**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR JUNE 2018**

Despite the hot weather we have still had a very busy month – 62 adults and 60 children were given food. This week we have also taken round the information about the School Voucher Scheme to 12 schools in our area. This will start operating at the end of July and run for 6 weeks. Last year we helped over 130 children through this scheme and we are expecting numbers to be the same, if not more this year. Barclays Bank are putting a donation box in their Wallingford Branch to help us cope with the demand and this morning we received a ‘phone call from one of the schools to say that they were going to have a collection of food as well. We are very grateful for all this help as it does make a big call on our stock, as I am sure you can appreciate.

This week Neville and I had the pleasure to speak to the Methodist Friendship Guild and last Sunday I was asked if I could tell the church at Moulsford about the Food Bank from a faith point of view. When I was thinking about what to say it reminded me of how much God is in control and oversees our lives and how we had confirmation right at the beginning of the work of the Food Bank that it was indeed God’s plan for us. So many things fell into place and for me one of the most amazing was that after we had prayed in the kitchen area of the Food Bank – where the food is stored – we went back into the office only to find two people with a baby waiting for us to give them some help. It is indeed “God’s Food Bank” and as long as we are needed and are able, we shall do our best to continue to serve in this way.

We are so grateful that donations of food and money continue to come in. We are still in negotiations about storage and hope to have some positive news by the time the next report comes out.

Enjoy the lovely weather.

Jean Burt