

## Food Providers in the Bedford Borough Area - Changes to services over Christmas and New Year - 2025 – updated 17<sup>th</sup> December

You can find full details of the Food Providers via: <https://www.cvsbeds.org.uk/foodprovidersinbedfordborough>. 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
<b>Bedford Foodbank</b>	Last day of provision before Christmas is Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December. Service returns to normal on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026. <a href="https://bedford.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/">https://bedford.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/</a>
<b>British Red Cross</b>	Closed Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December, Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026. Please call 01234 341 503 or 07525 902 552
<b>Church of the Transfiguration Kempston</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December - Christmas lunch, 12pm to 3pm. Mickey's café is open Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December (12pm-2pm), and then closed until Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026. 132 Bedford Rd, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 8BQ. <a href="https://www.transfiguration.org.uk/mickeyscafe">https://www.transfiguration.org.uk/mickeyscafe</a>
<b>Dine With Us On The Streets</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December - Christmas meal at St Pauls Church, Bedford 5pm for families with children. 7pm for everyone else. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DineWithUsOnTheStreetsCherriesLegacy">https://www.facebook.com/DineWithUsOnTheStreetsCherriesLegacy</a>
<b>Ethnic Foodbank</b>	Open as normal on Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day) and Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026 - 5.30pm - 7.30pm. <a href="https://www.ethnicfoodbank.org/get-food">https://www.ethnicfoodbank.org/get-food</a>
<b>IMPAKT FOOD</b>	Open on Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December. Closed on Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December. Open on Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December for a Christmas provision – all ingredients for a full roast dinner will be provided, alongside sweet treats/drinks/desserts. Service reopens on Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2026. Hawes Court, Bedford, MK40 1AW. <a href="https://www.instagram.com/impaktfood">https://www.instagram.com/impaktfood</a>
<b>Jubilation Action Group</b>	The Community Food Pantry is open on Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December, and then closed until Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/JubilationActionGroup">https://www.facebook.com/JubilationActionGroup</a>
<b>King's Arms Project</b>	Winter Night Shelter operating at 56 Harpur Street, Bedford, MK40 2QT from 1 <sup>st</sup> December to 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026. Food only available to those staying at the Winter Night Shelter. <a href="https://kingsarmsproject.org/bedford-winter-night-shelter/">https://kingsarmsproject.org/bedford-winter-night-shelter/</a>
<b>SMART Prebend Support Hub</b>	The service is only open to rough sleepers, who will need to undergo an assessment. Open Monday - Friday, 8.30am-3.30pm between 1 <sup>st</sup> December and 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026. Service closed on Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day), with extra food provision on Christmas Eve. 12-14 Prebend Street, Bedford, MK40 1QW. <a href="https://smartcjs.org.uk/smart-prebend-centre/">https://smartcjs.org.uk/smart-prebend-centre/</a>
<b>SOS Saturday Outreach Service</b>	Normal service throughout the Christmas/New Year period. Provision on Saturday evenings (6pm - 8pm) of food and drinks, toiletries, household goods, clothes, fruit, veg, etc. Provision of soup and sandwiches is also offered around 5.40pm on a Wednesday evening. The end of De Parys Avenue (by the old taxi rank, near to The Broadway). <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092981584763">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092981584763</a>
<b>The Pavement Project</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day) – Church Square (Pigeon Square) - 11am. Serving bacon sandwiches, soup, and handing out snacks, clothing and toiletries <a href="https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Pavement-Project-61553946310476">https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Pavement-Project-61553946310476</a>
<b>The Salvation Army</b>	Open as normal on Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve) Closed on Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December (New Year's Eve) Open as normal on Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 Commercial Road, Bedford, MK40 1QS. <a href="https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/bedford-congress-hall">https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/bedford-congress-hall</a>
<b>4 Seasons Outreach</b>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day) – 12pm Christmas Dinner at St Peter de Merton Church, De Parys Ave, Bedford, MK40 2TX. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/711921973052575">https://www.facebook.com/groups/711921973052575</a>