

Mission Partner prayer and update 21 September 2025

From the Cobham Area Foodbank

We are starting Harvest celebrations in schools and churches for the next few weeks, so please give generously when you have the opportunity as it is one of our major donations drives for Christmas and New Year.

As we start the new school year, many families this month have expensive outlays for equipping children going back to school. The impact of these onetime annual costs, when added to continuing price rises, is a real concern for our families. The foodbank provides a basic food and necessities package to families which helps them juggle their other outgoings (and often, growing debts).

Food donations nationally have been consistently low for some time now; we regularly give out a lot more food than we receive in donations. Thanks to the kind monetary gifts we receive we are able to top up the lack of food donations and particular items which are seldom donated.

Not only do we give our clients food, but personal hygiene and household cleaning and laundry items, which they find invaluable, as these items are generally quite costly. We often have bread donated by The Bakery on Hollyhedge Road, Cobham as well as occasional fresh fruit and vegetables from Waitrose and Horsley Community Garden.

You can check the list of urgently needed items either on the green collection bin in the Vestibule or at [Urgently Needed Items](#). Those who would like to, can donate directly at [Financial Donations](#) which allows us to buy items for which we have run out of stock.

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

1. Generosity during the upcoming Harvest season.
2. More clients in need have the courage to visit the foodbank.
3. Demand for foodbanks nationally diminishes by better means for those in need to be able to support themselves.

Thank you.