**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020**

This has been, by far, the quietest month of the year with just 89 people seeking help – 62 adults and 27 children. We can’t help feeling that this is probably the calm before the storm, with furlough schemes coming to an end in October and so many people being made redundant. The Foodbank itself is very well stocked at the moment, this in part is due to a mammoth donation from Cranford House School last week. They have always supported us with their harvest gifts but I believe that this year it was greater than ever. It took 6 of us over three hours to sort, date check and store everything and I should like to thank the volunteers for all their hard work. We have always maintained that God gives us what we need at any one time and thinking back to the huge amount of food that was stored at our home until this year, when it all went, I truly think that nothing that we have now will go to waste.

Eileen and I have been asked to go to Langtree School next week and speak to year 7 about the Foodbank. This will be a strange experience as in the past we have been asked to go twice and speak once to the upper school and then again to the lower. This time it is just year 7 and it will be filmed to be shown at the other assemblies – not sure how we will get on with that!

My main concern at the moment is storage of food. I know that there will be a very large amount coming from Langtree in due course and if any other schools still celebrate harvest we may well find ourselves swamped. As we are not accepting visits from clients we are able to spread into the reception area, and have already done so, but this will not be enough and it is a problem we shall have to solve. Please pray about it if you feel able as it is quite a pressing problem.

Once again I should like to thank you all so much for your very generous gifts of food and money. Everything is appreciated by us and, of course, by the people we are able to help.

Stay safe, stay well and God Bless

Jean Burt