

Demonstrating God's love for Stoke-on-Trent with a foodbank...

Churches from all across Stoke-on-Trent are demonstrating God's love to people in crisis by working together to establish a foodbank network, which will give emergency food to those in need. The Stoke-on-Trent foodbank, which is seeded by the Trussell Trust, is working collaboratively with churches from several different denominations to set up a system that will feed their hungry neighbours through foodbanks.

29% of children in Stoke-on-Trent are living below the poverty line. We want to step up to the challenge to help them.

The Trussell Trust has over ten years of experience of seeding foodbanks and their statistics show that most people who come to foodbanks are families who have hit hard times, people who have been made redundant, become ill or are experiencing benefit delay: they are the UK's hidden hungry.

Sadly, the recession means that more and more people are going hungry right on our doorsteps, but the good news is that foodbanks across the UK are making a real difference.

The vision of the Stoke-on-Trent foodbank is to have a foodbank distribution point within walking distance of anyone in crisis in Stoke-on-Trent.

To see this happen we need your help.

'With the foodbank we aim to meet the needs of people who find themselves in crisis'

Just this week we received a call for help. A couple had run out of food on Monday and their next benefit payment was not due until Friday. The husband, who is unable to work due to his long-term medical condition, rang the foodbank number and asked for help. As the foodbank is not due to open until the first week in May we have not yet established a stock of food, however we were able to access food from one of the churches that are working together to establish the foodbank. We were able to supply the couple with enough food to last them until the benefit payment arrived.

What are foodbanks?

Foodbanks give three days of emergency food to people in crisis

Foodbanks work with frontline care professionals to identify those in need

All food is nutritionally balanced

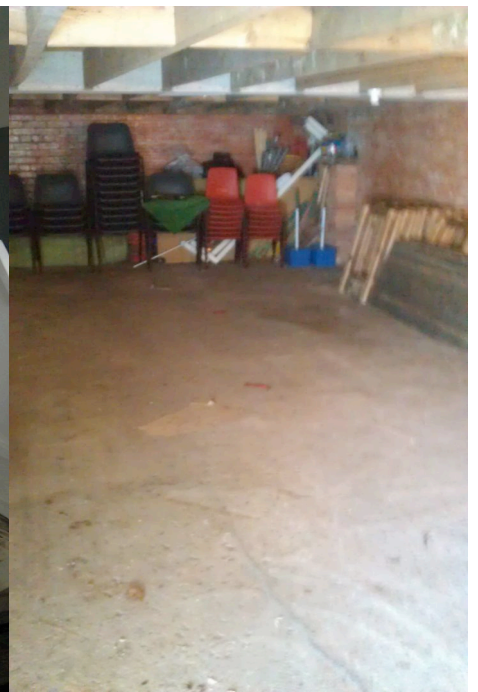
Foodbanks signpost clients to organisations able to help combat the longer term problem

All food given out is donated by the public

The Trussell Trust enables church networks to set up their own foodbank

As Stoke-on-Trent foodbank is preparing to open in May 2012... Congregation steps up to the mark.

Wesley Hall Methodist Church on Noblett Road, Sneyd Green is set to house the warehouse and a distribution point for the Stoke-on-Trent foodbank. When the congregation - who are mainly over retirement age - were asked if they would support the foodbank they didn't only agreed....they took off their coats and physically began to work. Three working parties and three skips later the space was cleared and the first of the shelving was built...God's love in action...



Would you like to help the Stoke-on-Trent foodbank? There are many ways for you to get involved:

- Volunteer in the Distribution Centre
- Work with a team at the food drives at local supermarkets
- Collect food off the shopping list from your friends
- Donate food yourself
- Support financially

Shopping List

- * Milk (UHT or powdered)
- * Sugar (500g)
- * Fruit Juice (long life carton)
- * Soup
- * Pasta Sauces
- * Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- * Tomatoes (Tinned)
- * Cereals
- * Baked Beans (Tinned)
- * Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- * Tea Bags/Instant Coffee
- * Instant Mash Potato
- * Rice/Pasta
- * Tinned Meat/Fish
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Jam
- * Biscuits or Snack Bars
- * 'Free from' items

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If you would like to get involved or keep in touch please fill out the form below and post it to the address shown, thank you!



Yes! I'd like to help local people in crisis.

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Rev/Pastor/Dr

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please accept my gift of £ _____

I enclose a cheque payable 'The Stoke-on-Trent foodbank'

Please send me a standing order form

Please send me more information

Tick here if you would prefer not to receive e-news

Gift aid - make your gift go further

If you are a UK taxpayer you can give an extra 25p per £1 by filling in your details and signing below:

I pay tax in the UK and would like The Stoke-on-Trent foodbank to treat as gift aid donations all gifts I have made in the past six years, and any future gifts, unless I inform you otherwise. I understand that I must pay income tax/capital gains tax at least equal to the amount of tax reclaimed on my donations.

Signature _____

Date ___ / ___ / ___

Please return completed form to:

The Stoke-on-Trent foodbank,
Wesley Hall Church,
Noblett Road,
Sneyd Green,
Stoke-on-Trent
ST1 6HR

t: 01782 281818 or
e: info@stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk

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