

## Christmas Cheer around the Borough No-one needs to be alone in Lewisham on Christmas Day



From Deptford to Bellingham there are churches and cafes offering lunch and friendship on 25 December, some drop-in, some needing to be booked in advance. *Lewisham Pensioners Forum (020 8690 7869) have compiled this list, a piece of work undertaken in good faith and as accurate as we can make it at the time of printing (early November), so please don't hold us to blame if something's missing which should be there or if arrangements have changed since we went to press.*

**And please, if you book into a lunch and arrange transport but then find you're spending the day with family or friends after all, LET THE ORGANISERS KNOW!** There is otherwise the nightmare situation of the unfortunate driver—with other people on the list to pick up—having to get hold of the emergency services on Christmas Day (when they are extra busy) simply because you're not there to answer a door-bell.

**Deptford Methodist Church, 1 Creek Road, SE8 3BT** A 10.30 service or just come along at 11.30 for welcome, tea and coffee. Then a 3-course lunch (tell them in advance of dietary requirements) followed by games & entertainment, ending at 3.30. Call Revd David Gillman on 020 8692 0048 to confirm numbers & discuss transport.

**All Saints Community Centre, Monson Road, SE14 5EH** Christmas Mass in the Hall at 11am, then a traditional lunch starting at around 1pm, followed by tea with cakes and sandwiches and a visit from Father Christmas. There is no charge for anything. Phone Father John on 07703 567 214 as some transport may be available.

**St John's, St John's Vale (corner of Lewisham Way), SE8 4EA** Lunch 12.30 to 3pm. Advance booking preferred—call Peter on 020 8692 2857 or email peter.stjohnsdeptford@gmail.com. Limited transport may be available if required.

**Cummin' Up Restaurant & Take-away 389 Lewisham High Street, SE13 6NZ** Richard Simpson and his family—for the 10th wonderful year—will cook traditional British Christmas Day fare (including Brussels sprouts!), plus jerk chicken, rice and peas and mixed salad—1pm to 6pm.

**Christchurch URC Bellingham Green, SE6 3HQ** Lunch, tea, fun and games from 11.30 to 5pm. Ring or text Tommo on 07712 677 174 or Jan on 07962 344 744 to book your place and enquire about transport. **And same again on Boxing Day!**

**Our Lady & St Philip Neri Catholic Church, 208 Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE** Traditional turkey and Christmas pudding, with an option of being picked up and dropped home. Free, but not a drop-in. Please phone VSL on 020 8291 1747 as soon as possible to make arrangements, or else call in at the Voluntary Services Lewisham office, in the Leamore Centre, 29-39 Clarendon Rise, SE13 5ES to fill in the form.

**And on Boxing Day—Wednesday 26 December**

**The Hill Station, Kitto Road, SE14 5TY** (close to the 343 and 484 bus routes) Open from 12noon to about 4pm. Anyone feeling the let-down after Christmas is welcome to come along and bring any leftovers they have to share, or just bring themselves! There will be hot drinks, biscuits, cake and company. **All free. PTO**

St Barnabas Church Hall, Perth Road (off Crescent Road), BR1 6PP Tea and cakes from 3.00 to 5pm. Please contact Fr. Stuart Leck on 020 8698 0283.

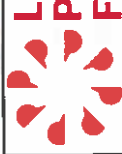
Bus routes 162, 227 and 367 along the Bromley Road go nearby.

**And New Year's Eve—Monday 31 December**

**Christchurch URC Bellingham Green, SE6 3HQ** As above from 10.30 to 5pm. Ring or text Tommo on 07712 677 174 or Jan on 07962 344 744 to book your place and enquire about transport. Hoppa Bus 336 or a 15 minute walk from Bromley Road.



**The Positive Ageing Council have funded the printing of this flyer, with data compiled by the LPF.** Check the Council website for more information on the Positive Ageing Council (PosAC) and what it does.



**L** **P** **F** **Our aim is to ensure that the views of over 50s are heard and that Lewisham's elderly are well informed and able to express those views.**

Members receive a bi-monthly newsletter to keep up-to-date on national and local issues, and intermediate e-mails. The monthly Forum outings (some by mini-bus to hard to reach venues, some just using our Freedom Passes for a companionable day out) are also run on a "members only" basis.

Forum meetings, Financial Fairs, etc. are open to all, but membership ensures that advance notice of these events is delivered to your door or in-box.

**Interested in Forum membership for yourself or for someone else?** Get in touch to ask about "Gift Membership" £10 through to March 2020—a possible answer to Christmas present problems.

To join the Forum yourself please send in the form below (for three months **FREE** membership through to March 2019).

To Lewisham Pensioners Forum, The Old Town Hall, Catford Road, SE6 4RU  
020 8690 7869 info@lpforum.org

Initial or sign here to give your express consent to our holding your details on the LPF membership data-base as required by Data Protection Regulations 2017

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Year of Birth	Housebound?	Yes / No	Registered disabled? Yes / No
Any skills or interests to offer to the Forum? e.g., Management, Knitting, Health Activities, the NHS, Housing Issues			