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Mission Partner update and prayer requests for Cobham Area Foodbank

On behalf of all the clients of the Foodbank, thank you for your generosity throughout 2022 and especially during December where the collections for the foodbank from St Andrew's Christmas services amounted to almost £2,500, in addition to nearly £750 collected during the Oxshott Choral Society concert, so generously hosted by the church. The funds will enable us to supplement food donations during the typically leaner months until Easter, and make sure our packages include all the necessities of our clients for a balanced nutritional diet, as well as essentials such as toiletries, cleaning products, laundry detergent and children's nappies.



For Christmas we were able to distribute more Christmas boxes than ever with fresh poultry, ham, fruit, vegetables and all the other necessities to enable clients to have a festive feast during the Christmas period – in addition they received a supermarket gift card for any other extras – again made possible by generous donations.

We continue to see changes in our client profile to more people in-work but struggling to pay all their bills, as both essential food and energy costs increase sharply. Don't forget collection bins in the church, the Oxshott Village Store, and numerous area locations shown on the Foodbank website. Also, financial donations can be made through the Foodbank website which enable us to buy items which have run out in our warehouse.

We pray together before each session – will you pray too...

1. That regular donations, of both food and money, increase so we can satisfy the growing demand.
2. That nobody in our area must choose between food and energy.
3. For our clients and the volunteers who collect, package, and distribute the food each week.

Thanks for your support & prayers!