

## Vision, Mission and Values:

Founded in 2013 by members of over 40 different Christian churches and communities, we are supported by local churches with prayer, finance, food and volunteers and governed by a board of Trustees, including ministers, drawn from the founding denominations. Ealing Foodbank is a Church-led Christian Organisation.

Other supporters include many local schools, individuals and businesses (of all faiths and none).

We seek to extend the grace and love of Jesus Christ by who we are and what we do to those who need help in the form of emergency food parcels, offer of prayer, and other advice and support, and welcome people from all walks of life to join with us in this endeavour.

### The Vision of Ealing Foodbank *(the destination):*

- To enable everybody in Ealing Borough to have enough food to feed themselves

### The Mission of Ealing Foodbank *(how do we get there):*

- To provide emergency food to people in crisis who are referred to us by participating agencies and organisations
- To sign-post those persons to other services and agencies to help resolve the crisis and help them recover dignity and regain independence

### The Values of Ealing Foodbank *(how we behave on the way):*

- We provide the services above in an environment of welcome, love and respect
- We will serve all people equally and without prejudice or judgement. This flows out of Jesus' compassion for all
- We aim to restore dignity and revive hope by the manner in which we receive and respond to our clients' need
- We aim to be generous in our provision of service and time
- We undergird all we do with prayer. This is expressed through:
  - Prayers of many Christians and Churches for the operation of Ealing Foodbank
  - Prayers offered at each Client Centre, and warehouse shift (for all volunteers, regardless of faith background)
  - Prayers at each operational meeting
  - The sensitive offer of prayer to clients
- We do not aim to directly preach or proselytise. However, Christian Foodbank volunteers are ready to respond in conversation about their hope and their faith when appropriate
- We welcome volunteers from all faiths (or none) who are comfortable with, sympathetic to and respectful of the Christian basis of the Organisation and its activities

If you can answer 'yes' to the questions below – you'll be ok with our Christian ethos:

- Do you believe every individual has unique gifts which they can use to serve others? (As a Christian, we say they are God-given gifts)
- Do you believe every individual does things wrong sometimes but that they shouldn't stay in a bad place? (This is the Christian concept of forgiveness and redemption)
- Do you believe all individuals flourish if given encouragement to stretch and that they do that best in the context of community? (Our unique potential, if extended, is fulfilled best in community where we also acknowledge that we are no more unique than the person next to us)