



Harvest Donations 2026

Dear friends

I am just writing to you as it is coming up to the season of harvest when many churches, schools and community groups make harvest collections of food to donate to those in need. I would love to invite you to consider making your donation to St Mary's Pantry, Bearwood.

St Mary's Pantry, Bearwood was set up 3 years ago in response to the obvious growing need to tackle food poverty locally. It's model has sought to complement the other food provision in the local area, working until recently very closely with the Smethwick Food Bank and Pantry run by Smethwick Church Action Network. Rather than emergency food parcels, subscribed members pay a small fee for a weekly shop worth £30. The food is heavily subsidised in order to provide a more sustainable solution to the cost-of-living crisis than emergency handouts. But this does mean we are dependent on donations of food and financial to enable this service to work.

You can read more here: <https://www.stmarysbearwood.org/pantry>

We would be grateful if you would consider donating to St Mary's Pantry Bearwood. I attach with this letter an image sharing our most needed items, these include sunflower or vegetable oil, long life whole or semi-skimmed milk, sugar, coffee & tea, cereal, toiletries, household cleaning products, tinned meat, tinned fish and tinned pulses and beans. Donations can generally be dropped off midweek between 9-5pm at St Mary's Bearwood.

Many thanks

Revd Ben Baker

Vicar St Mary's Bearwood