

Help us to provide hope for homeless people this Christmas

Article for your parish newsletter

You may find the following article helpful to include in your Christmas newsletter to promote any fundraising you are organising for Crisis.



What are you looking forward to this Christmas?

Perhaps there is a particular gift you are hoping for, maybe you are looking forward to a delicious Christmas meal or perhaps you are looking forward to spending time with people who care about you?

Without these things Christmas just would not be the same. That is why, this year, our church is supporting the homelessness charity Crisis.

Every year Crisis runs Open Christmas centres, providing a haven or warmth, security and friendship to homeless people. For some homeless people their time at one of these centres is the only time all year they speak to another person, for others it is a once a year chance to visit a doctor, seek housing advice or learn new skills.

Homeless people visiting these centres can get involved in learning computer skills, find hidden talents in arts and crafts and improve their chances of getting a job. In addition to this Crisis provide three nourishing hot meals a day, access to a wide range of medical and advice services, and a varied programme of sporting activities and entertainments.

The Crisis Open Christmas really can be a life-changing experience for homeless people.

We will be holding a special service for Crisis on [insert date] when we will be praying and raising money for their work. We would love you to join us and share the joy of Christmas together, whilst helping those who need it most.

For more information you can visit Crisis' website at www.crisis.org.uk/goodwill.