



CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

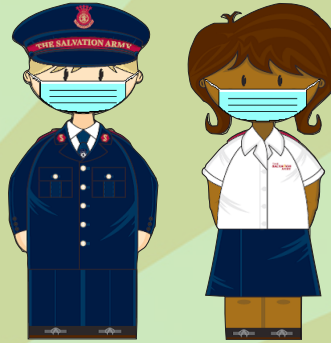
The Salvation Army is a **Christian church** and a **charity**. We have been working hard to be both during the **Coronavirus pandemic**.

We have seen **a lot more people** needing our help.

At home we continue to **worship, sing** and **pray** and many of our churches are doing **services online**.

This helps to keep the church community **connected** and **reach out** to people wanting to know more about God.

Virtual worship is **bringing hope** at a time when we need it most.



We have expanded our **foodbanks**. We are **delivering hot food** to people who are homeless and giving **advice and support**. All our **Lifeshouses**, have stayed open and supporting people who are homeless. Our **training, job support** and **counselling** continues; it is online and over the phone.

We are working hard to keep older people safe in our **care homes**. We are **visiting** those who are vulnerable and isolating in our community, to be their **support bubble** and to offer a **friendly chat**.

We are **working in new ways** so we can **support** people facing hardship.

DURING THE PANDEMIC

In the UK we:

- served more than **two million meals**
- saw the **demand** at our ten biggest **food banks go up nearly three times**
- established **22 food hubs** to **bulk buy food** for **local centres and churches**
- helped **5,880 modern slavery survivors** (an increase of 1,368)
- gave **employment advice** to **2,542 people** (an increase of 872)
- gave **food and presents** at Christmas to **tens of thousands** of families
- responded to **200 major emergency incidents**



Our **emergency response vehicles** have been giving food and drink to **key workers**, to give them a morale boost.

We have been **helping our communities** like giving laptops to schools and feeding children during the holidays.



Our supporters have found creative new ways to **fundraise** for us, like running marathons from home or shaving all their hair!

Internationally we have been helping people get the **resources** and **information** they need to be safe.



Our **friendship clubs** for adults and **kids** and **youth clubs** can still meet – online – for support and for fun!

OUR CHURCH

Our **officers** with **medical backgrounds** have been volunteering to help the **NHS**. **Members** have been doing extra **volunteering** work like making food parcels or doing regular doorstep visiting.

We have also been **praying** for:

- our **local communities**;
- people who are **struggling**;
- people who are working to **end the pandemic**.

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