



HILLINGDON FOODBANK 2015-2016

Hillingdon Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks. As with all foodbanks, it exists purely and simply to offer short-term support to those members of the local community in most need.

There are collection points both throughout the London Borough of Hillingdon and beyond. The donations are collected, delivered to the warehouse, sorted and then put into bags for 'single recipient', 'couple' or 'family'. These bags are then taken to a distribution centre. Most of the distribution centres are in the south of the borough but there are some in the north, including both the URC in Joel Street and Emmanuel Church.

The foodbank would not function without volunteers. It would also not function without the support of churches throughout the borough.

St Martin's has had a foodbank station at the back of the Lady Chapel for some time and this offers us all an opportunity to contribute to this vital community project.

Some members of St Martin's also give of their time on a regular basis - both in the warehouse and driving the foodbank minibus. For some time now, the foodbank warehouse has been in the old Gazette offices near Uxbridge bus garage - not having to move every 6 or 9 months has been welcomed by all those involved!

We should:

- maintain our foodbank station at the back of the Lady Chapel
- encourage more members of our congregation to volunteer
- continue to keep the foodbank and those it serves in our discussions and prayers.

*For more information, contact **Mark Stimpson** or **Dave Talbot**.*