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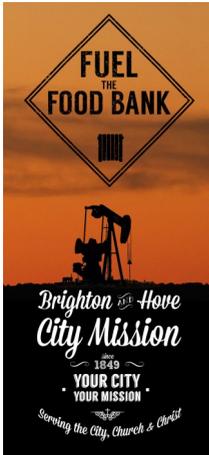


Dear Supporter,

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We have reached the end of Harvest and, once again, we are amazed by the generosity shown by our community of individuals, churches, and schools. This year we were given an astonishing 8 tonnes of items for the Brighton Food Bank which we are extremely grateful for, so thank you!



As we move into the next season, may we be the first to say Happy Christmas! We hope that you have a blessed time with your family and friends as we move into the new year. Throughout 2019 we will be celebrating our 170th Birthday! This is a huge achievement for Brighton and Hove City Mission and we hope that you will join us in celebrating. Enclosed with this newsletter, alongside a newly designed Fuel the Food Bank leaflet, please find a 'save the date' magnet for you to display on your fridge.

On Saturday 8th June 2019, we will be holding an event to commemorate 170 years of serving those in our city, with the Church, for Christ. We have invited Carl Beech as our guest speaker. Carl is the UK Director of The Message Trust, a charity focused on reaching those who are hardest to reach, and the President of Christian Vision for Men. Alongside Carl, we will be hearing from church leaders, representing the various church denominations across Brighton and Hove, who will be speaking on how the City Mission has impacted their church and their service to the city.

A formal invitation will follow, detailing the time and venue, however please pop the date in you diary now. Please enthuse your fellow church members to come along. We would love to see as many of our supporters as possible at the event celebrating with us.



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SAVE THE DATE

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Mike reflects on his first experience of Harvest in the Brighton Food Bank:

As I reach the end of my first Harvest, I have been made to realise the magnitude of God's provision through the generosity of our supporters. We have collected almost 11 tonnes of items, of which 8 tonnes was donated specifically for Harvest, 36% was given by 37 churches and 64 % was given by 28 schools. We are so very thankful that we have received our core items of tinned meat, tinned fish, pasta sauces, and tinned fruit. Sadly, with the continuous increase in the number of clients visiting the food bank, there is a greater pressure to keep the shelves stocked, therefore these items are ongoing requirements. We are overloaded with baked beans, dried pasta, and soup, so we are working with other organisations in the city to ensure that our excess is given to those who are most in need. There were a number of items that we could not give to our clients because they were past their use by/best before date, so we sent them to the Real Junk Food Project.

It has been an amazing undertaking to sort, crate, carry (up 32 steps), and store such a magnitude of goods, whilst ensuring that the food bank remained a calm and safe place for our clients. We were still able to look after and care for 65 -70 clients a week during this period. Alongside, a group of amazing key volunteers who made Harvest happen, I am also extremely grateful to our Schools team who, not only helped coordinate the delivery dates for when items would be delivered so that we could plan ahead and be well prepared, but also collected and delivered all the items donated by schools.

We appreciate that people love to support us through the Christmas period, so, as well as cash donations, please see the list of items we will be very grateful to receive.