website

Donations: Please check the website

13th, 14th, 15th January

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The Love Fellowship Lifeline Ministry

Honor Oak Community Centre, 50 Turnham Road, SE4 2JD

Telephone 07957 198 304

25th December 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Free Christmas meal for people in need on the estate.

To book your meal please visit <https://rsvp.online/LFLMChristmasDinner>

Living Waters Christian Centre foodbank, last Wednesday will be the 17th of December returning on the 4th of February.

Cummin Up Caribbean Takeaway with Taste Soul Good

389 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6NZ

25th December 1:00pm to 6:00pm.

Christmas day traditional meal with a Caribbean twist.

Richard Simpson 07831423163 no booking necessary.

Family environment encouraged, volunteers welcome.

St Peters Church

St Peter's Brockley, Wickham Road, SE4 1LT

Wednesday 24th December.

Hot drinks, mince pies, carols and Christmas festivities from 10:00am. Christmas lunch with all the trimmings will be served at 12:00pm. The meal is included in a weekly £4 membership for those also purchasing a grocery parcel. People coming just for the meal are invited to make a donation of £2 for the lunch.

Hill Station Cafe

Hill Station Cafe, Kitto Road, SE14 5TY

Friday 26th December 11:00am – 5:00pm.

Free basic hot drinks (instant coffee and tea-bag tea), squash and biscuits. Bring music to share (there's a piano!), play board games and stay as long as you like. On the 484 and 343 bus routes.

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

St Peter's Church, Lee, SE12 8HQ

Food Bank dates over Christmas period: 20th December, 3rd January. Closed 21st December - 2nd 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 Omar Shayah, Destitution Coordinator at foodbank@afrii.org.uk

Catford Fridge

Lewisham Irish Community Centre, SE6 4AS

Will be closed for 3 Saturdays: 20th, 27th December, and 3rd January.

CHART CIC Food Bank at WG Grace Community Centre

1 Lions Close, SE9 4HG

Last day for our Foodbank will be on Wednesday 17th December and back on Wednesday 7th January 10:00am - 11:00am

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: chartcic@outlook.com mobile: 07455 213 291

Downham Gleaning Pantry - Social Supermarket

Brook Lane Community Church, 27-29 Brook Lane, Bromley, BR1 4PU

Open Fridays 9:30AM – 12:30pm. Closed on 26th December and will open as normal on 2nd January. 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.

Register online at downhamaid.org.uk.

Contact downhamaid@gmail.com

Feed the Hill

367 New Cross Road, London, SE14 6AT

Open on Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm 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.

Last day Thursday 18th December.

Also open on Christmas Eve 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Opening back from the festive season 8th January 2026.

Contact Foodbank@ntcglee.org.uk or Ann on 07956972622.

Rastafari Movement UK Wellbeing

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 12:00pm-3:00pm at The INI Food and Wellbeing Centre, 103 Boundfield Road, North Downham, SE6 1PF and

Mondays 12:00pm – 2:00pm at The Community Hub 33 Wildwood Close, Newstead Gardens SE12 0ST.

Offering African and Caribbean Cultural support services including foods, fresh fruits, and veg and other groceries, and toiletries for wider community needs.

Closed 25th December - 12th January.

Reopens on 12th January 2026.

St Luke's Downham

Northover, Bromley, BR1 5JR

The Front Room at St Luke's Downham - closed after Tuesday 23rd December reopening on Monday 5th January.

Welcome Club at St Mark's Downham closed from Thursday 25th December.

Reopening Wednesday 7th January.

Word of Life: Food Bank and Community Resource Centre

72A Mayeswood Road, SE12 9RP

Friday 19th December Food Bank and Community Resource last opening day.

Reopens on Friday 9th January.

Handing out Christmas hampers for families in the community on Saturday 20th December.

This information has been compiled 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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