

Chapmanslade Church Porch Larder

FOOD DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

DROP-OFF Non-Perishable packet or tinned food you wish to donate to other villagers in the porch of St Philip & St James' Church.

PICK-UP Food items you or your family need for whatever reason – perhaps due to lockdown issues, personal shielding or family circumstances

HOW DOES THE LARDER WORK?

The Chapmanslade CoronaVirus Action Group (COV-AG) will manage the Larder on behalf of Chapmanslade & Corsley Churches who are the administrators. COV-AG wishes to thank the PCC for the use of St Philip & St James' Church as a vital social hub.

The Larder will not be supervised so you can discretely Drop-Off or Pick-Up food 24/7. A Hand Sanitiser Station and anti viral spray with full instructions has been provided.

At regular intervals, COV-AG volunteers will check that food is available and in-date. The Larder will be topped-up as required.

Should any donated non-perishable items (tins, packets etc.) not be picked-up after a period, they will be taken to the Warminster Food Bank.

Should you be unable to get to the Church, COV-AG can arrange for a volunteer to collect items you wish to donate to the Larder.



Website:

<http://chapmanslade.org.uk/coronavirus/>

Email: covag-help@cleyhillchurches.org

Q&A with COVID-AG Steering Group Members Charlene Ridler and Ian Buick

Q1. What's the aim of the Church Porch Larder?

A1. COV-AG was established in March 2020 right at the start of the first lockdown with the aim of making sure that everyone in the parish is kept safe and well. Since then, with the help of our wonderful volunteers, we have put in place a number of well-received initiatives. The **CHURCH PORCH LARDER** supplements the **FOOD BOX** scheme (which is still very much in operation) giving parishioners a central, easily accessible and discrete place to either drop-off in-date non-perishable food they wish to donate and/or to pick-up items that they need.

Q2. Do I need to donate in order to pick-up something that I need?

A2. No. The Larder is there to support villagers as and when they need it. It's in a discrete place inside the church porch and will not be supervised.

Q3. Is there a limit to the number of times that food items can be picked-up?

A3. No. We've learnt that lockdowns can bring about short and longer term needs – brought about by illness, shielding, travel, shopping, or work issues. If we find there's a shortfall in the number of food items needed, the group will endeavor to find extra supplies.

Q4. Are there any particular food items that you'd like, or not like, to be donated?

A4. Not really. However, all items should be non-perishable, in-date, and unopened.

Q5. What safety measures will be in place?

A5. A hand sanitiser station will be in place at the Larder. A sign will instruct everyone to use the sanitiser before use. An anti viral spray with wipers is also available.

Q6. What will happen to any unwanted items that have been donated?

A6. These items will be taken to Warminster Food Bank using a joint scheme with Corsley. Some villagers have mentioned that now they are having their shopping delivered or using click & collect, they do not have an easy and safe way to donate to a Food Bank. The Larder is a good way to donate and items not required in the village will pass on to the food bank in Warminster.

Q7. Why do you only want non-perishable food items?

A7. Food Banks in general only take donated non-perishable goods. In addition, there are no facilities in the porch for fresh foods.

Q8. Can the Larder also be used for non-food items such as soap, shampoo, and baby products?

A8. That's a very good question. We'd like to start off with foodstuffs and then perhaps should there be a need we could expand the scheme. We'll keep this under review.

Q9. Now that you have the Larder, will the Food Box Scheme be maintained?

A9. Definitely. COV-AG will continue to deliver Food Boxes to those who request them.

Q10. Is it possible to support COV-AG by making a monetary donation?

A10. Any donations will be most gratefully received but please do not leave in the Larder. Please contact Charlene or Ian. Many thanks.

If you have additional questions about COV-AG, the Church Porch Larder, or Food Boxes please contact Charlene or Ian in confidence using the phone numbers below or you can email covag-help@cleyhillchurches.org

Contact Charlene on 07964880841 or Contact Ian on 01373 832318