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**Christmas Arrangements 2018**

Wirral Foodbank is committed to supporting those within our community who are in need. You may become aware of your clients who require emergency food support over the Christmas period. This document provides you with details of our Christmas arrangements.

**Opening Times:**

Wirral Foodbank will be providing a service between Christmas and New Year, please see the reverse of this document for details. A separate copy is also attached for you to give out to your Clients with Food Vouchers. **We would recommend that they are given out from 19th December.**

Ordinarily a food voucher is required to access the Foodbank, we are aware that agencies will be closed over Christmas and it may not be possible for individuals to obtain one. Should you be contacted by someone who is in need, and they do not have a food voucher, the following emergency support is available.

* Over the Christmas period Distribution Centres (as detailed overleaf), are authorised to provide emergency food support without a food voucher**. Please note that Distribution Centres can only offer fuel support where emergency food is required.**
* Outside opening hours, emergency food support can be accessed via emergency Social Services, who can be contacted on 0151 677 6557. Emergency fuel support is not available via this service.

**The Foodbank Office will be closed from 1.30pm Thursday 20th December and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.**

**Food Vouchers:**

A number of Referral Agencies will be closed over the Christmas period. For Clients who require ongoing support during this period you can issue post-dated food vouchers.

**Additional Support:**

I have attached to this email an amended copy of our “Fresh Food” leaflet, detailing those agencies that are open between Christmas and New Year. Please feel to copy and distribute to your Clients.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this note to your colleagues. Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 07947387930.

It has been a challenging year for us all, but more so for our Clients. I wish you all a blessed Christmas a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Roberts

Manager

Wirral Foodbank

**Foodbank Centres Christmas opening times**

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|  | **MONDAY****24 Dec** | **TUESDAY****25 Dec** | **WEDNESDAY****26 Dec** | **THURSDAY****27 Dec** | **FRIDAY****28 Dec** | **SATURDAY****29 Dec** | **MONDAY****31 Dec** | **TUESDAY****1 Jan** |
| **Grange Baptist Church****Whetstone Lane****Birkenhead****CH41 2QS** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **St Anne’s Church****Highfield Rd, Rock Ferry,****Birkenhead, Merseyside.****CH42 2BY** | **12pm – 2pm** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Salvation Army****Vincent St****Birkenhead****CH41 2RH** |  |  |  |  |  | **10am – 12.00pm** |  |  |
| **St Paul’s Church Hall****Church Road****Seacombe****Wallasey,** **CH44 7AN** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **St David’s Church, Eastham****Crosthwaite Avenue****Eastham****CH62 9DG** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Charing Cross Methodist Church,****226 Claughton Road,****Birkenhead,****CH41 4DX** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **St Chad’s Ch.****Twickenham Drive****Leasowe,****Ch46 1RW** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **St Catherines Church****Church Road****Tranmere****CH42 5LF** |  |  |  |  | **10am-1pm** |  |  |  |
| **ST James Church****Albion Street****New Brighton****Wirral****CH45 9LF** |  |  |  | **11am-2pm** |  |  |  |  |
| **Emmanuel Church****154 Seabank Road****New Brighton****CH45 1HG** |  |  |  |  | **11am-2pm** |  |  |  |
| **North Birkenhead Dvt Trust****St James Centre****344 Laird Street****Birkenhead****CH41 7AL** | **10am – 12pm** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Christchurch Moreton****Upton Road****Moreton****Wirral CH60 0PA** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Link with Emmanuel Church****128 Claughton Road****Birkenhead****CH41 6EX** |  |  |  |  | **2:30pm -4:30pm** |  |  |  |
| **StJoseph & St Alban’s** **Parish Centre****St Alban’s Road****Wallasey****CH44 5UD** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **St Mark’s Church****New Chester Road****New Ferry****CH62 1DG** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Normal schedule applies from Wednesday 2nd January 2019**