

## **Foodbank update**

We are very grateful to all who support the Southport Foodbank. Last year when it was our Church Mission Project we were the biggest financial supporter, raising £1595 in total.

We are still supporting the Foodbank as a Church and there are boxes in the Church porch and in the Lounge for collections of food. Each Monday morning I take the food down to Lakeside where it is weighed in, labelled with the best before date and put on our shelves.

Sadly at the moment we are giving out more food than is coming in. There is a great need within the town and many families are struggling to make ends meet. We have had to go and buy various items that we need using our limited funds. As we are part of the Trussell Trust we are able to ask other local foodbanks for help and when we have a surplus we supply them.

We are very short of all these items:-

Puddings, included tins rice pudding

Tinned veg, tomatoes, fruit, cold meat and custard

Biscuits

Pasta sauce

Rice

Milk

Juice (long life and cordial)

Coffee

All of the above are given to every client so we get through a lot every week!

We do have a list of things which we have in abundance:-

Baby food

Beans

Soup

Sugar (the Trussell Trust has asked us not to give sugar unless specially requested)

Hot meat

Feminine hygiene items

We are always very grateful for any donations, either food or finance. We have been open for 4 years and have fed over 16,500 people in that time, a great many of these are children who otherwise would go to school and to bed hungry.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

**Carol Drury**