

Parish of Stocking Farm and Beaumont Leys



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Food Bank @ Christ the King Report on current activities - September 2022

The Food Bank is based in the former church lounge with a container for additional storage. We have permission for a second container and currently seeking funding for this from a possible donor. Funding for the planned building development to house the Food Bank is proving difficult.

As the need for free and cheap food for those on low incomes has grown there have been changes in the ways the provision operates. The Food Bank @ Christ the King now acts as an emergency food bank for those who have very limited income or a particular emergency in their finances. People must be referred to us and, as well as providing them with food, we will link them to those who can provide financial advice. Other groups around the city, such as the new Community Shop on Marwood Road in Stocking Farm, provide food for a low price to those with better financial resources. People who come to us but who have a higher level of income will be referred on to one of these.

We are an independent food bank but work closely with other food banks and are actively involved in the Leicester Food Bank Forum.

The food bank continues to operate from 10am to 12noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The annual **Gifts4Kids project** (which covers under 18s) will operate with the food bank on 12th, 13th and 14th December. As in 2021 it will be initially focussed on our regular food bank users. Our policy is to give the parents the choice of the gifts from those we have had donated or those we bought using donated funds. Surplus gifts will be passed on to other groups e.g. Women's Refuge.

The **Christmas Food Bank** will be on Wednesday 21st December and the food bank will close on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th to prepare for this.

In April 2022 we took over responsibility for running the van which collects food donations from several companies each week and delivers to several food banks around the city including our own. Dale joined our volunteer team as the main driver for the van. It is also used to collect bulk food purchases which we make using **Government grants** delivered through Leicester City Council and administered by Tim Adkins at Reaching People. The costs of running the van until April 2023 are covered by a grant from the **National Lottery Community Fund**.

Our basic running costs (mainly electricity for the fridges and freezers) have been covered so far this year by grants. Our thanks to **Beaumont Leys Ward** Councillors, **Abbey Ward** Councillors, Magic Little Grants (**Postcode Lottery**) and **Tesco Community Fund** for these. We have a small reserve for emergency food purchase and replacement of equipment. The proceeds from our Fun Day (supported by a grant from Beaumont Leys Ward Councillors) and generous gift from **Epworth Methodist Church** have been added to this reserve.

Many thanks for your interest in and support for the Food Bank @ Christ the King.

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Food Bank @ Christ the King finances are administered in a restricted fund with the main charity accounts.