



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MAIDENHEAD CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH



The CTIM Christmas Day lunch is an event in the true spirit of Christmas – an event of giving and good will; of showing the love of God to all people. It is held each year for those who otherwise would be on their own on this day of celebration.

Approximately 90 guests are served a hearty traditional Christmas Day lunch of soup, roast turkey dinner and Christmas pudding or fresh fruit. There are vegetarian options also available. The meal is provided in a location made festive by Christmas decorations: for the

past several years this has been the excellent SportsAble facility on the Braywick Road.

Live entertainment is enjoyed as are traditional mince pies and cakes, tea/coffee and festive drinks. When guests leave at the end of the event, they are each given a gift bag of food to take home with them.

All in all it is a happy, wonderful event that is much enjoyed by guests and volunteers alike – a true blessing to all concerned.

For those who can't make their own way to the event, volunteer drivers drive them to and from it. People to Places buses



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transport those for whom cars aren't an option. A small army of other volunteers provides the support needed – cooks; washers-up; waiters; bar staff; first aider; 'meeters and greeters' for guests arrival; cleaners. For 2012 the Mayor and Mayoress visited the event as did our local M.P. and it was covered by the Maidenhead Advertiser. Heartfelt thanks are due to all of these as well as to the proficient organising team under the excellent leadership of Tony Weeks from St. Joseph's Church.

The event benefitted from generous contributions from many individuals and organisations, including:

- Copas Traditional Turkeys for donating their award-winning turkeys via the Maidenhead Advertiser Cracker Appeal
- People to Places buses
- SportsAble
- Maidenhead Advertiser Cracker Appeal
- Charles Luxford and Margaret Fish (“Con Amore”)



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Thanks are due to all of these as well as to the following organisations who gave generous financial support:

- The Maidenhead Advertiser Cracker Appeal
- The Prince Philip Trust Fund
- Kaffirs of Cookham Dean
- The Lions Club of Maidenhead
- The Rotary Club of Maidenhead
- The Rotary Club of Maidenhead Thames
- The Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham

- The Fabulous Shirtlifters
- Congregation of All Saints Church
- The National Security Inspectorate
- Mrs Lawrence-Mann
- Waitrose in Maidenhead



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Please do come and join us in 2013. Come bless and be blessed.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH 2013 – GETTING INVOLVED

Guests

If you will be on your own this Christmas Day and would like to attend, or know someone else who will be on their own, we'd love to hear from you. [Please contact Jo Hamilton on 01628-670305.](#)

Volunteers

If you would like to help at this year's lunch, we will very much welcome hearing from you. [Please contact Kathryn and Pietro Abate on 01628-824506.](#)