

Harvest - Home and Away

Harvest is an occasion when we give thanks for the beautiful world around us, God's gift to us, and the harvests of field, garden, sea and mine that provide us with the food water and minerals that we need.

We remember that there are those who struggle because they can't, for a variety of reasons, access the bounty that is freely ours. One way in which we try to help those who live abroad is through the shoeboxes

Smile

Thankyou to all who are preparing one.

We are aware however that there are people in this country, in the local area, who are struggling to find food, due to reasons such as unemployment and bad health. A number of people have felt that God was calling



them to pursue the setting up of a FOODBANK, designed to help individuals and families in crisis, through the provision of emergency food supplies,(this is all done through referrals from professional agencies, and families are also given advice to help them get back on their feet.) There have been a series of meetings held involving all of the denominations in the Somer Valley area and a foodbank which will be part of the national group known as the Trussel Trust, is planned to begin on 1st January 2013. Now however is the time to start gathering items for the warehouse in readiness.

What better time than Harvest !

If you feel you can bring an item from the list, that would be wonderful, PLEASE MAKE SURE THE USE BY DATE IS LATE 2013/2014.

Sadly the need will always be there, and our support vital. As a church it would be wonderful to have a number of days planned over the year when we could all bring a tin of beans or a bag of sugar etc

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Sugar (500g)
- Fruit juice (carton)
- Soup
- Pasta sauces
- Sponge pudding (tinned)
- Tomatoes (tinned)
- Cereals
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Tea bags/instant coffee
- Instant mash potato
- Rice/pasta
- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Jam
- Biscuits or snack bar

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25