

# WHERE TO GET FOOD



## Festive season worries

No one should have to go hungry. If you are worried about how you will manage over the festive season we would urge you to speak to someone about your concerns. Most foodbanks work with local agencies and take referrals from them.

Talk to your Housing Officer and they can help you contact the professionals, though some food banks may accept a self referral.

## What to expect from a foodbank

If you are referred to the food bank you will get three days worth of nutritionally balanced food and support.

Volunteers will discuss any dietary needs you may have and exchange your foodbank voucher for a parcel of emergency food. They may also help to support you in any other ways in a totally non judgemental way.



## OVERVIEW:

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Sadly more people than ever are expected to need the services of local foodbanks this Christmas. Local food banks may be able to provide you with much needed necessities over the Christmas period. It helps if you know how to access them and where the nearest banks are.

The Trussel Trust has information online:  
<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank>

Instant neighbour has information:  
<http://www.instantneighbour.co.uk/food-bank/>

Cfine has information on their food banks here: <https://www.cfine.org/food-bank>

Please call your Housing Officer if you have any worries as they may be able to help you contact agencies involved.

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**Instant Neighbour** 5 St Machar Drive, Aberdeen AB24 3YJ Tel: 01224 489955

Closes 1 pm on Wednesday 23 December and re-opens 8.30 am on Wednesday 6 January. The food bank will be open between 10 am - 3 pm on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 December.

**Somebody Cares** Tel: 01224 460700 Email: [info@somebodycaresuk.org](mailto:info@somebodycaresuk.org)

Somebody Cares are now taking request phone calls for Christmas Food parcels. These will be delivered on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 December and are large food parcels, providing two weeks of supplies. Somebody Cares close on Wednesday 23 December and re-open on Monday 4 January. The Megastore on Hazledene Road will be open 9:30 am - 4:30 pm (closed only Friday 25 December and both weekends of Christmas and New Year) parcels can be collected from here – no deliveries available. Tel: 01224 313453

**CFINE** 2-4 Poynerook Rd, Aberdeen, AB11 5RW Tel: 01224 596156 Email: [info@cfine.org](mailto:info@cfine.org)

The food bank will be closed to walk-ins. However, CFINE will continue emergency home deliveries up until 12pm on 24 December. Deliveries will start again on 29, 30 & 31 December (deliveries on these days will be up to 12pm). Food parcel requests for 29 December must be in by Thursday 24 December (12pm) and requests for January must be in by Thursday 31 December (12pm). Depending on the volume of requests and driver availability, there is no guarantee that parcels will arrive on the day requested. Home deliveries re-start from 5 January.

**Aberdeen Cyrenians** Tel: 0300 303 0903 or Email: [directaccess@weareac.org](mailto:directaccess@weareac.org)

Aberdeen Cyrenians will be running every day over the festive period providing food and advice to those that are struggling or find themselves in crisis.

9 am to 5 pm every day except for Friday and Sunday which will be from 9 am to 4 pm. They will have access to food, staff to support contact to emergency funders for those struggling to put gas/electric in the meter and support with gifts for children amongst many other things.

**St Marys Cathedral** 20 Huntly Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1SH Tel: 07378 219503 Email: [standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org](mailto:standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org)

Tuesday afternoons – exact times not given

Thursdays 7 - 8 pm

Free to call and request at any time

14 December – Christmas meal on offer at 7 pm

**Aberdeen North Foodbank** Kings Community Church, Tillydrone Community Campus, The Mission  
Tel: 01224 651000

**King's Community Church Centre** 10 Urquhart Road, Aberdeen, AB24 5LL  
Final Foodbank Session: 18 December Re-open: 8 January.



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**Tillydrone Community Campus** St Machar Dr, Aberdeen, AB24 3RX

Last Foodbank Session: 21 December Re-open: 4 January

**The Mission** Tillydrone Community Campus, Hayton Road, AB24 2UY

Open 24 December 2 - 3:30pm

Open 31 December 2 - 3:30pm Re-opens: 7 January

## ASDA

Throughout December, all ASDA supermarket cafes are taking part and will provide children under the age of 16 with a meal completely free of charge when accompanied by an adult. There are no minimum spend requirements or restrictions on the number of children in a family or group that can take advantage of this offer.

## Free school meals

Vouchers with a value of £30 will be provided for every child who receives Free School Meals on 18 December. More information about the criteria to receive free school meals and applying for this benefit is available online at [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/school-life/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/school-life/apply-free-school-meals)

## £100 COVID Hardship Payment for low-income families

Payments of £100 per child eligible for Free School Meals will be made by bank transfer. Children in P1 to P3, who would be entitled to Free School meals, because of low-income, are also eligible for this benefit. Only families who have submitted a free school meal application by the 18 December will have access to the payment. The city council web site is being updated with information about this grant payment for families. [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/hardship\\_grant\\_children](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/hardship_grant_children)

## SOCIAL BITE

Social Bite is continuing to provide Christmas dinner for the Homeless and vulnerable, though due to the pandemic this will be different from previous years. The cafe on Union Street will be open on both the 24th and the 25th from 12 pm to 3 pm to offer a hot Christmas lunch to those in need in a Covid compliant way.



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## Monday

Lighthouse Support Centre, 1.30pm to 2.30pm - 52 Hayton Road, Tillydrone, 01224 487001

Free lunch, 12pm to 2pm - Fountain of Love Church, 31 Palmerston Road, 01224 574 511

Free breakfast roll and drink, 9am to 11am - Free take away item - 2pm to 3pm - SocialBite, 516 Union Street, 01224 981863

## Tuesday

Free lunch, 12pm to 2pm - Fountain of Love Church, 31 Palmerston Road, 01224 574 511

Soup and sandwiches - 12:45pm - Gilcomston South Church, Union Street, 01224 647 144

\* Free evening meal - 5:30pm to 8pm - Aberdeen Cyrenians, 62 Summer Street, 01224 625732  
Free evening meal (service user card required\*)

Free breakfast roll and drink - 9am to 11am  
Free take away item - 2pm to 3pm - SocialBite, 516 Union Street, 01224 981863

Food and clothes parcels given out - 7:30pm to 8:30pm - St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Mary's Cathedral, Huntly Street, 01224 640160

## Wednesday

Free breakfast - 10:30am to 11:30am - Peace House, 46 Union Street, 01224 905 594

Free Lunch - 12pm to 2pm - Fountain of Love Church, 31 Palmerston Road, 01224 574 511

Free breakfast roll and drink - 9am to 11am - Social Bite, 516 Union Street, 01224 981 863

Free take away item - 2pm to 3pm

Free evening meal (women only) - 4pm to 5.30pm

\* Winter Feeding Programme operates October - March 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
The Salvation Army, Citadel, Castlegate, 01224 579370



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Aberdeen Cyrenians, 62 Summer Street, 01224 625732

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## Friday

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Free breakfast roll and drink - 9am to 11am - \* Free take away item - 2pm to 3pm - Social Bite, 516 Union Street, 01224 981863

## Saturday

Lunch (service user card required\*) - 12pm to 2pm - Aberdeen Cyrenians, 62 Summer Street, 01224 625 732

Hot chocolate - 9pm to 11pm - Gilcomston South Church, Union Street, 01224 647144

Free evening meal on the first Saturday of the month - 4:30pm to 5.30pm Rehoboth Banquet (Jesus House Torry),  
Old Torry Community Centre, 2 Abbey Place, 01224 4874158

\* Free evening meal on the last Saturday of the month - 5.30pm, Lazarus Project Soup Kitchen, RCCG City of God Church,  
20 Holburn Street, 01224 588884

## Sunday

Lunch (service user card required\*) - 12pm to 2pm - Aberdeen Cyrenians, 62 Summer Street, 01224 625 732

Free lunch served on the first Sunday of the month - 11am to 1pm - Lovebridge Community Church, Manor Park Learning Centre, Danestone Circle, 01224 049184

