

February 2022

## Thank you to Pete

At the end of January we sadly said goodbye to Pete who has stepped back from being Foodbank Manager after 4 years. We are so grateful for the energy and time he has poured into the Foodbank, overseeing the opening of 3 new distribution places across Cheltenham enabling food to be more accessible to people both in their own localities as well as throughout the week. He has had to lead the way in adapting how we work to keep in line with changing restrictions, keeping everyone as safe as possible while ensuring food gets to those who need it



most. Pete's passion and commitment to seeing lives changed has been consistently inspiring and he will be very missed. We wish him all the very best in all he is stepping into and it was great to be able to celebrate all that he has done in a very small way during his final week.

### Moving forward....

This month we have been able to return to having people on site again and it has been wonderful to spend some more time with people inside with a cup of tea rather than in the cold!

If you have any queries or need to speak to someone in the Foodbank Sarah and Rebecca are available throughout the week and you get hold of us on: 01242 570080 or [foodbank@cheltenhamelim.org](mailto:foodbank@cheltenhamelim.org).

## Christmas Update

Christmas (which seems a very long time ago now!) was very busy and it was wonderful to be able to give out extra Christmas bags of food. We also received some generous donations of vouchers to spend at a toy shop which we were able to give to families and were so gratefully received.

*“Volunteering is so rewarding”*

## Opening Times for collection

**Monday 11am – 3pm** (Salvation Army, 39 Bath Road)

**Wednesday 11am -3pm** (Cheltenham Elim Church, 115 St. George's Road)

**Friday 10am – 12** (C3, The Pavilion, Up Hatherley)

**Friday 11am-3pm** (St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Road)

## Donation times

**Thursday 11am – 3pm** (Cheltenham Elim, 115 St. George's Road)

## Most needed items

Tinned vegetables

Washing up liquid

Tinned fish

Long life fruit juice

Mayonnaise

Brown sauce

Deodorant

Tinned tomatoes

Hand soap: liquid & bars

# A decade of Cheltenham Foodbank!!

This month sees the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cheltenham Foodbank. It's an incredible achievement and privilege to have been serving the town for a whole decade and we are so grateful to both Susan, Pete and Brooke who have given so much in building and growing it through that time. We are looking to have a proper celebration later in the year so watch this space for a date!!

We also want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who have given thousands of hours to enable us to run. From collecting donation from supermarkets, to sorting and dating stock, making up food parcels, delivering to and meeting clients, none of it would work without the individuals who give so generously of their time and energy.

## Through the years....

