

## Farewell to Kerry

If you have ever been to The Olive Branch, the chances are you will have met Kerry, our Assistant Project Manager since 2018. We are sad to say that she will be leaving us this Easter to start a new teaching job. Her last day will be Friday 8th April, and we hope to be able to give her the send-off she deserves from all the volunteers, trustees and staff in the coming weeks. Although The Olive Branch will feel strange without her energy, enthusiasm and empathy, we hope you will join us in wishing her all the best in her new job.



***“It was Kerry that came up with our slogan, ‘so much more than a food bank’, and she has been instrumental in making that so much more than a slogan.”***

Kerry's departure means that we are looking for a new Assistant Project Manager. As a key cog in how The Olive Branch operates, it is important to us to find the right person as soon as possible. Applications are already open, with a deadline of 11th April 2022. Please see the advert below, and full details can be found on our website.

### Premises update

Many of you will be aware that we have been looking for new premises for sometime. Nothing is confirmed yet, but things are looking very positive and negotiations are well underway. We hope to be able to share more details publicly soon.

### Queen's garden party

As part of being awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service last year, we are pleased to say that our founder, Barbara, and longest standing volunteer, Mary, will be attending the Queen's garden party in June!

### Thank you Lancs schools!

We continue to receive amazing support from local schools... huge thanks to LGGS for their recent collection which matched our needs perfectly, and Dallas Road, who have started a fortnightly collection for us!

**100**

**BAGS/ BOXES DONATED  
BY LANCASTER GIRLS  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL!**

**230**

**ASYLUM SEEKER ADULTS  
AND CHILDREN WE GAVE  
PARCELS TO IN  
FEBURARY**

**11/04**

**DEADLINE FOR  
APPLICATIONS FOR  
ASSISTANT PROJECT  
MANAGER ROLE**



*Do you love the vision of The Olive Branch?*

Could you join our small and dedicated staff team on a short-term, part-time basis?

We have a vacancy for an

**ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER**

20 hours per week

for 6 months (initially)

Find out more about our work and full details of the vacancy on our website at <https://the-olivebranch.org.uk/>

## Lent and Easter

Although we are well into Lent (with Easter just round the corner) it isn't too late to get involved with our 'Ten things for Lent' challenge, highlighting ten of our most needed items at the moment. You can get more information, and the full size image on our website!

A huge thank you to those of you who have already been getting involved - its great to get donations which clearly match the ten things we've highlighted! Special thanks to the Junior church at United Benefice of Warton and Borwick with Yealand, who have taken on their own Lent challenge of asking the children to bring one of our most needed items with them every Sunday!



In the run up to every Easter, we start to hand out Easter eggs with each parcel, with the goal of making sure every individual gets one by Good Friday. That's a lot of Easter eggs! If you are able to pick up an extra one or two on your shop, and drop them off at one of our donation points (list on our website) it would be a huge help in reaching our target!

### THINK ABOUT...

Picking up an extra Easter egg when you're shopping

### LOOK OUT FOR...

Updates on our most needed items on our Facebook, Twitter and in emails

Lots of potential changes!

### PRAY...

For Kerry as she leaves the Olive Branch

That we will quickly find the right person to take over as Assistant Project Manager

That the final stages of negotiations for new premises go smoothly