

*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 9.30 am – 4.30 pm Monday to Friday (*except Thursdays when it is open 2 – 4 pm 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 24 December. Reopens 3 January.

Community Connections Lewisham

Phoneline closed 25 December until 2 January. Our drop in is closed 28 Dec and 5 January. Reopens 9 January.

Rushey Green Pharmacy

Primary Care Centre, Hawstead Road SE6 4JH

Telephone: 020 8690 8917

Christmas Opening: 25 December, 10 am – 6 pm, 26 December 10 am – 2 pm

New Year Opening: 31 December, 10 am - 6 pm, 1 January 2025 10 am – 2 pm

All other days normal opening hours.

Forest Hill Jobcentre

32-34 Dartmouth Road SE23 3XU

Closed only 25 & 26 December, 1 January 2025.

Good Gym

Please submit referrals as early as possible.

Christmas: The referral portal closes at 3 pm on 24 December. Referrals re-open on 27 December at 9.30 am.

New Year: The referrer portal closes on 31 December at 3 pm and reopens on 2 January at 9.30 am.

Lewisham Mencap

Final evenings with Christmas Parties:

Monday Club - 16 December, reopens 6 January.

Tuesday Club - 17 December, reopens 7 January.

Thursday Club - 19 December, reopens 9 January.

Silver Line

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

Waythrough Lewisham Recovery Service and Aftercare

55 Dartmouth Road SE23 3HN

Telephone 020 8699 5263

Open over festive period 9am to 5pm except 24, 25 & 26 December.

New Years Eve, 31 December closing 3pm. New Years Day, 1 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 Christmas

The Bear Church at Evelyn Community Centre

Evelyn Community Centre, 9 Wotton Road SE8 5TQ

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

Food Cycle Lewisham

Lewisham Irish Community Centre, 2a Davenport Road SE6 2AZ

Midweek meal open until Wednesday 18 December, reopening Wednesday 8 January 1-3pm.

Weekend meal open until Saturday 21 December, reopening on Saturday 4 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 18 December at 7 pm. 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: 07487 738908/07946 354617 for additional information.

Monday 23 December 11 am – 3 pm Annual Christmas Dinner.

Carol singing, music, hot meals and food parcels. Collection only.

16 December 11 am – 3 pm: Children 0 - 16 yrs. Winter jacket give away.

Christ Church United Reformed Church Bellingham

15 Bellingham Green SE6 3HQ

Christmas Meal Friday 20 December 12.30 - 1.30 pm followed by various activities until 4.30 pm. Traditional Christmas dinner. Will cater for special diets and ask people about this when booking. Up to 40 places, so please book in advance.

Contact Fiona Thomas on 07905 889260 or info@ftconsults.co.uk

Ichthus Community Table

Ichthus Lee Green, 23 Lampmead Road SE12 8QJ

20 December at 1.30 pm. Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

Opening hours remain the same 1.30 - 3.00 pm every Friday, (closed on 27 December).

Bank of Things & Community Youth Fridge

Unit 19, Lewisham Shopping Centre SE13 7HB

Open Wednesdays and Fridays 3 – 5 pm until Friday 20 December. Re-opens Friday 3 January. For 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 13 December 5 – 7 pm. Community Christmas Meal.

Catford Soup Kitchen

1 Bromley Road SE6 1JX

Christmas Dinner 25 December 12 noon – 2 pm.

Also open over the Christmas and New Year - Saturdays 11 am – 1 pm 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 phonenumber 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)

21 December 11 am – 4 pm. Christmas Dinner with trimmings.

Lewisham Donation Hub

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

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:

28 November - 14 December: food only, no general support/Sunday donations.

15, 22, 29 December & 5 January: Donation Days.

17, 18,19 December: fully open for general + food support (weather permitting).

24, 26, 31 December & 2 January: Food support (+very limited general support).

Closed: 25 December (Christmas Day) & 1 January (New Year's Day).

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

10 January – 25 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

25 December 2 – 5 pm: 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 SE13 6NZ

25th December 1pm to 6pm: Christmas day traditional meal with a Caribbean twist.

Richard Simpson 07831 423163 no booking necessary.

Family environment encouraged, volunteers welcome.

St Peters Church Brockley

Christmas meal at St Peters Church 3pm - 5pm for Brockley residents that would like food and company please email Anne Whyte to book a place anne@stpetersbrockley.org.uk

After Christmas

Hill Station Cafe

Hill Station Cafe, Kitto Road SE14 5TY

26 December 11 am – 5 pm: free basic refreshments. Stay as long as you like. On 484 and 343 bus routes.

Christ Church United Reformed Church Bellingham

15 Bellingham Green SE6 3HQ

Friday 27 December 12.30 - 1.30 pm: festive Meal followed by various activities until 4.30 pm. Three courses including roast dinner.

Will cater for special diets and ask when 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

Closed 22 December – 3 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@afrii.org.uk

Catford Fridge

Lewisham Irish Community Centre SE6 4AS

Closed 21, 28 December, and 4 January.

CHART Food Bank at WG Grace Community Centre

1 Lions Close SE9 4HG

Foodbank on Wednesday 18th December closed until 1 January 10 am – 11.30 am

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,

chartcicfood@outlook.com 07455 213291.

Downham Gleaning Pantry - Social Supermarket

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

Open Fridays 9.30 - 12.30 pm. Closed on 27 December and will open as normal on 3 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.

downhamaid@gmail.com

Feed the Hill

367 New Cross Road SE14 6AT

Open Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon 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).

feedthehill@gmail.com

Lee Community Foodbank

370 Lee High Road, SE12 8RS

Thursdays 10 am - 11.30 am and Sundays - 1.15 pm – 2 pm.

Closed 26 & 28 December, 2 & 5 January 2025. Re-opening 9 January 2025.

Foodbank@ntcglee.org.uk or Ann 07956 972622.

Lewisham Foodbank

Last session before Christmas: Monday 23 December 12 – 2 pm at Deptford Salvation Army, Mary Ann Gardens SE8 3DP

Reopens: Fri 3 January 2025 10 am -12 noon at Catford Salvation Army, 23 - 25 Brownhill Road, SE6 2HE

Rastafari Movement UK Wellbeing

The Community Hub, 33 Wildwood Close SE12 0ST

Closed 25 December – 5 January. Reopens 6 January.

Offering African and Caribbean Foods, fresh fruits/veg and other groceries/ toiletries for wider community needs.

St Luke's Downham

Northover, Bromley BR1 5JR

The Front Room is closed from Friday 20 December, reopening on Monday 6 January.

Welcome Club at St Mark's Downham closed from Thursday 19 December.

Reopening Wednesday 8 January.

Sydenham Community Supermarket

Kelvin Grove Children Centre, Kelvin Grove SE26 6BB

Open Thursdays, term-time only. To book call 07443 888181 on Tuesday/Wednesday of week before to book.

Word of Life: Food Bank and Community Resource Centre

72A Mayeswood Road SE12 9RP

Friday 20 December final session.

Friday 10 January 2025 reopens 12 noon to 2 pm.

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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