

## **Mission Partner prayer and update 23 November 2025**

### **From Cobham Area Foodbank**

Firstly, a big thank you for the Harvest Sunday collection last month which resulted in a total of 38 crates of food and essentials. These items along with tons of similar items from other church and school Harvest events along with your regular donations will help us get through to Christmas, after which our warehouse stocks will start dwindling once again.

The Foodbank has been experiencing a recent upsurge in clients including several new people who need help to feed themselves or their families. The client profile has also changed this year to include more people who are in employment, but still unable to make ends meet as food, energy and rent inflation continues.

We have just started to have a representative from Citizens Advice attend our weekly sessions to help clients deal with whatever problems they face including debt, housing, employment, benefits etc to try to move clients from dependency on the foodbank and able to support themselves. With Christmas approaching we are starting to prepare for our annual distribution of Christmas Hampers for our clients so they can enjoy the full experience of Christmas with fresh produce and other festive treats and accessories. We value your physical donations of food and necessities as well as your financial donations which allow us to purchase items we run short of in the warehouse.

#### **We pray together before each session – will you too, pray that...**

1. Donations of in-date food catches up with demand.
2. Our assistance is a stepping stone for clients to get back on their feet
3. Foodbanks have no need to exist

Thank you.