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Mission Partner Prayer and update from Cobham Area Foodbank

In December we commemorated the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Cobham Area Foodbank – certainly not a cause for celebration but at least an opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have helped us over the past 10 years, and reflect upon the sad, continuing need for the facility.

We also distributed Christmas hampers to nearly 50 families in our community, many delivered to their homes by a team of volunteers – a massive logistical operation as each one was tailor made for the size, composition and dietary needs of the family and included meats or poultry, fresh fruit, vegetables, puddings, chocolates, drinks, as well as crackers, decorations and a Sainsburys food voucher.

We now see many more working adults than in the past – fewer young families, as Oasis, with whom we work closely, expands its work with them.

In 2023, we distributed 34 tonnes of food and essential supplies to local clients – a staggering 250 tonnes since we opened in 2013.

Follow us on Facebook or X to see the latest list of essential items. You can also find the list on **BanktheFood** app – easy to download on your phone or look on our website.

We pray together before each session – will you pray and give thanks too...

- for this often, quiet 1st Quarter period, that donations of in-date food keep up with demand
- for the wellbeing of our volunteers and clients
- for the successful distribution of Christmas food hampers and the generous donations of both food and money, enabling the operation

“...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...” Matthew 25.35

Thank you all for your generous support.