

Ilminster Churches Together Food Bank

The food bank continues to run Wednesdays and Saturdays 10.00 to 12.00 at the Minster Rooms. Alongside Food Share (items on their Best Before dates collected from Tesco and the Coop Tuesday and Friday evenings,) available to anyone who wants to save the planet! Over the year we have seen a steady increase in the number of people accessing the food bank, particularly over the past three months, on occasions leaving the store cupboard almost bare.

Numbers have increased from about 18 parcels a week to 30, so the number of foodbank users is probably about 50, families, couples and single people. We also occasionally take food parcels to homeless people or others who have been placed in the Travel Lodge.

The shoppers in Ilminster have been very generous in filling the trollies in Tesco and the Coop, although as times have got harder the donations have dropped. We have also been blessed with money donations especially around Harvest and Christmas and so have been able to continue giving vouchers for fruit, vegetables and eggs. We are also delighted that the Town Council have given a trolley full of cleaning products each month, very much appreciated by food bank users.

I would like to pay tribute to Ilminster folk for being so generous, the team of volunteers who pick up Food Share and Food Bank donations twice a week and the volunteers who help run the food bank Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Why not join us on a Saturday morning for coffee and a chat and even something from Food Share. Come and find out what it is all about.