

# St Luke's Church Food Partnership Update 1st May 2020

St Luke's had been looking into partnering with the three Co-op stores locally (South Park, Woodhatch & Trehaven) and when the Coronavirus necessitated isolation and restrictions for many, we thought let's just get on with it and see how God leads blesses this relationship.

On the first collection evening at 7.45pm Anita and Alison literally collected food that would otherwise be wasted from the stores and met at church. They opened the boots of their cars, looked at all the food, look at each other and said, "Now what!?"

Relationships were rapidly developed with Welcare, Sandcross School, Easter Project, Wayside, Loveworks and East Surrey Hospital and we now support them all with food parcels.

St Luke's currently collects from the three Co-op stores four evenings a week (they would love us to collect the remaining evenings) and we then distribute the food in a variety of ways.

## Where does the food go?

Two food parcels a week to 10 families linked through Sandcross School & Welcare

Food parcels to families known to us through the church

Bread and pastries to Key Workers at East Surrey Hospital

Food deliveries to Wayside (homeless young women)

Food support to Easter Project

Hoping to link with Loveworks

## Thank you for your bags...



...we can now safely deliver food parcels to the families.

Please keep dropping them to the church when you can.

**Thank you** to those who have donated food and goods for us to give out. We are finding creative ways to give...one is if you get a substitute on your delivery you don't want, you could pass that to us and we will ensure it gets to those who need it.

**If you have food donations please let Anita or Alison know.**

## Awesome staff at South Park Co-op...



Staff at the South Park store have donated other food items themselves that families need. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

We currently have a team of seven collecting from the Co-op's, preparing food parcels and distributing it out. Thank you for those who have also volunteered, as we grow, we will be in touch with you.



## Who are we and why do we do this?

We are St Luke's Church. We are getting involved in supporting those in need in our community because we want you to know that God is bothered about you and your situation.

As well as providing food for you, we are praying for you. If you have anything specific you want us to pray about, please let us know.

You can text or phone Anita or Alison (number below). You can also talk to those delivering food parcels.



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