



CEQ Quaker Christmas Parcels Appeal 2024



September 2024

Dear Friend

When I looked at last year's appeal letter for this unique scheme, I realised it had been written by John Ironside, who will be greatly missed when we pack the food this year. We will also be without another key person who was always at the end of the packing line sticking on the numbered labels wishing the recipients Festive Greetings, Barbara Groombridge.

Can I please ask you to dig deep into your pockets to donate to the Quaker Christmas Parcels providing food for those known to the Probation Service to be in great need and also some asylum seeker and refugees through Quaker supported charities. It would be great to have an exceptional number of donations in memory of the two dear Friends mentioned.

We will be packing over 1,000 parcels again this year and know that with prices rising, as well as acute problems with accommodation, many are suffering and we will be pleased to support the Probation services plus other agencies working with these vulnerable people.

Any donation you feel able to make will be greatly valued; early donations (by 23/10/24, ordering date) are especially helpful. Parcel packing will take place on Friday 6th December, from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday 7th December, from 9am to 1pm. We would like your help to pack the food into parcels at Selly Oak QMH, 930 Bristol Road, Birmingham B29 6NB. * Please do come along: friends and families of all ages are most welcome to join us.

In Friendship *Tricia*

On behalf of the Quaker Christmas Parcels Committee

Tricia Bradbury (Clerk), Howard Saunders (Logistics Director), Mina Tilt (Treasurer),
Marina Manassei, Clare Peat.

DONATIONS can be made direct to our CAF bank account, account name "Central England Quakers Quaker Christmas Parcels", Sort Code 40-52-40, A/C number 00096070 (for online donations, the name may get truncated). Please put your name as the reference so that we can identify your gift. **Cheques** payable to the above account should be sent to The Treasurer, Quaker Christmas Parcels 185 Robin Hood Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 0JE. Donors can request a **Gift Aid form** or further information from minatilt.hgq@btinternet.com

You can also donate via the **CEQ website**: <https://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/donate/> (see "Our Projects")

**As parking can be tight on Saturday, please consider car sharing or using public transport - buses 61, 63, X21, from the city centre (20mins) to Oak Tree Lane (and walk 4mins). Alternate parking on Langley's Rd (come in through back gate) or St Mary's church drive opposite the MH - see CEQ newsfeed for availability.*

Quaker Christmas Parcels is a branch of The Central England Area Quaker Meeting Charities, registered charity number 224571