**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR JULY 2017**

We started the month with Eileen and I speaking to the Cholsey Beavers. We had a very lively time with them and one little girl, who was brought by her father, told us that because they had a lot of strawberries in their garden she had set up a ‘strawberry shop’ outside her house. She had collected £5.00, all of which she used to buy some food for the Food Bank. We were very touched.

Since then we have had a very busy month and the school voucher scheme has really taken off. There have been 146 people helped during the month – 53 adults and 93 children, 40 of which pertained to the school scheme. Your donations of food and money have always been gratefully received, but no more so than this past month. Because of the high numbers that are coming at each session that we are open we have had to do three big shops in 10 days. This has amounted to over £600. At present we have enough to cover the shopping but I am not sure that we can sustain this through August. We have even had to go and buy baked beans!!

We are often asked what items should be donated and I can honestly say that we should be happy to receive all gifts. We don’t have any baby food or nappies in stock and we are quite often asked for these items. The other thing that would be really good is just packets of plain biscuits. We have lots of things like Penguins, Kit Kats etc; but no ordinary biscuits.

Thank you once again for all your support and generosity. Please continue to pray for suitable storage for the Food Bank – Harvest draws nearer and it would be great if this problem was solved before then.

Enjoy the summer holidays,

Jean Burt