

Bishop Tim's Lent Appeal 2010



THE DIOCESE OF LEICESTER



FareShare
community food network

Although we think of the U.K. as a first world country, food poverty is a growing challenge that now affects over 4 million people. At the same time, vast amounts of good quality, useable food are sent to landfill, with the resulting impact on the environment.



I am therefore delighted that the Diocese is actively responding to the needs of those in food poverty by sponsoring FareShare Leicester. It is a project which impressively demonstrates Christian values at its heart, ensuring that instead of wasting food we are feeding those who are most in need. Leicester is the only Diocese to have such a positive involvement with FareShare.



FareShare is the national food charity working to relieve food poverty by taking quality surplus food from the food industry for redistribution to those in need. All food is within its use-by date and complies with strict food hygiene legislation.

This Lent I am asking you to support my Lent Appeal for FareShare Leicester. Presently it operates one day a week and has no premises. However, in 2009, it redistributed almost 50 tonnes of food via its 20 Community Food Member groups. This contributed to almost 120,000 meals for the most vulnerable people in our city and County.





A few months ago, I spent a day with FareShare Leicester and saw the excellent work that is being done. I heard from representatives of the groups that receive food how it is literally transforming for those who are in real poverty, some homeless or destitute.

Given the impact of the current economic situation, supporting projects like FareShare is increasingly the right expression of our Christian ministry. The gap between rich and poor in the U.K. is now wider than in most Western countries.

FareShare Leicester offers practical support and hope to the most vulnerable people in our community.



I am working with colleagues to look at how this excellent service can be developed in the future to increase the amount of food we are able to distribute.



I know there are many requests for our funds throughout the year, and especially each Lent. Churches and individuals have always been very generous in previous years towards my Lent appeal, and I do hope you feel able to support FareShare's work this year.

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The Rt Reverend Tim Stevens

This Lent appeal is to all churches in our Leicester diocese to help support FareShare Leicester. For more information about this appeal contact John Willetts, Project Director, on 07867 527 063. Donations by individuals can be gift-aided. Please use the form below.

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I wish the Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance (LDBF) to reclaim tax on all my donations made to the Board on or after 1st February 2010 in respect of the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2010.

I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and pay Income or Capital Gains Tax at least equivalent to the amount the LDBF may reclaim on my donations.

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Signed

Date

Cheques should be marked on the back 'Lent Appeal' and made payable to 'Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance'.

When completed please send with your donation to:
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