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## **RESIDENT SUPPORT FOR A MEND-IT CHRISTMAS**

Green Lane Baptist Church and local residents are working together to ensure no-one is on their own this Christmas.

As part of the Mend-It programme run by the Church in the Birchills area of Walsall which aims to help repair the brokenness we can experience in our lives and the community, they will be opening their doors on Christmas Day and inviting anyone who is on their own to come and share Christmas lunch with them.

Residents from WATMOS Community Homes have donated Christmas decorations, crackers, prizes, cakes, sweets and mince pies for the event.

Terry Edis MBE, Chair of Burrowes Street TMO and WATMOS Community Homes said; "Christmas can be a happy time, but also a lonely one, our residents care about the people in their communities and fully support the wonderful work of Green Lane Baptist Church".

whg and view have also provided support for the event which begins at 12 noon on Christmas Day.

Valerie Morris who has organised the event said; "There is so much sincere care and generosity in Walsall when people see what can really make a difference. There have been personal and corporate donations. It is very moving when you meet all sorts of people willing to come out on Christmas day to share their time and energy for others."

If you would like to know more about Mend-It Christmas or the Church's weekly programme of Mend-It events, contact Valerie on 01922 405521.

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