

Christmas Alone 2019

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. Transport will be organised for those who need it. Churches Together makes no charge but obviously needs help and support from the local community to ensure that this event is a success. Donations are very welcome and we will be pleased to receive financial support as well as 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 are invited to sit down for a meal once the guests have been fed.)*

We would like to reach as many people as possible so if you know of anybody who might like to be included as a guest or to receive a housebound meal, application forms will be available in Hertford Library, in churches, from doctors, sheltered housing complexes or from me Janet Bird, 140 North Road, Hertford, SG14 2BZ Tel 01992 587544

If you would like to help please make contact as soon as possible and by

14th December at the latest.

Please contact the appropriate co-ordinator to volunteer:

Cheryl Jackson (01992 583958)

To help beforehand by

- a) Making cakes, mince pies, shortbread.
- b) Holding a coffee morning to raise funds or making a donation.
- (c) packing mini-hampers and boxes of cakes from 9.30am-12 noon at Sele School on **Christmas Eve**

Libby Shillito (01992 583979)

- a) Helping from **9am** on **Christmas Eve** (24th December) laying tables and decorating the Hall
- b) Making table decorations or providing presents.

Janet Bird (01992 587544)

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- (a) To help prepare food, peel vegetables etc. in the morning on **Christmas Eve** 9.30am-12 noon at Sele School.
- b) To help on **Christmas Day** for all or part of the day (between 10am and 4.30pm) eg. in the kitchen (cooking and washing up) welcoming, serving food and drinks or as hosts at the tables etc. and clearing away at the end.
- c) Helping to provide **entertainment** at the school 2-3pm.
- d) To help on **Christmas Day** with driving, either:
 - Taking a meal to the **housebound** on Christmas Day at 12 noon.
 - Providing **transport** to and from Sele School: 12noon-12.30pm and 3pm-4pm

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