

GUISELEY BAPTIST CHURCH – HARVEST APPEAL 2026

This year, we are inviting the Guiseley Baptist Church family to support an excellent local charity that is close to our hearts.

BRADFORD NORTH FOODBANK

How foodbanks work ...

Foodbanks provide emergency food to people in crisis.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems.

Food is donated

Schools, churches, businesses, and individuals [donate non-perishable, in-date food](#) to a foodbank. Large collections often take place as part of Harvest Festival celebrations and food is also collected at supermarkets.

Food is sorted and stored

[Volunteers](#) sort food to check that it's in date and pack it into bags ready to be given to people in need. Over 40,000 people give up their time to volunteer at foodbanks.

Community organisations identify people in need

Foodbanks partner with a wide range of community organisations such as doctors, teachers, health visitors and social workers to support people facing hardship and give them a food bank voucher to access emergency food.

Food parcels are distributed

People bring their voucher to the foodbank where it can be redeemed for three days' emergency food. Whilst the food parcel is being prepared, a volunteer will offer a warm drink and a biscuit or snack. They will also be available if people would like to chat.

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The Bradford North Foodbank is part of [The Trussell Trust](#)'s network of foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our local communities, as well as across the UK. We offer three-day emergency food parcels in exchange for a food voucher obtainable from many local support agencies. Food parcels are collected from one of our neighbourhood, cafe-style, foodbank centres. (*GBC operates a foodbank every Friday*). We also rely on our supporters for financial donations to help with the operational costs.

For more information about Bradford North Foodbank, please visit their website at

<https://bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk>



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If you can contribute, as part of the Guiseley Baptist Church (GBC) family, to support the **Bradford North Foodbank** to help with the provision of emergency food to local people in need ... please read on!

There are two ways to contribute:

Foodbank items must be non-perishable and in date. **Items most urgently needed include:** instant mashed potato, long-life milk, tinned custard, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, long-life juice, pasta, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes.

*(Items **not** currently required include: bottled water[still], tea bags, tinned meat, non-alcoholic sparkling drinks, tinned chickpeas, tinned pulses.)*

Items can be brought to church on **any Sunday from now until the end of October ...** but especially to our **Harvest Service** – held at 10.30am on 11th October.

Financial gifts – to the Bradford North Foodbank can be donated at **any time during October:**

- A contactless payment can be made using the **CollectIn** device in the church foyer. Make sure to click on the 'Harvest 2026' button on the front screen
- Cash or cheques should be put inside an envelope, clearly marked 'Harvest 2026' and placed in the **offertory bag** at church during a Sunday morning service
- For those who give via the **bank**, please ensure the reference states 'Harvest 2026'. *(Bank details for GBC are below.)*

Many thanks for your support to the work of this great local charity.

Guiseley Baptist Church – Barclays Bank business account:

Sort code: 20-48-95 Account number: 20444960