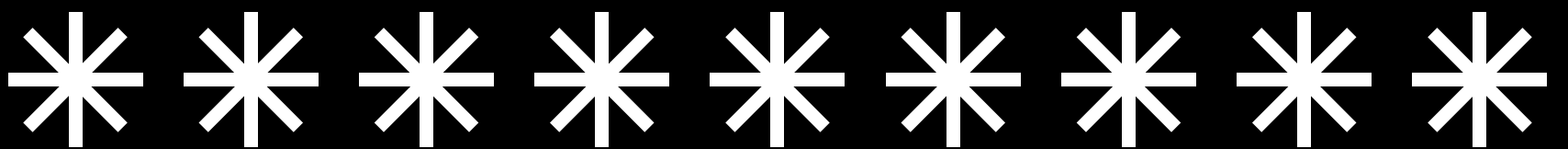


# Christmas all wrapped up



Our independent Manchester  
2020 Christmas gift guide:  
stay focal on the local and  
you'll sleigh this year's gifting

## 12 days of Christmas gift guide for Manchester

Spread festive cheer – support talent and creativity here!

We're lucky to have so many incredible local independent businesses right here on our doorstep; from craft breweries, bakers and butchers to unique cultural venues. So why not bring *joy to the world* this Christmas by shopping locally to buy some amazing gifts, whilst supporting your talented neighbours.

Here are some of our favourites for Christmas 2020...

### 1. Ancoats General Store

Whilst it might not quite stock a partridge in a pear tree, [the store](#) offers customers so much more than just basic groceries. Grab a freshly ground coffee whilst you browse its range of international foods or freshly baked sourdoughs and focaccias, courtesy of Failsworth-based Robinsons Bakery. Then plan your perfect Mancunian Christmas dinner with a twist, or pick up perfect hamper treats – from vegan nut butters, craft beers to candy canes for your tree.



### 2. Elnecot

*Eat, drink and be merry* by treating your loved one to a festive weekend brunch at Ancoats' very own neighbourhood bar and kitchen. From grandad's sausage in a brioche bun to smashed broccoli, accompanied by a bottomless drinks package, why not buy a few gift cards to support this great local [eaterie](#).



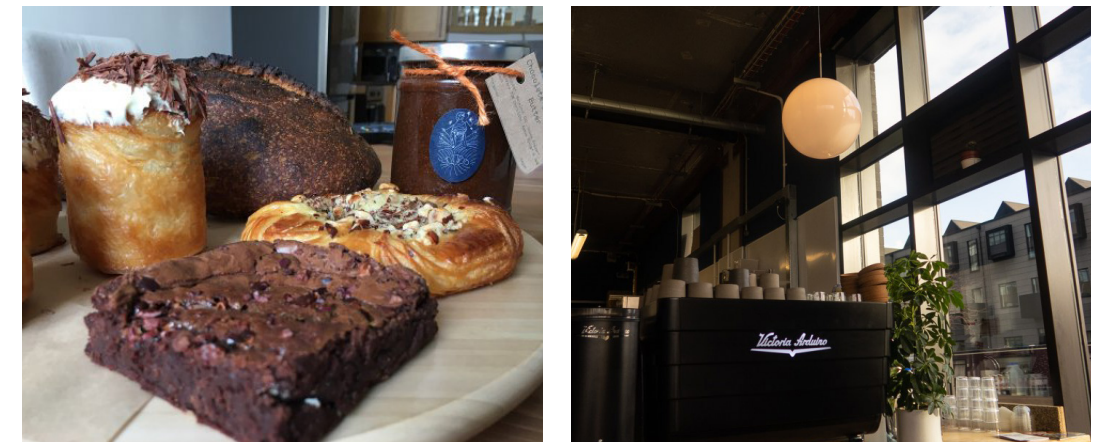
### 3. Rudy's Pizza

Who wants a Christmas crispy cornicione this year? If the pizza fan in your life has been missing Ancoats' very own slice of Italy, [gift cards](#) are available to spend on either Rudy's Bake at Home or Dine-in menu.



### 4. Pollen

Nestled in the heart of New Islington overlooking the marina, is the legendary, [Pollen Bakery](#) which has been bringing *comfort and joy* in the form of delicious baked treats to residents since 2018. For European festive fayre including its incredible sourdough and beautifully handcrafted Veinnoiserie patisseries, pop in to taste the wide range for yourself.





### 5. Hope Mill Theatre

It's not just a foodie fest in these parts... we are so lucky to enjoy the arts with our neighbour, [Hope Mill Theatre](#). Bringing *sparkle and shine* to the current short winter days, the theatre not only provides a platform for up and coming Manchester-based theatre playwrights, it has also taken its shows online this year to ensure culture continues within our community.

So, whether in-person or online, book a few tickets to support its forthcoming productions.



### 6. Cask

*It's a wonderful life* at Manchester institution [Cask](#) – this simple yet widely celebrated craft ale pub is a haven for beer lovers who know their Bristol milk stout from their Boon- Lambeek. Offering a great selection of different beers from all over the world, this is a must visit.



### 7. Se7en Brothers

With an online Christmas gift shop, including beer, gin, clothing, accessories and gift cards – as well as 10% off for new customers, [Se7en Brothers Brewing Co](#) is more than *making spirits bright* this year.

If your partner, friend, sibling or parent can't wait until Christmas then the beer and gin hamper also doubles as a lockdown survival kit, whilst its craft beer advent calendar helps you to count down until the BIG day.



### 8. Northern Eudaimonia

You might not get to see *eight maids a milking* at New Islington, but we do have the next best thing this Christmas...

[Northern Eudaimonia](#) has become a cult destination for both locals and visitors looking for a destination coffee shop. This desert bar looks out across the marina, and has been cooking up a storm with speciality coffees, hot choc's, tasty sandwiches, crepes, beers, gin, vegan and dairy free cakes as well as ice cream for dogs \*not reindeers.



### 9. Erst

Offering natural wine as well as tapas-style food, this authentic bar and deli is a breath of fresh air for Christmas shoppers wanting to kick back and relax after a hard day of retail.

With a selection of white, red, rose, orange and sparkling wines, beautifully paired with tasty pickled fennel or Killen Goats' Gouda, it's a truly unique bar within our neighbourhood – share the secret with a gift voucher available [here](#).



#### 10. Canto

Its 'Topsy tapas' package will be sure to have your loved one singing *Feliz Navidad* this Christmas. [Canto's](#) beautiful menu brings a taste of the Mediterranean to Ancoats – with dishes ranging from mini chorizo, potatoes, fried egg and crispy shallots to vegan and gluten free caramelised cauliflower with harissa-spiced hummus.



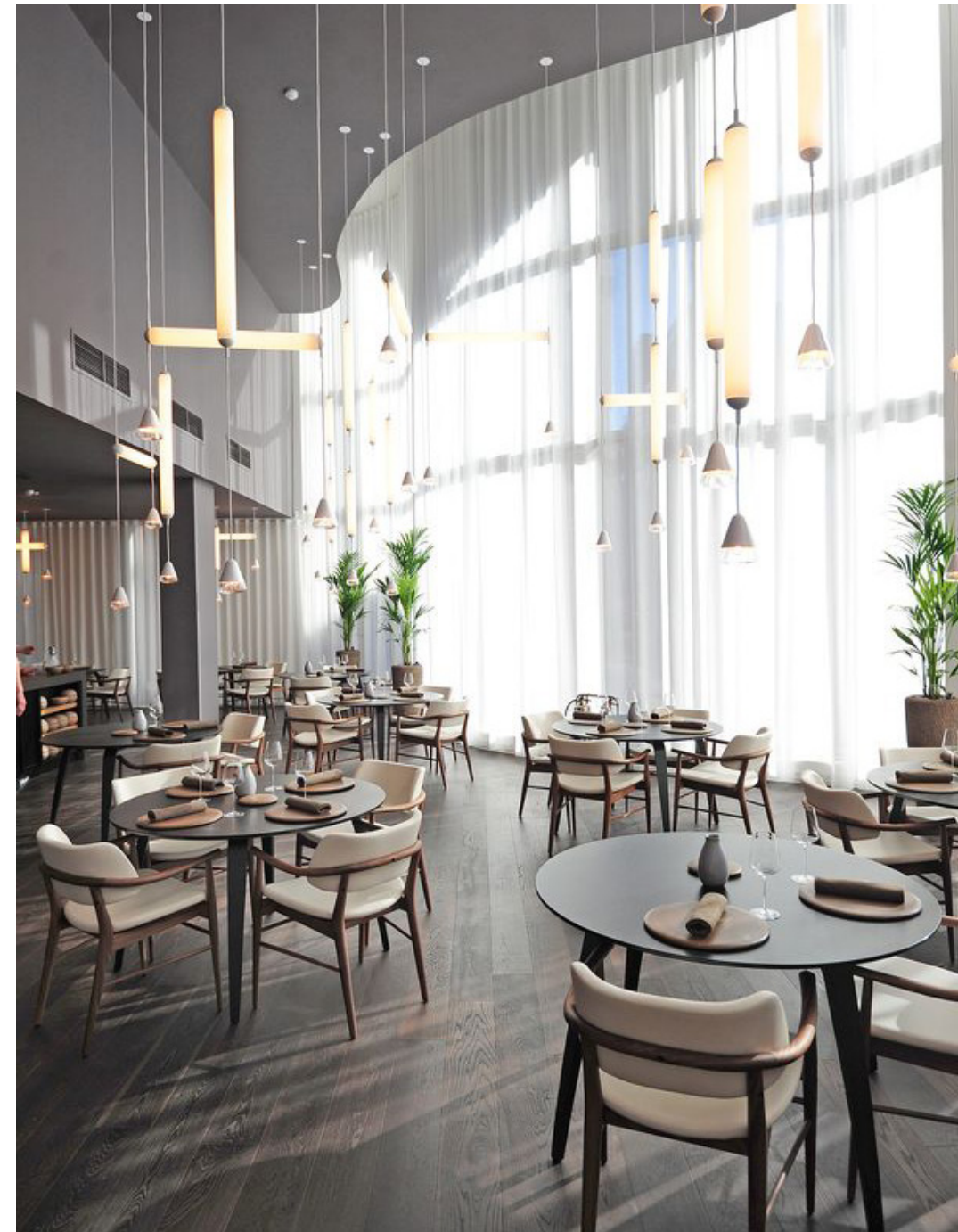
#### 11. The Butcher's Quarter

If you are looking to make an extra special Christmas dinner this year, then your first stop must be [TBO](#) on Tibbs St. As an artisan butcher, cheesemonger and tasting room, its free-range, grass fed meat comes from two farms in Cheshire ensuring that it is traceable from field to plate. And with wine, cheese, poultry and even a Rome-inspired tasting room, this is a shopping experience that you don't want to rush.



#### 12. Mana

And finally \*drum roll from the 12 drummers drumming... when buying for that person who already has everything – there's [Mana](#). As Manchester's first Michelin Star restaurant, and still upholding its fine reputation why not *have yourself a merry little Christmas* and book yourself and your other half a table to welcome in 2021.





And you can treat yourself to the ultimate Christmas gift, a new home here at New Islington. We've got houses and apartments ready for 2021. Call us or email to make an appointment or take a virtual tour

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