**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR AUGUST 2021**

Another month seems to have flown by and it’s time for my usual report! Yet again we have seen a large number of people needing help – 132 adults and 58 children. On one day this month we sent out over 60 bags of food which served 41 people and I am grateful to the volunteers who were on duty that morning as it was non stop from the time we started to when we went home. My thanks also to the drivers whose cars were packed to the roof. This does, of course, mean that a lot of food went from the shelves but a huge thanks goes to organisations and individuals who come so regularly to help top up the empty spaces left by such a busy morning. We are also spending quite a bit of money buying goods that are not so readily given, so again I say thank you for your generosity.

We are now heading towards harvest time and, like last year, we have no idea as to what we will be given. Whatever it is we know that it is given gladly by children and adults alike and we are always very grateful for their concern and compassion for those less fortunate than themselves. We have received some lovely messages on the answerphone from one person in particular who receives help from us and he always mentions the drivers and how kind they are. We don’t look for thanks but it is very heartwarming when we do get occasional feedback. We often pray that the bags that go out are sent out with the love of Jesus and I really do believe that this happens.

Our stocks of pasta and baked beans are still quite high, although we have been able to pass some of our reserves on to a food charity in Oxford, in order that none of it goes out of date before we can use it. They in turn have given us some items that we run short of so this seems to be quite an equitable solution.

Thanks once again for your concern, prayers and practical help, it is all so very much appreciated.

Jean Burt