

Information sent to all local schools

Donations of meals for the freezer - we will be launching a Community freezer (called Mary's Meals) from Monday. When you are out shopping would it be possible to buy a family meal (lasagne, pies, sausages, joint of meat) - and then drop it off in the freezer at St Mary's Church during daylight hours (Church Street, OX7 5NT)? We will then distribute it to those who are in need. (see details below)

How can your community help you?

We recognise that this is going to put strains on all families in different ways and times. Here are some ways that we hope we can help:

Food - if you are impacted financially at this time, or have extra mouths to feed here are ways we are supporting:

Chippy Community Larder - Leisure Centre, Friday 3-4.30pm (from 20th March) - this is free until the end of April, but normally by subscription, an amazing way to feed your family and reduce food waste (thechippylarder@gmail.com)

Mary's Meals - Collect a healthy family meal to put in the oven from The Branch (the Old Natwest Bank building), Wednesday 10-12am or outside Costcutter on the Hailey Road Thursdays & Saturdays 10-11am (www.stmaryscnorton.com) from 28th March

Foodbank - Baptist Church, Mondays 10-11.30am (from 6th April)

Obviously these are all run by volunteers, and we will do our utmost to keep services running. Please take your own bags.

Keeping your families entertained!

Each week (starting Wed 25th March), there will be a **family craft bag** to collect from St Mary's Church. So you can enjoy stretching your legs (whilst we are allowed) to come and pick up from the Church and take home to do as a family - it might be baking, it might be making. These will be particularly aimed at Pre- & Primary School aged children. We will make 100 of these to start with and watch demand. Have fun!

Also aimed at younger children, take a look at **@creatingspace.chippy on instagram** for storytelling, craft ideas etc

Further Local Information:

The Chippy News is currently writing and printing a Special Edition, this will hopefully be delivered to every house, or at least be available (and free) in every Supermarket, Garage, Pharmacy etc with updated local news. They also hope to publish up to date news on chippynews.org