



Staines Salvation Army Church and Community Centre

January 2026

Dear Friends,

We are writing with heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for the incredible support you gave through your volunteering and generosity over the Christmas period. Your commitment and kindness have meant so much to us and to those we serve.

We have included a few photos to give you a glimpse of the Toy Parcel Day and our Christmas Day lunch celebration. They capture just a small part of what was achieved, and we truly could not have done any of this without you. These projects were made possible by the community support we received.

The ways in which you helped were wonderfully diverse and included the following: -

Those who helped with data input and office support right at the start.

The toy donors who every year supply so many wonderful gifts, as well as cash donations, to the project. Thanks to the new donors, who are now on our radar for next year!

Those volunteers who sort the toys and make special toy parcels for each nominated child.

The gift wrappers who make up lovely presents for Father Christmas to deliver to our guests on Christmas day.

Our Christmas Eve team who always do whatever we ask!

The "ladies & men in the kitchen" who provide lunch and refreshments on Christmas Day and preparation days. The very important chefs who cooked, prepared, and served our Christmas Day meal to our community guests.

The "veg prep" and "packed tea" teams who always support us without fuss.

Those who supplied the food for our meal. Turkey and trifle included!

Those who collected guests from their homes, delivered meals, cared for guests at the table, plus the entertainment team who kept the lovely atmosphere throughout Christmas Day.

Those who dealt with the washing up, rearranging the furniture and all the other tasks that happen in the background before and after the event.

Your generosity has been truly extraordinary, and the impact of your efforts has touched the lives of so many people. We honestly would not be able to provide what we do, without your help.

This year, we prepared toy parcels for over 784 children and welcomed 60 guests to our Christmas Day celebration. With financial support from the UK Government Household Support Fund, we were also able to distribute supermarket gift card for food essentials to 395 families and 92 individuals.

Incidentally, we were able to share the excess toy donations with 3 other Salvation Army centres, to help them with their own Christmas toy appeals.

We give thanks to God for each one of you who chose to give your time, skills, and compassion to bring hope and care to those in need within our community.

Thank you for standing with The Salvation Army and for supporting the work we are privileged to facilitate. We look forward to working alongside you again in the future.

With grateful thanks and every blessing,

Sue & Cath

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