**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR JULY 2020**

I am really pleased to say that the ‘old team’ are back in harness again and are carrying on the excellent work that the ‘reserve team’ have been doing for the last 4 months. Things have quietened down a little and this month has seen 120 people receiving food from us – 82 adults and 38 children. Once again it’s interesting to note that the majority of adults requesting food are single people living on their own rather than part of a family unit.

We have again been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of Wallingford and surrounding areas both in donation of goods and money. We have always believed that God is in charge and He has a plan for us and we are excited to see how He wants us to move forward in the Food Bank. My sincere thanks again to all of you who support us, not only in goods and money but also in prayer.

Just before Christmas last year we were asked to deliver some food to an elderly gentleman living locally. When we took it he explained that he had been waiting for some money to arrive but was quite overwhelmed by the bags of food that we gave to him. He said that when the money finally appeared he would like to repay us. We assured him that this really wasn’t necessary and to just enjoy what we had taken to him. Last week I received a phone call from the very same gentleman who apologized profusely that he hadn’t been back in contact but since early January he had been in hospital and then a nursing home – non Covid related. He wanted to give us the promised money but couldn’t get out and asked if we could collect a cheque from him. I again said that he really didn’t have to repay us but he was insistent. When I collected the cheque from him it was for a three figure sum and I was quite bowled over by it. When we were operating from the Bullcroft I distinctly remember a man coming in who we had helped out when he was struggling and he wanted to give us all the money that he had in his pocket – we didn’t take it, but that too left a bit impression on me. We do what we do because, as I said earlier, we believe that God is in charge and it is a privilege to serve both the man with the cheque and the man with the loose change as well as all the others that come our way.

Best wishes to all,

Jean Burt