



Vernon Jubilee Fund
A big **Thank You** to everyone who collected tokens for us – we raised over £600.

CHELWOOD FOODBANK NEWSLETTER – Happy Christmas 2016 from all at Chelwood Foodbank!

We have seen a marked increase in demand for emergency food parcels over the last few months which means that we need your help more than ever.



December so far has seen increased support from communities with the Reverse Advent Calendar project which, in a nutshell, is about donating a food item each day during advent (rather than receiving a chocolate) and then donating what you have collected to the foodbank. There has been a great response and we have met some amazing people in the process.

If you haven't heard of this campaign, we are asking folk to wear a Christmas Jumper or decorate a plain one if you don't have one, Take a Selfie and then text CHEL01 £1 to 70070 with your £1 donation & then upload your photo to our Facebook Page. Looking forward to seeing all the photos from everyone.



Watch Out for Our NEW Website



Our new website is due to go live any day now so please take a look and publicise it to anyone and everyone – the address is still chelwoodfoodbankplus.org! Each week we will post details of which items of food are needed most so that you can be specific in your donations. There will also be buttons for making online donations with new platforms such as Localgiving.org & BTMyDonate, Stewardship Give.net as well as the more familiar JustGiving & JustTexting platforms. Along with the above, the old style of downloading a standing order form will still be around!



We have now changed our Twitter account to **@ChelwoodFBplus** instead of @Larkhillcom please follow the new updated account & share if you can.

Thank you to all the churches and other organisations who donate hampers every year as well as children's toys and other Christmas goodies – they will go to deserving families in our community. Here are a few photos of some of the donations being dropped off at Chelwood foodbank :



We are very appreciative of this jointly arranged event to fund the food bank. Pets Corner and 'We Love Cheadle Hulme' organised the first charity Christmas artisan market which took place in Cheadle Hulme precinct last Saturday. We have been told that the event raised around £1000 for the foodbank (tbc) including the sponsored bag pack at Asda.



Sponsored Events

For 2017, we are asking our supporters to consider doing a sponsored event to raise funds for the food bank.



Great Manchester 10k Run which takes place on Sunday May 28th – we are hoping to get a hundred people to run in aid of the foodbank – we will be sending out details of how to do that in the new year. Please encourage people to support us.

Why not get your office or church involved with a dress down day and make a donation to the foodbank or maybe take a packed lunch to work and donate your lunch money instead? Slimming Groups could perhaps have a designated week of donating a pound in money for a pound of members weight loss? Mother & Toddlers could have a sponsored pram walk? Your favourite pub could host a quiz night? College students could do a Mannequin challenge. Please get in touch with any ideas that you may have to: linzie@chelwoodfoodbankplus.org



Christmas opening Times

Chelwood Foodbank – close on Thurs Dec 22nd and Re-open on Thursday Jan 5th 2017

Rev320 – open Friday Dec 23rd as normal. Closed Fri Jan 30th. Re-opens on Friday Jan 5th.

Olive Branch foodbank – Open Saturday Dec 24 and Wednesday Dec 28 10am – 12pm. Emergency food parcels available on Thurs Dec 29th, Friday Dec 30th and Tuesday Jan 3rd.

On behalf of everyone at Chelwood Foodbank Plus, may I wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas,

Rev Stephen Hough