THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH TOOLKIT FOR FAITH GROUPS

Celebrating between 2-5 June

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Your Guide to a Faith Based Big Jubilee Lunch

WHAT IS THE BIG LUNCH?

The Big Lunch is your chance to celebrate community connections and get to know your community and neighbours another a little better.

A Big Lunch can be anything from a small gathering in a garden, park or driveway, to a larger party with trestle tables.

For faith groups, a Big Lunch is a fantastic opportunity to gather together and invite your neighbours to join you in table fellowship as you celebrate community.

The idea is that by starting simple, all sorts of friendships, ideas and projects can come out of a Big Lunch. It can lead to people doing more within their community and tackling the issues that matter to them most.

In 2022, The Big Jubilee Lunch is part of the official celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend and will kick start a whole Month of Community, so there are more reasons than ever to get involved!

WHY CELEBRATE WITH MY CHURCH?

The Big Lunch is not a church initiative, but many churches take part each year. This year, The Big Lunch is being celebrated as part of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Jubilee is a biblical concept. In the Bible, Jubilee is about radical justice, inclusive community, and setting the oppressed free.

We can celebrate both of these things in the ways we mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 – in the ways we extend the invitation to the whole neighbourhood.

The social impact of the jubilee in the Bible is transformational. How might our neighbourhoods be changed if our Platinum Jubilee celebrations had this good news at the centre? How might the simple act of coming together in celebration make a significant difference?

As we intentionally bring local people together we can help the neighbourhood become a friendlier, safer, more connected place and a more caring and trusting community. We can play a part, however small, in helping to change the atmosphere.

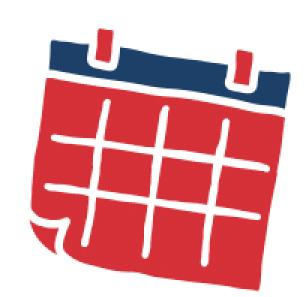
PLANNING YOUR EVENT

INVITE PEOPLE TO JOIN YOU

The first thing to do is get a team together to help you planning. You don't need a massive group - all it takes is a couple of keen people.

If you don't know who might be willing to help, ask your faith leader to make an announcement on a Sunday morning – you'll be surprised how keen people are to help!

PICK A DATE AND TIME



- The Big Jubilee Lunch and official Platinum Jubilee celebrations are taking place on 2-5 June 2022.
- You might like to gather after
- Church on a sunday, but if that doesn't suit, pick a date that works
 - for you!
- And if lunchtime doesn't work for
- you, put up the fairy lights and host
 - in the evening it's a great way to include shift workers and night owls!

CHOOSE A LOCATION

Your Church Hall might be the perfect place to hold a Big Lunch, or you might find that the space is a little bit limited.

In this case, you can hold a Big Jubilee Lunch anywhere that you can bring people together – parks, streets, playgrounds, schools, cafés, and community centres.

Try and hold it somewhere that's accessible and welcoming.

PLAN AHEAD IF YOU'RE GOING BIG

If you're thinking about a BIG Big
Jubilee Lunch, consider insurance,
licences and check with your local
council about permits and other
arrangements. If you might need
money from church funds be sure
to put in the request.



Visit TheBigJubileeLunch.com for information on hosting a large event, closing a road and a special insurance offer!



SPREAD THE WORD

Let people know about your Big Jubilee Lunch! Use posters, invitations, flyers, social media and local press. Knock on doors and talk to people, it'll make them feel less nervous about coming along on the day and it's nice to know there'll be a friendly face to welcome them.

INCLUDING CHILDREN

In order to make your event as welcoming as possible you should consider what steps you are taking to ensure children and young people feel included.

Games are a great way to break the ice and bring children and young people together.

Perhaps you can take some inspiration from school – organise a tug of war, egg and spoon race, sack race and a three-legged race. Get out the dressing-up clothes and have a relay race!

Or go for a friendly game of fivea-side rounders or cricket! Think about the space available and how you can make the games as inclusive as possible.

The safety of young people is extremely important. Use your own church procedures to ensure you think about the related risks, including food safety and safeguarding.

A Big Jubilee Lunch should be a welcoming space for people of all ages!

PERFECT INGREDIENTS FOR THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH

There are a few key ingredients for a successful event - delicious food, great drinks, and of course a lovely bunch of people building friendships together.



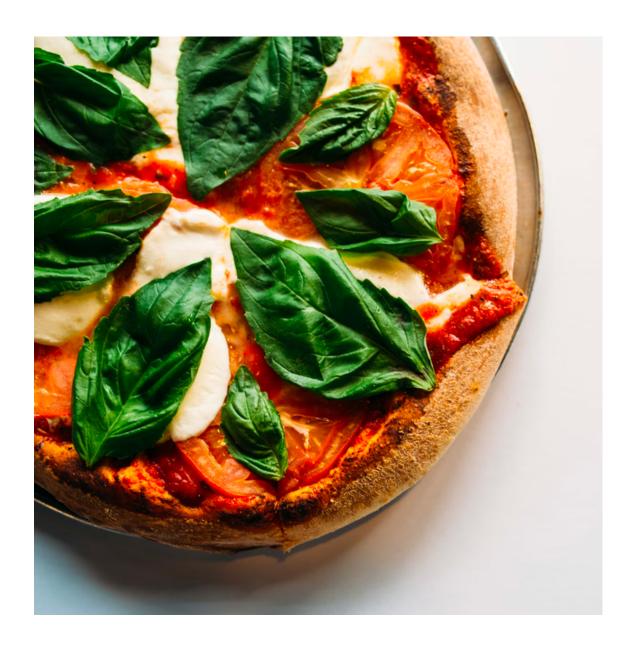
We all know that faith communities are fantastic when it comes to food and drink, but if you need some extra inspiration, the recipes on the following pages will help.

Your Big Jubilee Lunch is shaped by what's important to you and your community. Remember that it's all about bringing people together to have a good time communities thrive because of the people who live in them!

SIMPLE PIZZA MARGHERITA

INGREDIENTS

- 150g strong bread flour
- 1/2 tsp instant yeast
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 75ml passata
- 100g grated mozzarella
- handful of basil leaves (optional)



METHOD

- Pour flour into a bowl and mix in the yeast and salt. Add in 100ml of warm water and knead until you have a smooth elastic dough.
- Cover with a tea towell and place in a warm place to rise for half an hour.
- Once the dough has risen roll it out to and stretch it to a base shape of your choosing. Add your toppings and place the handful of basil leaves.
- Orizzle with olive oil and set your oven to 240C/220C fan/gas 8. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until crisp.

EASY HOMEMADE LEMONADE

INGREDIENTS

- 250ml still or tap water
- 200g sugar
- 6 lemons
- 1 sparkling water



METHOD

- 1) Heat the still water in a small pan and dissolve the sugar completely to make simple syrup. Set aside to cool in the fridge.
- Juice the lemons either use a sieve or leave in the small bits of fruit depending on what consistency you like.
- 3 Once the syrup is completely cooled, add the lemon juice, transfer to a pitcher and top up with the sparkling water. Mix well and serve with ice and lemon slices.
- 4 Enjoy!

SIMPLE CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

INGREDIENTS

- 150g butter
- 75g light soft brown sugar
- 150g plain chocolate
- 1 tbsp golden syrup
- 3 eggs
- 125g golden caster sugar
- 150g plain flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 3 tbsp cocoa powder



METHOD

- Melt together the butter, brown sugar, chocolate and golden syrup gently on a low heat until it is smooth.
- Whisk together with the eggs, caster sugar, the flour, baking powder and cocoa powder in a large bowl until light and fluffy.
- Mix everything together well and then quickly scoop the mixture into the baking tin.
- Bake for 30 mins and allow to cool completely before cutting into squares.

DECORATING YOUR BIG LUNCH

CREATE A WELCOMING SPACE

Brighten up tables with jam jars of flowers, make paper chains from old magazines and newspapers and put up a sign to welcome people. Get the kids to join in with making party decorations.

Think about fairy lights, lamps and lanterns along with cosy cushions and blankets if you're hosting later in the day.

DRESS YOUR TABLE

Little things can go a long way when it comes to making your tables feel special.

Bright jugs of juice, cups and glasses, flowers, a pretty tablecloth and some napkins can help set the party scene.

Have a plan for keeping fresh if it's a hot day. For example, offer umbrellas for shade and some ice buckets to keep things cool.

PRAYERS

Heavenly father,

All that we have is a gift.

We are thankful. For our friends, for our families, for our meal.

May we celebrate.

May we share.

May we build community.

Amen



- God of Creation
- Designer of sameness and
 - diversity,
- of time and eternity,
- we give you thanks and praise.
- Today we especially pray for Queen
 - Elizabeth.
 - In this year of Jubilee, grant her
 - your gifts of love, joy and peace
 - as she continues in faithful
 - obedience to you, her God,
 - and in devoted service to the
 - people of these islands,
 - and those of the Commonwealth.
 - Illuminate her path that she may
 - walk in your way,
 - now and all the days of her life.
 - This we pray in the name of Jesus.
 - Amen

Lord God, the Ancient of Days, you are sovereign over all your people;

Give to Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth
enduring wisdom and faith
in the service of the people of
this land
and of you, her Lord and master.
Grant that her faithful witness
may be to others a source of
hope,
that they may come to know
more fully
your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

one God, now and for ever.

Our Father in Heaven, we give thanks for the pleasure of gathering together for this occasion.

We give thanks for this food prepared by loving hands. We give thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it all, and all other blessings. As we partake of this food, we pray for health and strength.

This we ask in the name of Christ,
Amen.

Prayer by Harry Jewell

WHAT'S NEXT?

What happens next? The Big Jubilee Lunch is the start of the Month of Community, an opportunity to bring our neighbourhoods closer, give back, and shine a light on the amazing communities we live in.



Great things happen when we all get together. This year, events include: Volunteers Week, Carers Week, Loneliness Awareness Week, Refugee Week, Thank You Day, Neighbourhood Watch Week, and the Great Get Together.

Visit MonthofCommunity.com for the latest information and to find out what's happening when.

If you've enjoyed your Big Jubilee Lunch you might also like to think of other ways in which you can gather your community more regularly!



Why not have a monthly bring and share lunch?



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