



COMMUNITIES CHRISTMAS 2023 LOVE & COMPASSION GRANT



We are optionally offering our Communities a small grant of £50 to try something to engage their neighbours or locality in a way that shares or demonstrates the Gospel and the love of Christ this Christmas season. We want Communities to own seeing God's kingdom come in tangible ways ("natural" or "supernatural" wherever they are). There is no pressure to put forward an idea for the grant - but its intention is to empower you to try something new this Christmas.

WHAT IS THE GRANT FOR?

Get creative! Ideally it's to build relationship with neighbours or a community, but the sky (and £50 budget) is the limit! For example, you might:

- Bless a local family who won't be able to provide gifts over Christmas (though please note we're also supporting Raunds and Thrapston Foodbanks in helping these families again this year)
- Door-to-door give aways of festive chocolate, biscuits with a card wishing them a Merry Christmas etc.
- Hiring a local community centre/hall and inviting folks for a cuppa, a chat and a mince pie.
- Servant evangelism - helping folks who may struggle to put up Christmas decs, giving away mince pies/chocs, or offering free gift wrapping at a local shop/shopping centre (please get permission first).
- Host an evening at one of your Community's homes inviting neighbours for mulled wine and mince pies.
- Is there a local community event you can be a part of? Maybe you need to book a 'stall', or get some litter pickers etc.

Remember, we want to engage people! Not just do a nice thing.

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT YOU?

Church resources can be made available (within reason) - small PA kits, catering equipment, children's toys etc, providing leaflets and resources to give away, hi-vis jackets, A-frame boards etc.

FAQS

Why only £50?

Engaging our neighbours/communities doesn't have to cost a lot, or be overly complicated.

When do we need to use the grant?

Please 'apply' (provide details) by the end of November, with activities taking place between 1st-24th December.

How does the grant work?

We'll need Communities to make any purchases and claim expense back (up to £50) afterward. To do this please provide a copy of receipts and bank details for reimbursement to communities@nenevalley.church

Please wait for us to 'confirm' your application first.

GENTLE ADVICE

Keep it simple, and get your Community onboard. If you think this will place too much stress on your Community, we'll have other similar opportunities in the future.

Remember... the best bet is to keep it simple, cover it in prayer, and pray for God's kingdom to come, His will to be done, and for relationships and opportunities to arise, where you are.

INFO & APPLY

www.nenevalley.church/christmas-grant

