

Hertford and District Churches Together Christmas Alone 2013

Volunteers are needed once again for "Christmas Alone", to help make Christmas Day special for many housebound, lonely, young or old people living in our area. There is an invitation, no strings attached, to anyone who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day, to join the party at Sele School or if they are Housebound or prefer to be at home to have Christmas lunch taken to them.

A traditional lunch will be served followed by entertainment and tea. Transport will be laid on for those who need it. Churches Together makes no charge but obviously needs all the help it can get from the community and all the churches to make this day a success. Financial help is needed and gifts of cakes, shortbread and mince pies are important. We need help with preparation, cooking and serving food, transport and entertainment.

It would help us a great deal with the organisation if you could phone directly to the coordinators whose names and numbers are below. They will give you further details if necessary.

1. Help Beforehand

a) Making cakes, mince pies, shortbread.
Please telephone *Mrs Janet Bird (587544)*

b) Making table decorations, providing small presents.

Please contact *Mrs Cheryl Jackson (583958)* 10 Holly Grove Road, Bramfield, SG14 2HQ

c) Holding a coffee morning to raise funds or making a donation.

Please contact *Mrs Cheryl Jackson (see above)*

2. Help on Christmas Eve

a) Offers to help in the morning on Christmas Eve, packing teas for housebound, laying tables and packing mini hampers 9.30am -12 noon December 24th at Sele School.

Please telephone *Mrs Janet Bird (587544)*

b) Offers to help prepare food, peel vegetables etc. in the morning on Christmas Eve 9.30am -12 noon December 24th at Sele School.

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3. Christmas Day (All helpers at the school are invited to sit down for a meal once the guests have been fed.) Please telephone *Mrs Janet Bird (587544)*

a) Taking a meal to the **housebound** on Christmas Day at 12 noon

b) Providing **transport** to and from Sele School: 12noon -12.15p.m. and 3.00 - 4.00 p.m.

c) Helping for **all or part** of the day (between 10 am and 4.30pm) e.g. in the kitchen (cooking and washing up) welcoming, serving food and drinks or as hosts at the tables etc.

d) Helping provide **entertainment** at the school 2-3pm.

We would like to reach as many people as possible so if you know of anybody who



might like to be included, either to receive a housebound meal or as a guest, application forms

will be available in all churches, doctors, sheltered housing complexes, from me Janet Bird, 140 North Road, Hertford, SG14 2BZ or it can be downloaded from

<http://www.allsaintshertford.org/2013/nov13xmasaloneform.pdf>

I would be very grateful to hear from potential volunteers as soon as possible, and preferably no later than 14th December, so that I can begin to organize rotas and assign drivers to guests. With many thanks to everybody who has helped in the past and also to all who are considering volunteering this year.

Love, Janet Bird