**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR FEBRUARY 2016**

What an extraordinary month this has been! Despite having one day when absolutely nobody came in or telephoned, this has, without doubt, been the busiest month since we opened over 4 years ago. 110 people received food (69 adults and 41 children) that means that we have provided enough food for 330 main meals plus the additional breakfast and tea time items. Because of the generosity of the people in Wallingford and surrounding villages, we were able to meet all the needs without any problem (and we still have huge amounts of pasta, baked beans, soup and tinned tomatoes!!). I believe we are not alone in finding an increase in demand and I am just so thankful to God that he knows the situation and supplies the need even before we ask.

As ever, there have been some sad stories and also encouraging ones where people have been able to get back into work and are receiving pay cheques at long last. Our clients are so grateful for the help that we are able to give them and we have even been able to talk about Jesus with one or two.

We are in the process of setting up a new constitution and appointing Trustees so that we can become a registered charity. This all takes time and we would appreciate your prayers in this matter.

As mentioned above, stocks need continual replenishment and I thank you once again that this isn’t something I have to worry about. We are now having to pay for the Waitrose bags but fortunately we also have the money to cover this plus the fact that a lot of our clients come armed with their own bags for life. We are often asked for nappies and although this obviously doesn’t come under the heading of ‘food’, it does help families out if we are able to supply this need – I was shocked to find how expensive they are.

Many thanks

Jean Burt