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To all at St Marys Knutton,

On behalf of the Newcastle Staffs Foodbank, I am writing to thank you for your recent donation from your Harvest celebrations – your donation will help us to provide about 150 meals to people in crisis in the Newcastle and wider area.

The Newcastle Staffs Foodbank is part of a network of 428 foodbanks (with nearly 1400 centres) nationwide that are sponsored by the Trussell Trust but work independently in their local area.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Trussell Trust foodbanks provide a minimum of three days emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK.

Between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019, the Trussell Trust's food bank network distributed 1.6 million three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis, a 19% increase on the previous year – and a 73% increase in the last five years.

More than half a million of these went to children.

The rising cost of living plus delays in and changes to the benefits system are causing more and more people to come to food banks for help.

At the Newcastle Staffs Foodbank we have fed over **27800 people, including over 9500 children**, since we opened in December 2012 and continue to feed about 90 people a week in 2019.

The Newcastle Staffs Foodbank has two warehouses on the Parkhouse industrial estates.

We also have six distribution centres at Clayton, Silverdale, Chesterton, Kidsgrove, Newcastle town centre and Madeley.

More details on the work of Foodbank can be found by following this website link www.newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk, where you will find information on our distribution centres and how you can support the work that we do, either by donating non perishable food or funding to support our running costs.

Once again, many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Till
Newcastle Staffs Foodbank.

Newcastle Staffs Foodbank is run in partnership with the Churches Together in Newcastle Staffs

We are committed to restoring dignity and reviving hope for those in crisis in this area

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