## Food Providers in the Bedford Borough Area - Changes to services over Christmas and New Year - December 2024.

You can find full details of the Food Providers via: <a href="https://www.cvsbeds.org.uk/foodprovidersinbedfordborough">https://www.cvsbeds.org.uk/foodprovidersinbedfordborough</a>. This document is produced by CVS Bedfordshire on behalf of the Bedford Borough Food Providers Network. We have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that this information is correct, but we cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies in the information. Please check with the respective organisation to ensure that the service is still operating.

Provider	Details	Contact details
Bedford Foodbank	Not open on Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December. Back to normal from Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025 Foodbank works using a voucher referral system. In order to get help from our foodbank, you will need a voucher issued by local agencies.	https://www.facebook.com/bedfordfoodbank
Bedford Pentecostal Church	Christmas Dinner will be served at Bedford Pentecostal Church, Roise St, Bedford, on 21st December between 1pm and 3pm. Clients should just turn up at the church.	
British Red Cross	Closed Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December. Closed Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025. Back to normal from 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Please call 01234 341 503 or 07525 902 552
Church of the Transfiguration Kempston	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day) - Christmas dinner 12.30pm onward to 5pm. 132 Bedford Rd, Kempston, Bedford MK42 8BQ	
Dine With Us On The Streets	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December - Christmas meal at St Paul's Church from 6.30pm. Anyone in need is welcome.	https://www.facebook.com/DineWithUsOnTheStreetsCherriesLegacy
Ethnic Foodbank	Open as normal on Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day) and Wednesday 1st January 2025 - 5.30pm - 7.30pm – By referral only.	https://www.ethnicfoodbank.org/get-food
4Seasons Outreach	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day) - Provision of Christmas dinner at St Peter de Merton Church (De Parys Avenue) from 12pm for both people who are homeless and those who cannot afford a Christmas dinner.	
IMPAKT FOOD	Closed Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December Open Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve) 10am -1pm Closed Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> , Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December, and Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025 Open Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	https://www.instagram.com/impaktfood
King's Arms Project	Winter Night Shelter operating at 56 Harpur Street from Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December to 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025.	https://kingsarmsproject.org/bedford-winter- night-shelter/
Local Welfare Provision	Able to signpost and issue Bedford Foodbank food vouchers if there is a need.	01234 718033 or email local.welfareprovision@bedford.gov.uk
The Pavement Project	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day) - 11am in Pigeon Square. Serving our usual hot drinks, bacon sandwiches, plus turkey/vegetable stew, clothing, toiletries and a Christmas gift bag of snacks.	https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Pavement- Project-61553946310476/
The Salvation Army	Closed Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025 Sunday provision as normal. Back to normal from 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	
SOS Saturday Outreach Service	Normal provision on Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day) - Provision of soup and sandwiches offered around 5.30pm on a Wednesday evening from the end of De Parys Avenue (by the old taxi rank, near to The Broadway).	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10009 2981584763
St Vincent de Paul Society	Soup run on Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day) at the taxi rank on De Parys Avenue - usual times (7pm-7.30pm).	