

# Diocese of Middlesbrough

## Vicariate for Missionary Discipleship



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Dear Parents

These are challenging and unique times for us all, not least for our families and diocesan schools.

Given the threat of steadily increasing rates of unemployment and poverty in the country, especially perhaps as the government reduces the “furlough” scheme in the weeks ahead, it is likely that many families will experience loss of income and poverty – some of them for the very first time. With this in mind, we have prepared this list of organisations to which the parents of our school children might turn if they are in need. It is by no means exhaustive, but it is a start and may be of use to some families over the summer months. You may be able to share this information with families and friends, should they fall into difficulty.

May God bless and keep us all safe,

Canon John Lumley  
Episcopal Vicar for Missionary Discipleship

## Information for parents needing help during Summer break in Middlesbrough Diocese

Caritas in Middlesbrough diocese welcomed the government decision to extend access to free school meals for children during the summer holiday period but we are aware some families may not benefit from the scheme and have collated the following information to be shared with all parents before schools close for the summer.

### Diocesan wide



If you need practical or emotional help during these challenging times please contact your local parish conference (parish group) or if you don't have one or don't know who they are then contact our Membership Development Officer Sebastian by email at [Sebs@svp.org.uk](mailto:Sebs@svp.org.uk) or phone 007774 256129. He will find you a local contact who can help.

### **Trussell Trust**

If you can't afford food, you can call **0808 2082138** for free (open Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm). You'll confidentially talk to a trained Citizens Advice agent and if needed, they'll issue you with a food bank voucher. Please note this number is for people who do not have enough money for food – if you are a local organisation or charity that works with people who might need the food bank, please contact us directly.

### Teesside Area

#### **Feast of Fun**

Support over the summer holiday weeks is available for families feeling the strain of the current lockdown on top of all the usual challenges of the summer holidays through local **Feast of Fun** Groups in Middlesbrough and Redcar. Your school will have been sent contact details as well as what is being offered in your area and you can register for help this summer. In Hemlington and Coulby Newham we are offering food parcels and activity bags to provide fun and entertainment. Tel: 07885599810 to register.

**Cause Hampers** and **Cause for Children in Crisis** can provide food parcels, toiletries, supermarket vouchers, bedding and small household essentials. Contacts are Pat McBride / Julie Hull Email: [causehampers@outlook.com](mailto:causehampers@outlook.com) Mobile: 07935101812 Or message us on Face Book @ Cause Christmas Hamper Campaign

**Next Step Shop** is a members' shop for people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families. It is often the next step for foodbank clients. Members can visit the shop once a week to select ten items of food at a greatly reduced cost of £2.50. The shop is located at 10 Queen Street, Redcar and is open every Tuesday and Friday between 9.30am and 12.00noon.

All of the food items in the shop are subject to availability. We will sometimes have fresh food available, but mainly the items will be in tins or packets. We gratefully accept donations of food from supermarkets and the public to allow us to continue to offer this valuable service. Anyone who wants to use the shop must fill in an Application Form. This must be counter-signed by an agency e.g. Social Worker, CAB, Welfare Rights etc, to confirm that the applicant is in need. For more information please pop into the shop – our volunteers will be happy to answer your questions.

Address: 10 Queen Street, Redcar, TS10 1DY Telephone: 01642 484842

**Redcar and Cleveland Foodbank** has developed a delivery-only service and launched a dedicated telephone line to take referrals from agencies and eligible clients who can no longer obtain a voucher. The phone line 07394 635005 is open Monday to Friday 10am-2pm.

### **Scarborough Area**

**The Rainbow Centre**, Castle Road, Scarborough YO11 1TH - Telephone: 01723 500663  
The Rainbow Centre building is closed to clients. We are still operating and can provide emergency food parcels to vulnerable people in the community. Our reception phone line is open from 9am-2pm Monday to Friday to offer emergency support to rough sleepers and those in crisis.

**Scarborough Salvation Army** and Community Centre, Alma Parade, Scarborough YO11 1SJ  
Operate a Thursday drop in where hot meals are provided to take away and will provide food parcels to vulnerable members of the community.

### **York Area**

**St Aelred's SVP** deliver take away meals provided by the Supper Collective on Wednesdays and Sundays. School distribute vouchers and food parcels and they help with this. Contact Catherine McGlinchey. Tel: 07340011619

**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School and Our Lady's and English Martyrs Churches** provide food parcels limited to families in their parishes.

**All Saints School** provide help for some of their families.

### **Hull Area**

**St Mary's College** are providing up to 20 food parcels a week and alternate between families from St Mary's College and the primary schools. This is mainly limited to schools.  
Chris Cuthill SVP president: 01482 472229

**Vineyard Church Foodbank**, Clough Road (01482 343333) – Collect donations on Mondays and Thursdays between 11am-1pm and gives out food on the same afternoons.

### **East Yorkshire Foodbank Hub - Beverley Centre**

87 Mill Lane  
Beverley  
East Riding of Yorkshire  
HU17 9DH

Opening Times: Monday: 12:00 – 16:00 Friday: 12:00 – 16:00
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Tel: 07842 753728

### **Beverley Centre Toll Gavel Church**

Toll Gavel United Church,  
Toll Gavel,  
Beverley,  
East Riding of Yorkshire  
HU17 9AA

Opening Times: Wednesday 14:00 – 16:00
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Telephone: 01482 880300