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### Drop-in centre open

**Monday:** 1.15–3.30pm

**Tues–Thur:** 10am–3.30pm

Breakfast – 10–11am

Lunch – 12.30–1.30pm

### Charity Shop Open

Mon–Thur: 10am–4.30pm

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### Who we are

The Bristol Methodist Centre is a Christian community offering shelter, sanctuary and support to homeless and vulnerable people. The Centre provides a drop-in service where people can get free meals, clean clothes and a shower. Support staff are on hand each day to help with various problems; and guests are welcome to take part in the regular pattern of prayer and worship in the small chapel. Guests are also able to use phones, or charge their own as well as make use of the internet. The work is funded entirely by voluntary contributions and we receive no local authority funding.

## Items for Harvest

We are in desperate need of the following items, so if your church are able to collect these items at harvest time we would greatly appreciate your donations to the centre to help with our ongoing cause of helping homeless and vulnerable people in Bristol.



vegetable oil	rice pudding	
tinned potatoes	tinned carrots	
Smash	stock cube vegetable	
tinned meat –	Corned Beef	
minced beef/steak	tinned ham	
evaporated milk	biscuits	powdered milk
baked beans	chocolate bars	squash
sausages (curry & pasta)	sugar	drinking chocolate
chocolate spread	pepper	coffee
Marmite	salt	tinned custard
coffee	tinned tomatoes	non-latex disposable gloves
hot chocolate	shampoo	instant mash
tinned fruit	sleeping bags and	dry milk powder
tinned custard	Pop-up tents	tinned ham
		tinned fruit
		tinned potatoes

### Please note

Due to limited storage space and an existing surplus we are NOT presently looking to collect the following items: washing powder, washing up liquid, toilet rolls, cereal, jam, peanut butter or tinned fish.

## The Shop – Street Folk

Our shop is amazing. It is going from strength-to-strength. We have an amazing team of volunteers of which we have recently welcomed Sam, Clare and Liz all bringing with them bundles of enthusiasm.

The shop is constantly evolving and trying out new things whilst retaining its unique quirkiness which has proved to be extremely popular with all. Our customers can spend up to an hour browsing and of course in that time they always find treasure!!

Just recently it came to our attention that there is nowhere in the area that sells second hand books, so we have created a library area upstairs where people come and browse our collection of books. This has proved to be very popular and we have seen a significant increase in book sales.

To a lot of our customers we are more than just a charity shop – Street Folk is a warm and welcoming place where there is always a smiling friendly face and a listening ear!

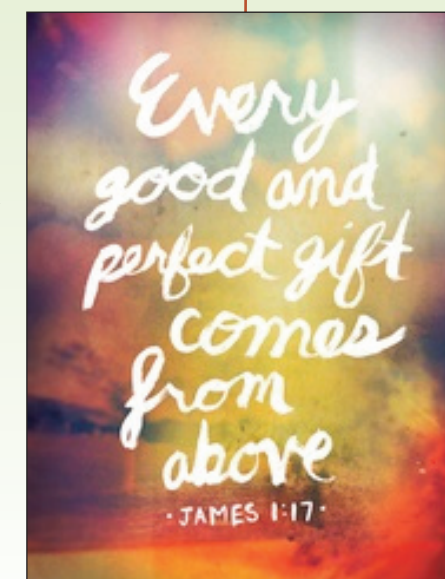


## Provision

*‘And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.’*  
PHILIPPIANS 4:19

As the time of harvest soon approaches I have been ruminating over God’s provision in our lives, how he provides for our needs and how sometimes he answers these needs before we even ask – and sometimes when we have to call out to him for help. I have spent many a year having to rely on God’s provision, when I faced redundancy, homelessness and also when I was off work for a whole year having spinal surgery – wondering where our next meal would come from? How we would afford our rent? What was I going to do now my job and home were being taken away from me at the same time? But in this mire of despair I knew that my God was greater and we were provided for, gifts were lavished upon us in the most difficult of times.

It is in these darkest of times I believe that one can really see God’s blessing of provision. During the time I mentioned above, we did not go hungry, I managed to find a job which in turn helped us find a new home (a home which was much better to that we were living in at the time – we call it our little palace) and we were blessed by friends, family and many others by financial means, food parcels and sometimes a delightful home cooked lasagne and company. God provided for us in this storm of life



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and we always ensure to give him the praise and honour for all that we have, instilling this to our children is something we do regularly with them saying grace before we eat and what they are thankful for – we are fully reliant on God and his glorious outpouring of love and provision.

‘Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.’

MATTHEW 6:31-32

So as Harvest approaches we turn our appreciation to God who gives generously, whose blessing is found in the overflow. I hope and pray that during this time we at the Bristol Methodist Centre may be blessed through your charitable and servant hearts. Giving at Harvest really sets

us up to care for our guests at the centre, which is growing exponentially week by week - we provide a safe, welcoming environment for our guest to access and have many of their need met.

We at the Bristol Methodist Centre send you all our warmest regards and blessings for the months ahead.

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