

Newsletter

COMPASSION ACTS

CHURCHES IN THE SOUTHPORT AREA WORKING TOGETHER TO CHANGE LIVES



We wish all of our supporters a very **Happy Christmas** and a peaceful New Year .

Since we launched as 'Compassion Acts' in September we have been busy renewing and creating relationships across the area.

2020 promises to be a busy year as we bring church partners and the community together in order to tackle poverty and exclusion in our town.

We have trained up new advisers from Community Money Advice and will offer a new drop in service at Christ Church, Lord Street on Thursdays from February . Our successful Food Pantry service will expand into sites in 2020. We are please to see CAP start to take new clients again early in the New Year.

The generosity of people with food and other donations in the run up to Christmas has been extraordinary. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We know that January is a time of great need for people and use of our Foodbank can go up.

Business Breakfast 9am on 20th February at

Bold Hotel, Lord Street, Southport . Come and hear what your business can do to be a partner against local poverty

THANK YOU to:

Stanley High School
Bold Hotel
Southport College
HM Passport Office
Tesco Extra, Southport
Experian
Community Link Foundation
The Hesketh Arms, Churchtown
Living Well Sefton
Southport Methodist Circuit
Holy Trinity Southport
ChristChurch
The Knights of St Columba
Holy Trinity, Southport
St James, Birkdale
Tesco Extra in Southport
The Community Church
Morrisons
Prestfield School
Southport Meols Rotary
It is likely we have missed someone— please forgive us. The donations have been unprecedented in December.
The Lions Club of Liverpool
ASDA Southport
Many Formby Donors

We are recruiting...

POVERY REDUCTION MANAGER

18 hrs per week, £13 per hour

An exciting new role for a great planner, influencer and project manager. You would manage our Foodbank volunteers, liaise with voucher agencies and Trussell Trust, collate statistics and coordinate new projects.

www.compassionacts.uk/jobs

Closing Date 31st January 2020

If you haven't seen our magazine filled with human stories and outlines of our vision— drop us a line and we'll send you a copy or two. office@compassionacts.uk



**Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight**



New Year Market for Families

Friday 10th January 2020, 11am to 1pm at Christ Church, Lord Street, Southport

Free Uniforms for Southport Schools	The uniforms even after just one term may have worn out – so we have another chance to get them
Material Matters	Free winter coats for children and adults
Community Money Advice	A desk with one our fully trained debt advisers. There is also access to Welfare Benefits advice
Foodbank & Food Pantry	Some post festive period items and information on how to join the Food Pantry as a member

Our Pantry located at Grace Baptist Church has around 40 members who are able to shop and make independent food choices from the range of goods we have sourced from both donations and super-market overstock. We are taking referrals now for new members.

Contact us.



Could you join us as a volunteer at our new Birkdale Pantry in 2020? Contact sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk

It has been the busiest December ever for Southport Foodbank. Donations of Food and other items have increased massively this year. Unprecedented levels of food putting pressure on our storage systems. The people of Southport and Formby are so generous. We were able to make up and gave out 150 Christmas hampers.



Sadly we have also seen an increase in Foodbank use compared to 2018. In some of our centres there has been a 35% increase in people coming to us compared with last year.

This year we have been able to open during the Christmas break, thanks to our very kind hosts at Lakeside Church. Monday 30th December 2019 1pm to 3.30pm



Our new service for Pantry members and other people who will benefit . Fridays 10am at Grace Centre in the Town Centre

Starts back on 10th January with a Cooking course starting the following Friday.

Simply come along yourself or bring someone along if they are a little apprehensive.

I'm really delighted to support "Compassion Acts" and to encourage the vision that underlies its work. It combines a passionate faith in Jesus with the desire to see justice done and to see Christians working together for that aim. May God bless and prosper its work, so that together we may continue to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8)



Right Revd. Paul Bayes
Bishop of Liverpool

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“Christmas is waiting to be born, in you , in me , in all mankind”

Howard Thurman