

LOOKING TOWARDS CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR THE HAVEN HOSTEL



For Christmas 2019, we are asking church members to support the work of the Stevenage Haven. This hostel exists to provide shelter and support for single, homeless people.

The project began in the 1990s as an initiative by local church groups. Since then, its work has expanded so that trustees now run two hostels, The Haven and The Sanctuary in Hitchin.

We are asking for two specific types of gift i.e. soaps and toiletries (including shaving equipment, toothbrushes etc) and confectionaries. These can come in their original packaging or, if preferred, can be offered in your own, home wrapped, boxes and containers. A simple card sending Christmas wishes could be included.

If you would like to make a difference to a homeless person's experience this Christmas, please bring your gift before Wednesday, 18th December. It can be given to one of the churchwardens or, during office hours, to Phil Probert (Parish Administrator). Many thanks!

Chris Seward



It is sad to think of *anyone* being on their own at Christmas.

HOST UK arranges one day and weekend visits for International students all year round with three-night visits during the Festive season. Such hospitality is greatly sought after and valued by students far from home whose only alternative may be a lonely hall of residence.

Our "festive season" does not just mean Christmas but can also mean weekends in the run up to Christmas, and New Year. Your guest will be someone curious to experience British life with all its special traditions and culture...and keen to share those of their home country. Your hospitality will be a unique gift, a treasured memory and rewarding in so many ways.

Please consider opening your home and heart to an international student and remember that if the festive season is difficult for you, we do operate *all year round*, so hosting can become one of your New Year Resolutions! If you should like to know more, please go to our website www.hostuk.org or leave us a message on <http://visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost>

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