



February 2021

NEWSLETTER

We do hope you are all keeping well and warm this frosty February.
Here is our latest installment of news from Cheltenham Foodbank



SERVICE

According to our recent figures the need for emergency food provision in Cheltenham has increased. We are now helping 33% more households than we were this time last year and many of our clients are using our services for the first time as more people are hit with hardship locally. Thankfully, due to the generous and ongoing support from the local community our warehouse is well stocked in many of the items that go into our emergency three day food parcels leaving us in good stance and well equipped to deal with this rise in numbers! We are also supporting and working alongside many local organisations and charities meaning that your donations are reaching more and more people in great need so do please keep donating to enable us to continue in this all round great work.

PARTNERSHIPS

Our local partnerships are also expanding. Following recent reports of a growing need in the South area of Cheltenham we are partnering with C3 Church to distribute food parcels from The Pavilion on Hatherley Lane on a Friday morning from 12th February. This will make our services more accessible for families in need in this area. A huge thanks to Ali Bates and the team at C3 for helping to facilitate this.

In addition we are supporting and providing food for another food provision project that is new to South Cheltenham. Lakeside Community Project are planning to open the doors of St Margaret's Hall, Hatherley and will offer food provision to those in need on a Tuesday Morning from 23rd February.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

It is a pleasure to welcome Simon Forster as a temporary member of the team. Simon used to be a regional leader for Elim and has come on board on a part time basis for a six month period to lead our foodbank community work. He has started by making fantastic progress on our new community space, which will allow us to go further in supporting our clients in more ways than providing food provision.

DONATIONS

We are currently in most urgent need of the following items:

Jam, tinned meat, instant mash potato, tomato ketchup, brown sauce, mayonnaise, toilet roll, size 1 and size 3 nappies, ladies deodorant, shampoo and toothbrushes.

Due to the extraordinary generosity we have seen over recent months there are certain items that we are currently very well stocked in and are not in urgent need of these are:

Pasta, cereal, tea bags and pulses.

Our website and social media are regularly updated with our most urgently needed items. However, opening times to receive donations have reduced during lock down to one day a week.

To find out how you can support us financially please see <https://cheltenham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> for more details.

CURRENT OPENING TIMES

FOOD PARCEL COLLECTION - OPENING TIMES

Cheltenham Elim Church

St Paul's Church

C3 Church

Wednesday – 11am – 3pm

Friday 11am- 3pm

Friday 10am–12pm

DONATIONS - OPENING TIMES

Cheltenham Elim Church

Thursday 9.30am-3pm

From all of The Cheltenham Foodbank Team a huge thank you to all that donate to our cause and service whether food items or financially and of course our wonderful team of volunteers.

THANK YOU ALL!