

May 2016 Prayer Letter

Light of light, Lord of Lords,  
God of this world and the next,  
We give you thanks for the promise of this day,  
We give you thanks for the challenge of this day,  
We give you thanks for the blessings of this day.  
Light of light, Lord of Lords,  
God of this world and the next,  
We give you thanks  
Amen

We give praise and thanks to God for:

1. The support we had over Easter, in particular the hundreds of Easter Eggs we received, meaning we could bless ALL children who needed us in March and April, as well as a number of adults!
2. Continued support from supermarkets including new permanent collection points at Loddon co-op and Sainsburys at Queens Road
3. The success of our Bishop's Garden event – all those who supported us with donations of cake, time in manning stalls and of course those who attended and helped to raise over £1,600 in one afternoon!
4. Two years of our FISH (Food (and Fun) In School Holidays) project – we have seen over 280 children and served over 3,000 meals to those who need help when schools break up. We thank God for the commitment of dozens of volunteers who run this clubs, as well as those who support us with gifts of money, food and activities
5. The interest several external groups have shown in our work over recent months, including inviting us to speak at meetings to further their understanding of what we do
6. Our amazing volunteers and for a wonderful evening together in March, celebrating and applauding their commitment to our charity, enabling us to do so much for those in need
7. Committed engagement with local businesses, which include staff giving up time to support various aspects of our work, donations of money through staff collections and at a corporate level and collections of food!

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Job chapter 42 verses 1 - 2

Then Job answered the LORD and said: 'I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.'

We pray for:

1. Volunteers in the office and at distribution centres as systems have been updated at the Trussell Trust, resulting in new processes that need to be learnt and implemented
2. Our collection at the Theatre Royal in May – for a successful week!
3. The national Trussell Trust conference in May – for Hannah and other Project Managers who will attend to find the day helpful and inspiring and for good networking and conversations to take place
4. FISH as clubs meet in May half term and prepare for multiple sessions over the summer holidays, which hit families the hardest – we pray for peace for those who are dreading the school summer holidays
5. 'Celebrate' which takes place in June – for the Christian work taking place in Norwich and Norfolk to be showcased well and for the city and public to engage positively with this event
6. Those we see at foodbank who are seeking new employment in the coming months. We pray that they will continue to be motivated and that they will be successful in their search
7. A number of volunteers who have recently left due to house moves, health or family commitments – we pray for Claudine, Vivien, Dave, John and Marion especially
8. Continued wisdom, peace and time management for the Trustees, Hannah and Pat as they take on various commitments including evening and weekend events, while ensuring the charity runs smoothly and we serve those in crisis

### Foodbank Prayer

*For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in. Matthew 25:35*

God of faithfulness, Your generous love supplies us with all that we need. We know that all we have is yours.

We celebrate the work that you have done in Norwich and Norfolk through foodbank by means of the generous support of many people.

Through foodbank we are able to offer food to the hungry, a drink to the thirsty and compassion to the strangers in our city and county.

Accept our offering of worship and service. May your Spirit empower us to be your hands and feet in our community as we continue to serve those in crisis.

We pray that you bless all those who give and receive. Increase the capacity of foodbank; help the food to get to those who need it most.

Amen

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