**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR MAY 2016**

Since we opened the Food Bank in December 2011, we have always found May to be the quietest month and this has been the case this year with a total of 57 individuals being helped (34 adults, 23 children) – 21 of those in one morning during the last 45 minutes – a bit of a challenge but we made it! Occasionally we do get some quite challenging people to deal with when we have to be firm and say that we are not able to help, for one reason or another. This is never easy or pleasant and your prayers in this area would be much appreciated.

On a happier note, Eileen and I had the great pleasure of going to Ewelme Primary School, which is the oldest functioning primary school in Europe, and talk to the children about the Food Bank. We were able to do our little bit of role play for them which seemed to go down well and three or four of the children had questions to ask us, which was really good. We feel that this is a great opportunity to get children thinking about others and perhaps what they can do to help. We have been asked to go to Langtree School to speak at two assemblies later in the year, one for the younger pupils and the other for the older ones.

I am pleased to report that Liz Andrews is willing to take on the role of third team leader. This will be a great help to Eileen and myself and I know Liz will be a terrific asset to us.

As far as stock is concerned we still have mountains of pasta and more tins than I can count of baked beans and tinned tomatoes. We do run short of things like sugar, fruit juice, potatoes, corned beef, rice pudding, custard, jam, to name just a few. The other things I have to buy frequently are treats for the children. I hope this is helpful. Thank you again for all that you do give.

Jean Burt