

Happy New Year and God Bless You

On behalf of the trustees, staff, volunteers and especially clients—**THANK YOU**. Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work in the run up to Christmas. Thank you to all who donated food through churches, supermarkets, businesses etc. A special thank you to the many people who donated the money from their winter fuel vouchers and other sources.

Below we print what your help means to just one of our clients. He represents how you have helped many thousands of people survive 2023 with the Cost-of-Living Crisis. Despite the recent fall in the CPI inflation rate to 3.9% the inflation rate for food is higher at 9.2%. Demand for our help is still increasing so please do continue to help with your prayers, and practical help. In this edition we have an update of our warehouse and how you may be able to help. **PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF**

A Thank You from a Client

Thank you so much for the food parcel. It was really appreciated - even more so as I felt heard.

A couple of razors, selection of things ideal as ingredients to make bigger things - chili con carne and kidney beans to go with the onions and garlic I said I had and the rice in my cupboard - packet of custard creams for dessert maybe dipped in the tin of custard and jam that's two three days sorted. Tuna and corned beef full of protein to go with the bread in my freezer from Fare shares .



Anyway I'll stop rambling I know you are busy but honestly a heart-felt thank you and what blessing is mine to give I give you all

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How you can help Gloucester Foodbank

Please pray for our clients, staff, trustees and volunteers

- * **We have a new crowdfunding page at crowdfunder.co.uk/p/gloucester-foodbank-1113515-1.**
- * **Become a regular financial supporter through our 200 club or donate via FEED107A to 70085**
- * **Donate food, toiletries etc**
- * **Do your online shopping via Give As You Live (it costs you nothing)**
- * **Check out our latest information on our Gloucester Foodbank facebook page**
- * **Please contact us if you have some time to volunteer with packing, delivering etc**

Charity Number 1113515

Can you help us find a new warehouse?

Some months ago we appealed for your help in finding a new Treasurer and we had a wonderful response with a number of people offering their help. As reported in our last newsletter Paul Mallet has taken up this key role—thank you Paul. We still need some more trustees so please let us know if you are interested—someone with legal skills would be especially welcome!

Now we need help again, especially from anyone with links to letting agents etc for warehouse buildings, or site owners with such facilities available.

As we have reported a number of times our current building in Great Western Road does not meet our current needs. We have a short term lease of only three months, which could be ended at any time. It is not big enough as we are using two other locations to store items. The storage is located on two levels with no lift. The only good news is that Network Rail did resurface the car park!

The trustees thought they had found a new location which would meet our needs, but sadly the contractual arrangements were found to be un-satisfactory hence we had to pull out of the deal.

So what is needed? A warehouse facility of around 10,000 square feet, preferably on one level or with a goods lift plus parking for around ten vehicles. It does not need to be in the centre of Gloucester. As a charity with limited financial resources we don't need and cannot afford palatial accommodation.

If you have any suggestions, can help in any way please phone us on 01452 309683 or email info@gloucester.foodbank.org.uk.



Win carrying one of thousands of crates up from the basement