



## The Vision

Oikos is a Greek word which literally translates to English as 'House' but more accurately translates as 'Home': a place where you can be yourself, be fed, cared for and listened to.

Oikos-Brigg is a town centre shop with a difference! A unique not-for-profit charity established so that Christians of all denominations and none can work together to provide love and practical support for local families.

We strive to be a friendly, caring community where everyone is welcome and valued.

Put simply, our vision is to support our local community and as followers of Jesus to grow together, in faith, in hope and in love.

## A Week In Oikos (Currently)

Monday	- Food Bank Packing by volunteers from 10am - Brigg AA 7pm-8.30pm
Tuesday	- Prayers, 9.15am-9.45am every week - Café Fellowship, 10am-11am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - Community Pantry on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
Wednesday	- Occasional Alpha Course, Death Café, Bible Study (please ask for details on each)
Thursday	- Shop/Drop-In/School Uniforms, 10am-2pm
Friday	- Shop/Drop-In/School Uniforms, 10am-2pm
Saturday	- Shop/Drop-In/School Uniforms, 10am-2pm - Men's breakfast at Wetherspoons at 8.30am followed by discussion at Oikos c. 9.30am, every 3rd Saturday. (Please ask for details).

## Donations

Food and toiletries donated via local supermarkets are essential to keep our Foodbank and Food Pantry going. This is already making a huge difference to over 150 households every month. Please look out for the Food Pantry opening dates and times and our 'food items wanted' lists on Facebook, in our shop window and in our local supermarkets.

We are always in need of donations. These are particularly in the way of food, toiletries and school uniform currently. We also have other drives throughout the year such as school holidays, Easter and Christmas specific needs.

Our main drop off points for food items include: Tesco trolley, Coop Scawby, Coop Barnetby and directly in our shop when we are open. Our full drop off list can be found on Facebook.

We always need additional financial support too, in the form of grants as well as donations from businesses and individuals. Any support that you, or your business can give us would be greatly appreciated!

## Volunteers

We have amazing unpaid volunteers who look after the day-to-day running of the Oikos-Brigg charity, but we need new volunteers! If you would like to help as a volunteer or would just like to find out more about what we do, please contact us or call in at the shop.

## Contact Us

Malcolm (Chair) - 07946 109 069

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## Facebook

You can keep up-to-date with all existing and new Oikos-Brigg information, news and Projects on our Facebooks below:

**@OikosBriggCharity** and **@BriggFoodBank**

# OIKOS-BRIGG



Registered Charity: 1184594

67 Wrawby Street, Brigg, DN20 8JE



## The Shop

The shop is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am till 2pm.

We have cards for all occasions- birthdays, anniversaries, sympathy, get well, thinking of you, as well as cards for Christian occasions such as baptism, confirmation, first communion. All our cards have a Christian message.

We have a large selection of Bibles and Christian books as well as small gifts.

We now stock Eco products- washing-up liquid, washing liquid and liquid soap and hope to also have shortly shampoo and conditioner. All of these can be dispensed into your own containers, if you bring them in, at a fraction of the cost in other shops. At the same time, you will be saving our planet from the misuse of plastic.

We have Fairtrade products- coffee, tea, chocolate, biscuits, jams, and kitchen and toilet rolls.

And we also have a library of jigsaws for you to borrow and many pre-loved Christian books which you can buy for a small donation.

## The Cafe Area

New to the shop, is our Café, where you can, for a donation, enjoy a cup of delicious coffee and a Fairtrade biscuit. Come and see us.

## School Uniform Exchange

The shop is now also home to the School Uniform Exchange Scheme. Bring in any unwanted items of school uniform when the shop is open and, for a donation, choose a new-to-you blazer, skirt, trousers, shirt for most of the schools in the Brigg area.

## The Food Bank

Over 2023, we are seeing an increase in need of our Food Bank. Our Food Bank is run on a referral basis which means those that are referred to us also are receiving support from a third party to enable them to receive the required help and advice.

We have increased our awareness in the area and this is still continuing as we let as many third parties know of our existence and ability to support those experiencing financial difficulty and food poverty.

When referred, we will contact the client to discuss what they need and if they can collect or require a delivery. We are not open set days for the Food Bank, but are more flexible to the referrals as and when these are received.

Referral agencies include Citizen's Advice North Lincolnshire, local schools, the Children's Centre, the Council, Social Services, Ongo and many other local agencies.

## The Community Food Pantry

We started the Community Food Pantry in December 2022 following more and more of a need being identified locally, particularly following the cost of living crisis and energy crisis. This has been a resounding success with over 110 households attending each month and around 25-30% new faces each month.

It is key for us to be able to keep the Pantry running and we review the success of this on a quarterly basis and make any slight changes to ensure the continued success and running of the Pantry. One of these changes has been to move to baskets, rather than bags, to make it easier when moving around the Pantry, together with a layout change with the heavier items first and lighter last.

From September 2023, the Community Food Pantry will be £4 for a basket of food, and this will also include one refillable toiletry item from our shop too. So please bring along a small (300ml) empty container and you can fill with one of our refills.

We are very thankful for all the business donations that help run our Pantry, such as the behind the scenes stock at Lidl and Aldi which we receive - and all other businesses too. Also for the support from Broughton Allotments. Together with grants and funding that keep this running - and of course everyone who attends too as these donations go straight back into the next Pantry.

We also have received voluntary support over the year from The Nottingham Building Society and Tesco too which is always a huge support. We have also welcomed third party specialists such as Citizen's Advice North Lincolnshire, Barclays and Health Visitors.