

## Circulation for C.T.H. Clergy and their Congregations

### Jubilee Food Bank

The past few months have seen a considerable increase in the number of referrals to the Food Bank.

This triggered some additional thinking about the plight of those who call upon us for help leading to the question of healthy diets and the need for access to fresh fruit and vegetables.

Consequently the system of making vouchers available was discussed and it was agreed that a trial period should take place.

Monies were made available for a trial to take place, and 20 vouchers with a face value of £2.50 each were produced, with Frutas Ltd being willing to issue fresh fruit and vegetables up to the limit of the face value of the vouchers presented. The vouchers were then redeemed from Frutas Ltd and payment made.

The scheme was an instant success with all 20 vouchers issued within the first week. Of these 20 vouchers 10 had already been presented with 10 still to be used.

The scheme, if it is to continue, will now necessitate further on-going funding as the trial period has been underwritten by just two families.

We propose that each of our local churches via their Church Councils/Leaders Meetings should be asked if they would be willing to commit themselves to a regular donation (possibly monthly) so that we may be able to maintain the current level of usage, if not increase it still further, to meet the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. We are aware that some Benevolent Funds may be under used!

We would also propose that where individuals are able to assist in this fund raising they should be encouraged to make donations whether regular or not.

To establish maximum use of funds raised it would be essential to replace the ad-hoc arrangement currently used via a private account by transferring to the Jubilee Food Bank account so that gifts may be made via Gift Aid.

Our current target is to raise a minimum of £250.00 per month.

C.T.H. has a fine record of responding in a wide variety of ways to the needs of the local communities that we serve. Yes, people around us do have some serious issues to contend with. Will you help us feed the most needy so they remain fit enough to cope with their lives?

For further information, or offers of help, please contact Keith Nockels or Dave Tomlin.

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