

Hertford and District Churches Together Christmas Alone 2016

Volunteers are needed once again for "Christmas Alone", to help make Christmas Day special for any housebound, lonely younger or older 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. Donations are very welcome and we are pleased to receive gifts, cakes, shortbread and mince pies. We particularly need volunteers both on the morning of Christmas Eve and for all or part of Christmas Day to help with preparation, cooking and serving food, transport and to provide entertainment. *(All volunteers at the school on Christmas Day will be invited to sit down for their own meal once the guests have been fed.)*

Please contact us before 14th December for more details or to volunteer so that arrangements can be made in plenty of time.

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 and sheltered housing complexes or from me Janet Bird, 140 North Road, Hertford, SG14 2BZ janet_l_bird@hotmail.com or can be downloaded from www.allsaintshertford.org/downloads/xmasalone.pdf

Contact Cheryl Jackson 01992 583958
if you wish to offer to:

Help beforehand by

- a) Making cakes, mince pies, shortbread.
- b) Making table decorations, providing small presents.
- c) Holding a coffee morning to raise funds or making a donation.

or

Help on the morning of **Christmas Eve** (24th December) laying tables and packing mini hampers and boxes of cakes
9.30am -12 noon at Sele School.

Contact Janet Bird 01992 587544
if you wish to offer to:

Prepare food, peel vegetables etc. in the morning on Christmas Eve 9.30am -12 noon
December 24th at Sele School.

or

Help on **Christmas Day** with driving

- a) Taking a meal to the **housebound** at 12 noon
- b) Providing **transport** to and from Sele School:
12noon -12.15p.m. and 3.00 - 4.00 p.m.

or

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.

or

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



Many thanks for your continued support.

Janet Bird