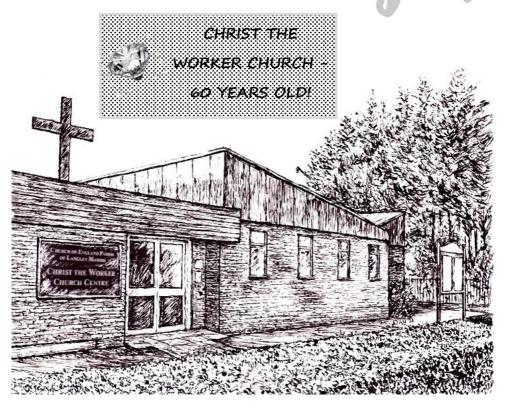
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# Around Langley

Dear Readers,

We really could do with some help with the magazine! Many people tell us that they enjoy the magazine, so would you consider if you can offer to help—with distribution, contributions or donations?

Our faithful distributors are finding that they can't do as much as they used to, so can you offer to distribute 20 or even 10 copies in Langley—shopping parades, surgeries, schools, your neighbourhood...?

Are you interested in writing for Around Langley—on local issues, or anything that interests you: e.g. why you like living in Langley?

Could you get any advertisements for the magazine, or give a donation, to help keep this a free magazine?

Contact me, Anna Thomas-Betts (a.thomasbetts@gmail.com).

Thank you!

#### We Shall Remember Them

April and May have been an emotional time for lots of people around the world. A time for remembering the hard won freedoms in World War II and also on this, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of victory of the Allied Forces in Europe, for the realisation that people who actually survived the war are unlikely to see the 80<sup>th</sup> VE anniversary. The nation remembered, rejoiced and gave thanks in May.

April was a difficult month for Catholics, and generally Christians, around the world, coming to terms with the serious illness of Pope Francis, then



sufficient improvement in his health to be allowed home, only then to die just days after. A new Pope, Leo XIV, was chosen within days of Pope Francis dying. Father Kevin describes this time as a roller-coaster of emotions for him and his congregation in the Holy Family Church. The 'Faith Matters' section is almost entirely devoted to the two Popes: the formational influences for both of them, the legacy of Francis and expectations laid on Leo XIV.

In the meanwhile, it continues to be incredibly difficult for the areas of major conflicts in the world. It is hard to imagine how terrible it is to have to abandon one's home and become homeless; but having to endure that time after time, like the people of Gaza, is beyond one's imagination. And all that without even basic humanitarian aid. And yet, the world looks on helplessly while the 'great' nations wield their power in self-interest.

Not intentionally, this edition has also turned out to be one about how some welfare needs of the people of Langley and Slough are being addressed, by Slough Borough Council as well as charitable organisations such as Slough Crossroads. So if you are lonely, or need help with caring for children, or financial support, you will find helpful suggestions in here. If you don't need to access them, please do tell others who might be helped by them.

A disadvantage of producing Around Langley just once in two months is that some of the topicality is lost when deciding content to include. Feedback from readers is always most welcome. Enjoy the early summer!

Anna Thomas-Betts

# **News from Around Langley**

# Langley Community Coffee Shop



We have continued to enjoy our weekly meetings with our exercise classes as well as speakers. It was good to have our local community police officer to answer questions on how concerns over youth behaviour in the area were being met. The slides Presented by David and Alison Congdon, depicting 80 days of WW2 from the Battle of Normandy to D-day landing, showed extremely creative knitting and reminded us of some of the events of the war. On May 6<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed a singalong of WW2 songs accompanied by the Herschel Ukulele band

We are looking forward to the coach trip

on  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  July to Worthing so if you fancy some fresh sea air, please let me know on o7859 750 508. We still have at least 10 seats available and the cost is a very reasonable £15. Worthing is a flat area with scenic views and good places to eat including the pier.

#### **Future Events**

In **June** we hope to have a short talk on CPR and using the defibrillator, but this is not confirmed yet

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, we have our trip to Worthing. We depart from the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church at 9.30am for the seaside and leave Worthing at 4.00pm. There won't be a coffee shop meeting that day.

We have our AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> July and the following Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July will be our last meeting before the summer break.



On 9<sup>th</sup> September the Coffee shop reconvenes for Autumn.

We could do with some more volunteers even to be on the reserve list. We meet every Tuesday, apart from holidays from 10 until 11.30am in St Joseph's Hall at the back of the Holy Family Catholic Church, SL3,7UD.

#### Sheila Papali



At Romsey Close Children's Centre / Family Hub we offer a range of activities for parents/carers and o to 19-year-olds (up to 25 for young people with special educational needs and disabilities). We know that having children is a wonderful experience, but it can be a time when you have more questions than answers. We welcome all families and provide a range of services and support to give children the best start for life. We offer:

- Early education integrated with childcare in our outstanding early years provision.
- Free activities for babies and toddlers
   o-5 years including a range of play
   and learn sessions.
- Child and family health services in partnership with midwives, health

visitors, speech and language and mental health services including ante and post-natal support, children's development checks, oral health support and drop-in sessions. Use our services for:

- Support for families with children with special needs and disabilities.
- Family friendly support services including Hestia, Talking Therapies and The Getting Help Team.
- The opportunities to meet other parents and carers
- Opportunities for Community volunteering
- A journey to employment support with work or training.

#### Please visit

#### www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk/

to find out about when activities are running.

There are Children's Centres and Family Hubs operating also at

Chalvey Grove • SL1 2TE • 01753 574387 Penn Road • SL2 1PG • 01753 574420 as well as at

Romsey Close • SL<sub>3</sub> 8PE • Tel: 01753 540797



Please register (free)!
Just scan the QR code
to be directed to our
short registration
form.

# A Sonnet for a Spring Morning

The flickering rays illuminate dawn amber javelins of light the sun throws splintered by clouds, the shards fall on our lawns to turn the dewdrops into sparkling globes see the brilliance of daffodil fields and the new delicate crocuses grace see the willow armed with emerald shields tinged with gold, as another spring day breaks.

The day breaks like a smile on a child's face or the laughter of a friend you've long missed day breaks like a wave then a warm embrace amidst silver silhouettes of the mist silent winter hearts learn again to sing hope is like water; better days may spring.



Christian Foley (Specially written for Around Langley)

# Christ the Worker Church 60 Years Old

This month we celebrate Diamond Jubilee of the consecration of Christ the Worker Church, which started as an offshoot of the Parish Church in Langley sixty years ago. In the Sixties, with the Greater London Council moving out thousands of people out of London, Langley saw a rapid expansion of the population and several new estates were developed here. St Francis church had already been built just a few years earlier and was growing and flourishing.

The idea of another new church evolved from the placing of the Rev. Ian Cook, a Curate, in the new Parlaunt Road estate. Testing the idea included much door knocking to assess local interest in a new church! When the land adjacent to lan Cook's house became available, it was purchased by the church, and with the aid of the local council, a shared church and community room was built. This was later extended with the addition of a sanctuary and smaller meeting room, and provides the pleasant and intimate worship centre we now have. Several members moved from St Mary to Christ the Worker while it was getting off the ground so to speak.

Christ the Worker church had a high Anglo-Catholic style of worship in the early days, but different vicars introduced different styles and has probably seen the whole spectrum of churchmanship in its life time. The Revd Shola Aoko became the team vicar here in 2017. During the lockdown, the parish managed to keep in touch with the parishioners in many ways. Shola's smiling face at the doorstep, keeping the 2-metre rule of course, was an encouragement to many a parishioner, we have been told.

Over time, however, Christ the Worker, along with the parish as a whole, has not stayed immune from the national decline in church membership, for all the wellknown reasons of demographic changes and secularisation etc. Despite that, Christ the Worker has continued to serve the community. In terms of outreach, Needles and a Yarn has been going for vears at full strength, with Vacancies', and the Shamrock Friendship Club is rapidly becoming truly community facility for information sharing, companionship and fellowship in the neighbourhood.

And the future? As *Around Langley* wishes CtW church a happy anniversary and echo Dag Hammarskjöld's prayer: "For all that has been, Thank You. For all that is to come, Yes!"



Knitted Toys: for sale and for children in hospital

# Community Connect

Free, 3 year community project designed to bring carers, socially isolated individuals & vulnerable members of our community together for:

1.A Place to Connect
2. Live Entertainment

Starting April 2025 & running for 3 years

3. Free Lunch
Take time for yourself
Meet new people

Enjoy great food Have Fun

#### Open to:

- Carers
- Older Adults experiencing loneliness
- People with disabilities or long-term conditions
- · Anyone Feeling socially isolated

Supported by:

How to Get Involved:

Emeli uz info@slougherozaroedzorguk
 Visii our website: www.slougherozaroedzorguk

"Community Connect: Empowering Lives Together"

The project aims to support carers, socially isolated individuals, and vulnerable people in Slough by providing free fish and chips lunches with live entertainment (such as travelling pantos, 6os/8os music, and singing). It is designed to reduce isolation, build confidence, and strengthen community connections over three years, starting April 2025.

Where & When? We meet at 1st Langley Scouts, Gosling Road, Langley, SL3 7TP, 10am-2pm (shows start at 11am promptly)

Booking is essential, so please contact us to reserve your place.

Call us on 01753 525796 or

email us: info@sloughcrossroads.org.uk

URL: https://

<u>www.sloughcrossroads.org.uk/community</u> <u>-connect-empowering-lives-together/</u>

#### Holiday at Home

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 3.30pm

Langley Free Church Trelawney Avenue

This popular annual event is intended for the over-60s.

Lunch and other refreshments will be provided

as well as some entertainment. There will also be opportunities to take part in games and other activities.

Come and relax with us!

The cost is £6 per day. You must register before 1<sup>st</sup> August.

> To book a place, contact Chris: 01753 943 089 Holiday2025@langleyfree.org.uk

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'The Jewel of Slough':
(Simon Jenkins in
England's Thousand Best Churches)

#### OPEN DAYS IN 2025

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To inquire about visits to the Library:

www.langleymarish.com/stmary/ kedermister-library or

janesculpher@hotmail.co.uk

# Shamrock Friendship Group

With a cup of tea, a cheery greeting,
AJ makes our mornings sweet.
Laughter fills the lively air,
As friends unite, a bond is so rare.

Mag's planning's always neat, She keeps control, a steady feat. Organizing events, big and small, Ensuring joy for everyone.

Through stories shared and memories bright,

We find our days are touched with light. Age may add its gentle touch, But friendship's glow will mean so much.

In this circle, time stands still, With hearts united, warm spills. Through every laugh, through every cheer,

Our friendship grows, year by year.

Through computers, skills take flight, Exercises keep us feeling bright. Activities abound, and there is much to do,

For every soul, something new

Raise your teacups, let us all be bold, Here is to the group, no matter what the future holds.

For in this bond, life's joys we will see, With Mag, AJ, and our cups of tea.

We end our meeting with a short Prayer from Shola our dear vicar/ Reverend

We keep those words in our minds.
For the rest of the week, until we meet
again.

Dolly Bhaskaran

# Our Library to Stay Open!

Great News! All four Slough libraries are proposed to be kept open following extensive consultation on the provision.

A message from the Slough Borough Council says: "The results of the public consultation on library services, where residents showed their love for libraries, will form part of a discussion on the future library service model at the Cabinet meeting on 19 May.

Cabinet is considering the options to continue with the current model of running library services from The Curve, Britwell Library, Langley Library and Cippenham Library, but commit to explore how the service is delivered in Cippenham and consider if it stays in the current building or moves to a family hub model."

Thank you, everyone who took part in the consultations, and the Councillors and others who arranged public meetings. And Thank You, Slough Borough Council, for listening!

### Regular Weekly Service Times



#### Holy Family (Roman Catholic) (Trelawney Avenue)

We will be having Masses at 5pm on Saturdays and 9.30am and 11.30am on Sundays

The 9.30am Mass is live streamed on our YouTube Channel: "HOLYFAMILYCHURCHLIVE"

#### Langley Free Church (Baptist) (Trelawney Avenue)

Please note that there will be services on all Sundays at 10.30am.

Now that the church is without a minister, services will continue to be led by members of the congregation. Speakers will be drawn from within the church and from outside, including representatives of Christian charities and missionary organisations.

Communion will be taken on the second Sunday in the month.

#### The Anglican Churches

St Mary the Virgin (St Mary's Road)

8am Holy Communion (BCP, said)

11am Family Communion

Christ the Worker (Parlaunt Road)

SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 11AM: 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE PREACHER: THE VEN. GUY ELSMORE

9.30am Holy Communion on Second and Fourth Sundays11am Service of the Word on First, Third and Fifth Sundays

St Francis of Assisi (London Road)

All Sunday Services start at 9.30am (unless specified otherwise)

Holy Communion First, Second and Third Sundays, Service of the Word (all-age) Fourth Sunday, Fifth Sunday, no fixed format

#### Regular Activities at Langley Churches

#### **Bible Study**

On Zoom Thursday afternoons, 2pm: no programme as yet. Check with diana.iller@gmail.com for more information.

**Langley Free Church:** Thursdays 7.30pm at church and mornings at a house.

(Contact secretary@langleyfree.org.uk or phone 01753 540771)

Christ the Worker: Mondays, 1pm (Contact: Shola Aoko, shola\_aoko@yahoo.co.uk)

#### 'MONDAYS' at LFC

If it's company you're after, why not join us at Langley Free Church on a Monday for a cuppa—any time between 11am and 2pm. Come for an hour or two, or longer. Please bring your own lunch with you. (Entry charge: £2.)

#### Christ the Worker and Shamrocks Friendship Club

Every Monday (except Bank
Holidays) at the Shamrocks pub, 10am—
noon, 12 Parlaunt Road, Langley, SL3
8BB. Tea, coffee, useful information
from guest speakers and more...
Everyone welcome.

#### **REFRESH!** at St Francis

#### Third Thursday of every month

Join us for tea and cake and fellowship with a talk or maybe a quiz or even a surprise activity! A warm welcome awaits you!

#### Oasis at Langley Free

Wednesdays from 1.30 to 3.30pm Midweek Fellowship and occasional guest speakers.

Contact: Ann Portsmouth 01753 585845

#### Youth Club at LFC

The Langley Free Church Youth Club meets on Tuesday evenings during school term. from 7.3opm to 9pm for Ages 10 to 14 (Years 6-8)

Andrew Collett 07719 997649



#### Craft Afternoons at LFC 12—4pm

Bring your hobby along and join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup>
Saturday of every month:
21<sup>st</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> July.
Contact Chris on 07789 838 500.
(Suggested donation £2 towards

refreshments)

#### **Faith Matters**

#### Habemus Papam! (We have a Pope!)

For all the Catholic community at Holy Family and indeed for every Catholic community across the world the last few months have been a roller coaster of emotions: worry, grief, anticipation and excitement.

It is quite difficult for Catholics to explain to others the place a Pope has in our lives. Perhaps the

easiest is to say that he is a father figure and somebody who has a world stage on which to express for us our hopes for the world.

Pope Francis became ill on February 14<sup>th</sup> of this year and, as we worried about him, we missed his voice speaking to the world. Terrible things continued to happen in Gaza, in Ukraine, in South Sudan and in other places and a voice that constantly called for peace was quietened. We thought that he was slowly getting better but on April 21<sup>st</sup> we received the news that Pope Francis had suddenly died. Catholics across the world grieved. The funeral in St. Peter's Square on April 26<sup>th</sup> was at the same



time both magnificent and simple, a fitting tribute and prayer for a wonderful man.

And then it was as though 1.4 billion Catholic people held their breath. Who would be chosen to be the 267<sup>th</sup> successor of St Peter, who was chosen by Jesus to be the first leader of the Church in the first century? (By the way, there has been just one English Pope. His name was **Nicholas** Breakspear, and he was born in Abbots Langley, near Watford. He was Pope from 1154 to 1159, and he was known as Pope Adrian IV).

The Catholic Church does theatre very well. Cardinals from around the world,

in their wonderful scarlet robes, gathered in Rome and were locked into the beautiful Sistine Chapel under the glorious ceiling painted by Michaelangelo between 1508 and 1512. They were asked to say who they wished to be the next Pope and after just a day of voting white smoke was seen rising from the roof of the Vatican and the bell was rung, sure signs that they had made their decision.

And then there was an hour of waiting. Whom had they chosen? We had to wait for the curtains of the balcony of St Peter's Basilica to open and then the announcement was made that Cardinal Robert Prevost had been chosen. We were to have an American Pope for the first time in our history and before he came out to greet the massive crowd in St Peter's Square we were told that he had taken the name Leo XIV. (To tell you the truth, most of us had to quickly scurry to Google to find out more about this man who would now be the leader of our Church on earth. He was born and grew up in America but had served as a bishop in Peru. He had been made a cardinal by Pope Francis only in 2023).

And then he came out on the balcony we saw a man who appeared humble and quite emotional as he took the applause of the thousands in the square. It may seem strange to say this, but I think Catholics immediately felt much safer again. A man who had obviously impressed Pope Francis and his fellow cardinals had been chosen for us and we

had every confidence that he would speak out to the world on our behalf. Just last Wednesday he made a plea to Israel: "I renew my heartfelt appeal to allow the entry of sufficient humanitarian aid and to put an end to the hostilities, the heartbreaking price of which is paid by children, the elderly, the sick.", he said.

The Pope, any Pope, will always speak to power and call for peace and justice, the fair sharing of the world's resources and care for the environment. He will always be on the side of the poor. I think that not only the Catholic Church but the whole world has now got a new voice to speak out clearly about these issues.

#### Fr Kevin O'Driscoll

# Pope Francis: His Legacy to the Church and the World

As first among equals, Pope Francis (1936 -2025), the Roman Catholic bishop of Rome and the successor of St Peter, was the supreme shepherd guiding the universal church, the body of Christ under the quidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis became Pope in 2013. Father Kevin O'Driscoll wrote a Year ago, in these terms: He is comfortable in criticizing the Church and some of the ways it has acted in the past, in attacking populist politicians and laissez faire capitalism. He is a staunch environmentalist and supporter of the

poor. He wants the ways that decisions are taken in the Church to change radically. every way he wants the Church to reach out to those who excluded. demonstrated in the way he has opened the door to divorced and remarried people to receive Holv Communion. He has a

particular concern for refugees and immigrants. (See Around Langley, April/May 2024.)

Although Christianity is today the same church that Jesus founded two thousand years ago, it has over time undergone many divisions and changes. expression Ecclesia semper reformanda (the Church needs always to reformed), is attributed to St Augustine, but then revived by the Swiss Reformer theologian Karl Barth in 1947. What this expression means is that the Church calls itself Christian should that constantly strive for greater conformity to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

World War II had a global impact transforming the world. The church too, needed to change. Realising this, Pope John convened an Ecumenical Council for the first time in around 80 years. After gently chiding some dissenting Cardinals, he spoke to them of the



Church's need for 'the medicine of mercy' and for called an aggiornamento or an updating. This process of transforming the Church has been on-going under supervision guidance of the last three Popes. The Synod called by Pope Francis these last two years is a high point, but is currently work in progress.

After the Second Vatican Council all the religious orders had to update their constitutions. The Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), to which Pope Francis had belonged as Fr Jorge Bergoglio from Argentina, produced two documents stating:

"Our mission today is the service of the faith of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement." and,

"...work among refugees is a prominent part of being a Jesuit."

Jesuit Refugee Centres today exist in every Jesuit province and had a major influence on Pope Francis. Father Kevin again: When he was elected, his first visit outside Rome was to the Italian island of Lampedusa, which is actually nearer to Tunisia than to Italy. Many people had drowned near the island trying to reach Europe. Pope Francis, with no mincing of his words, condemned the "global"

indifference" to their plight.

He must have remembered also his family's past at that time. His father Mario and his grandparents were emigrants from Italy to Argentina. They did not have enough money for the journey and so had to postpone his trip from Genova on the SS Principessa Mafalda. The Bergoglio family took the next ship some months later, although after having learned that their originally booked ship had sunk off the South American Coast, with the loss of all 300 people on board! How much the plight of those new migrants crossing seas to seek refuge would have resonated with Pope Francis!

There is so much one could write about, some already explained in past issues of *Around Langley*. They include themes like "The joy of the Gospel that fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus". Pope Francis did not shy away from the big issues facing humankind like global warming. This he did, not only because our world is 'our common home' but also because God made it, loved it and saw that it was good.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of his ministry was that he spoke very little about doctrine, but rather focussed on pastoral issues. He distinguished between Church teaching and pastoral practice, which suggested that the Church must re-examine its approach to many matters.

He taught by action as well as openness and honesty in his statements. could have been by embracing a disfigured man or washing the feet of a Muslim woman prisoner on Maundy Thursday – the first time ever a Pope washed the feet of a woman! Or it could have been in stating his views on sexuality and marriage, allowing divorced people to take Communion and blessing of couples in 'irregular' situations or of the same sex.

In writing this piece I thought: How would Anglicans and others feel about the passing away of Pope Francis? Perhaps it is the loss of a father figure, of one who shows the world that true leadership is a form of service, that one can effectively witness by his style of life, his choices, his humanity, his love for all, but mostly for the poor, the marginalised in society; also for prisoners in jail, to the point of literally washing their feet. It is the thing he confessed he missed most the morning before he died.

#### Alfred Agius

Shortly before Francis was elected Pope, two Swiss Guards were stationed outside his rooms in the Santa Marta. Francis poked his head out of his door and asked what they were doing standing there. The guards replied, "We are protecting you, Your Holiness." Francis asked again "And what are you protecting me from? There is nothing here". With that he closed the door. A few minutes later, the door opened again. Francis appeared, and brought out two chairs....

# Celebrating 31 Years of Gardening Glory in Slough!



Calling all green thumbs in Langley and beyond—Slough in Bloom 2025 has officially launched! Now in its thirty-first year, this beloved community competition is blooming once again, and residents are encouraged to join in the fun.

Whether you've got a vibrant front colourful garden, hanging baskets, inventive planters, or а thriving now's allotment, your chance showcase your horticultural flair. And it's not just for adults—get the kids involved too! Growing Sunflowers, Sweet Peas, Tomatoes or Runner Beans is a great way to connect with nature and share the joy

of gardening as a family.

How to enter: Simply fill out the Slough in Bloom entry form and return it by Saturday 28 June. You can also email sloughinbloom@gmail.com with your details.

Judging begins the week of Monday 7
July, with allotments being judged the
following week from Monday 14 July.

So dig out your trowels, dust off your watering cans, and let's make Slough shine brighter than ever!

#### Margaret Inniss

Slough in Bloom Chair

# Dee S Clark



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# LANGLEY CARNIVAL

**Langley Memorial Ground** 

Saturday 12th July 2025 12 Noon to 4.30pm

Basil and Crew Mobile Farm



Cookie the Clown

Football, SWIPE, dancing, singing and Yoga
Various Stalls
Grand Draw: £100 first prize



Profits this year go to Thames Hospice

Contact Liz Barnett (01753 539024) to book a Stall

Supported by Billy Irvin Amusements, Berkshire Community Foundation, Flatman Partnership

Langley Carnival is the one Annual Community Event held for all Langley (and visitors from neighbouring areas). It has a long history, starting as a Flower Show before WW II, becoming what we have now after several transformations. Do come and enjoy the afternoon!

# Food and Financial Support

# (From a Thames Valley Alert in March 2025)

With rising costs and competing financial priorities, there is support available for those in need. Slough Borough Council has joined up with Lightning Reach, a financial grants support portal, which features more than 2,500 support schemes including grants from charities.

A range of support is available, including help with energy and utility bills, support for rent, council tax and other household costs, funding for essential home items like furniture and appliances and assistance with food, clothing and daily essentials.

Residents can fill in their profile by answering a questionnaire. Once the profile is complete, they will be able to see the available support they may be eligible for in one place, get updated when more support is added, and apply for multiple sources of support directly through the portal.

To find out more about making a profile, visit the <u>Lightning Reach</u> website.

There are various Warm Spaces throughout Slough where residents

can pop in for a chat, cuppa and sometimes an activity.

Every day of the week, there is some food support available, such as receiving a free hot meal, getting tins of food, emergency food parcels or supermarket surplus food.

Organisations offering the support include Slough Outreach, Salvation Army Warm Space, Cippenham Carers Warm Space, Slough Foodbank (by referral), St George's Church, Art Classes Group Warm Space, AJ Cafe Warm Space, Food Bank at Faizan E Madinah, Ujala Foundation Warm Space, Cippenham Royal British Legion Warm Space, Slough Baptist Church Warm Space, Slough Community Support Café, Ledger's Road Methodist Church Warm Space and Slough Soup Kitchen.

For the full list of what is available each day, visit the <u>food support page</u> on the council's website.

Eligible residents can also apply for a one-off voucher from the Household Support Fund. This is for energy, food, water bills, essential goods and housing costs, where existing housing support schemes do not meet the needs. Find out more, and apply, on the HSF webpage. <a href="https://www.slough.gov.uk/benefits-support/household-support-fund">https://www.slough.gov.uk/benefits-support/household-support-fund</a>.

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