

# Weymouth Foodbank

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Dear Friends

As we draw towards the end of another year, we would like to update you with the activities of Weymouth Foodbank this year. Each Tuesday and Friday morning between 10.30 and 12.30 the foodbank is open for clients. During that time we may only have a few clients, or we may have 20 or more coming to receive food to last them over the next 3 days, and help them out of a very difficult situation. All our clients are offered tea or coffee while the food parcel is being prepared, and a volunteer is available to speak with them if the client wants to talk. Over the course of the year, we have had the privilege of talking with many clients, trying to support them and at times have been able to talk around spiritual issues.

During this year, we have served 888 adult clients, some of whom would be on their own, others would be couples, and yet others will be families involving children. In this way, we have served 538 children. We aim to provide each client with 3 meals a day over 3 days, so, this equates to providing 12834 meals between the beginning of January and the end of September.

We are extremely grateful to all who contribute to providing food for the Foodbank. At no stage have we had to turn any client away through lack of food. We are constantly amazed at the amount of food that is provided for this work. Recently, we have had Harvest donations from many sources, and if your church has participated in this way, please accept our grateful thanks. Truly, the Lord is good and is our Provider.

During the summer we organised a Holiday Lunch scheme to try and assist families that would normally receive free school meals, as for the duration of the holidays these would not be available to them. We worked with 2 local schools on this, and offered packed lunch and enough food for another day on 2 days each week. Unfortunately, there was very little uptake on this, so we will need to reconsider how we proceed with this in the future.

As the Christmas season draws near, we will be providing our clients with extra Christmas "goodies" and endeavouring to share with them the true meaning of Christmas. We would also like to wish you all a time when you are especially aware of the love poured out when Jesus was born.

With every blessing

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