**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR DECEMBER 2019**

Overwhelmingly generous. These two words sum up the people of Wallingford and surrounding villages completely, with regard to the Food Bank. It has been quite hard to keep up with the flow of goods and money that have been coming into us this month so in case we haven’t been able to thank you personally I should like to take the opportunity of doing so now. With all the resources that we have received we are now very well stocked until well into the new year.

Operating from our new location has taken a bit of getting used to – learning how not to trip over one another whilst packing bags, trying to remember where we have put things and making room on the table for incoming donations. However, I think we have just about cracked it and we were able to give out food to 183 people this month – 95 adults and 88 children.

The thing that stands out most when looking at the figures for the month is the number of single people we have given food to (33 for those interested in numbers). Of those 33 there was a high proportion of people who were homeless and, in their words, were ‘sofa surfing’. It’s very hard when dealing with the homeless as we are blessed with a roof over our heads, heating, lighting and food, it would be so good if we were able to do more for them and this will be my prayer for 2020.

My personal thanks go to all the volunteers and those who have helped us with the two moves this year. It hasn’t been an easy time but we are grateful that we now have a permanent (warm) home and look forward to what God has for us in the coming year.

I should like to wish you all a very happy, peaceful and blessed new year and indeed decade.

Jean Burt