

Assistance to the homeless/needy in Bern

The Kirchliche Passantenhilfe is centrally situated in Bern and is a point of contact and assistance for people in difficult life situations or in an emergency. In particular, it is open to those for whom nobody else takes on responsibility.

The Kirchliche Passantenhilfe provide the bare essentials, offering food products, various coupons for food, toiletries, clothing, help with overnight shelter and transport and where it makes sense, small amounts of cash.

Our Ongoing Local Charity Project at St Ursula's

At present due to the Covid 19 restrictions, we can no longer have Sunday services in church and **hence we cannot collect food and toiletry items for the Passantenhilfe at church.** The charity team was concerned about this since we know that as the Covid 19 crisis continues there has been a rise in the numbers of needy in Bern in need of this Passantenhilfe service offering basic food and toiletries. We have been in touch with Mrs Ursula Käufeler at the Passantenhilfe (some of you will remember her speaking at our Mission Sunday 2019) and she has confirmed this need. So the Charity team is suggesting **that our church members could bring food items directly themselves to the Passantenhilfe Office at Gartenstrasse 8 in Bern.** It would be wonderful if you could manage to continue to support in this way. You can see the address and contact details and opening times below:

AKiB Passantenhilfe und Sozialberatung Bern

Gartenstrasse 8, 3007 Bern

Office 031 380 75 40

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Opening hours:

Monday	9-11.30	14-16
Tuesday	9-11.30	14-16
Wednesday	<i>closed</i>	14-16
Thursday	9-11.30	14-16
Friday	9-11.30	14-16

The Passantenhilfe are grateful for packaged or tinned processed foodstuffs (within the expiry date!) e.g.:

- *All tinned foods (tinned tomatoes, sweet corn, peas, beans, tuna fish, fruit etc.)*
- *Pasta (Spaghetti, noodles etc.), Rice*
- *Packets of Soup*
- *Tea, coffee*
- *Oil*

and toiletry items, e.g.

- *Shower gel*
- *Shampoo*
- *Deodorant*
- *Tooth paste*
- *Toothbrushes*