



# LENT LUNCH

We provide 75,000 meals a year at our hostel alone. Lent Lunches and the funds you raise, help contribute to providing 3 nutritional meals a day for people who find themselves homeless.  
#HomelessNotHopeless

At Church, Work, School, your home or out in the Community where ever you chose to hold your lunch here are some suggestions on how to maximise your fundraising. Don't forget Gift Aid! Download our guide

## Step 1: Choosing the Perfect Venue

### Church

Get everyone involved to help with the cooking (and washing up!), invite the local community and request voluntary donations for every plate/bowl eaten. You could maximise fundraising by Gift Aiding your donations.

### Home

Keep it cosy and invite friends and family over. Reducing food waste by making a big batch of soup. You could even turn it into a competition! Who makes the best Soup? Don't forget to Gift Aid your donation!

### Work

Hold your event as part of Lent, encourage people to bring in a dish that includes an ingredient, they will be giving up... Double chocolate cheese cake anyone? We can provide you with poster and tins to boost your fundraising.



Our hostel provides welfare support for rough sleepers and offers accommodation to people coming in from off the streets. When Penny became homeless, she didn't want anyone to know. So she took her suitcases and headed to the train station. "People would look at me and think I was just waiting for a train". One day she woke up and someone had left her a sandwich; it broke her heart. Someone knew she was homeless...

## Step 2: Pick your menu and send out invites

Be sure to send out invites with plenty of notice and if needed we can supply you with logos and posters to help you promote your lunch. Whatever's on the menu; simple soup, buffet or tea party by holding a Lent Lunch you will be having such a positive impact on the lives of others.

## Step 3: Help put the pieces of someone's life back together

"When I was first came to Homeless Oxfordshire I was able to have a meal – an actual meal. I couldn't believe it because I hadn't been eating properly and I'd be depending on people giving me sandwiches. I was actually able to eat a meal on a plate, with a knife and fork, I couldn't believe it. I even had a fruit smoothie – it was brilliant!"



### Paying in your donation:

You can pay in your donation using a card online here at: <https://homelessoxfordshire.uk/support-us/donate/>

Cheques need to be made payable to **Homeless Oxfordshire** and be sent to the below address:

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