



Bethany Food Bank Support Newsletter: 30th April



This week's special buy requests:

Tins of Spaghetti in tomato sauce please!

Also: Men's & Women's Deodorants

Hello again everyone, and welcome to the 2nd Newsletter of the Bethany Food Bank support project.

Another WOW! week of donations, as the photos show. In order to help the Food Bank and its volunteers, we decided to have the donations dropped off at St G & T parish centre by our team of porch volunteers, and then sorted into categories of items before loading up the vans. Imagine the church hall filled with bags and boxes of donations - it was as if it had been carpeted with them!



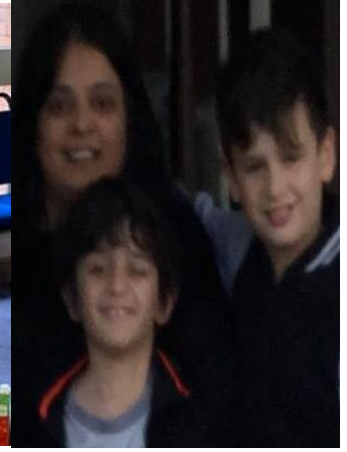
In the News this week, you'll have heard how the Covid-19 situation is hitting Food Banks all around the country – with an 81% rise nationally in the number of food parcels needed since lockdown in March. That's a lot of extra food to find, and an awful lot more people to feed! So what we're all doing really matters – your donation is making a big difference to the Food Bank being able to provide for people in financial difficulty.

Read on to find out more...



We can't thank everyone enough for yet more great support. We had an amazing range of all sorts of different items again, which was wonderful – and among all the items, lots and lots of Pasta Sauce Jars, which were the 'special buy' requested item of the week. Thank you so much!

Meet some of our lovely **Volunteers..**



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Word about the Food Bank support has spread widely, and donations have continued to come in from many sources, including families, friends, parishioners, neighbours and local residents – but also from larger groups. Donations this week have included those from the Staff at St G & T school, Arden school staff, Perry Barr Police Station, who've all been collecting for us; Knowle & Dorridge Round Table, Tesco Balsall Common (who've allowed us to put a collection box in store), as well as Lidl in Shirley.

So thank you to everyone – whether you're an individual donating a couple of tins, a larger organisation running a group collection, or whether you're a shop donating several boxes full. It all goes to show that every little bit adds up to something big, and your donation really does matter!



Porch donation drop offs no later than: Thursday 9am