

Christmas Shoeboxes at Christ Church 2020

This year we are going to continue with our yearly project of packing shoeboxes for the disadvantaged. This year we are packing the shoeboxes for the charity Amen. With this charity all the boxes go to Romania and are given to families living in poverty. These boxes are a great blessing to all who receive them, because the families have so very little. The box would be the only present received! The boxes also show that someone has cared and thought of them.

The boxes for Amen are to be family boxes, not just for children. We are encouraged to put items in the shoebox which will be gifts for children, parents and grandparents. This often opens doors to follow up visits by church members.

There is a very good video on the Amen website: www.amentrust.co.uk, showing where the shoeboxes will be going. Do look at the website and the video and be encouraged to pack a shoe box for one of these extremely poor families.

The leaflet with all the information you need is available for printing from the website. **Please download the leaflet which you will need to complete your shoebox.** If this is difficult do contact me and I can supply you with a leaflet.

There are some differences to the way we have packed previous shoeboxes, so do read the leaflet and follow the instructions carefully - all you need to know is on the leaflet.

The charity asks for a donation of at least £2 towards the cost of transport and administration. Please place cheques or money, plus the Gift Aid form (if you are a UK tax payer) in an envelope so that money does not have to be handled immediately. Please indicate on the envelope the amount of your donation and whether you are gift aiding.

Please bring the boxes to our Shoebox Service on Sunday 1st November at 9.00 am. The boxes can be dropped off at Christ Church on any Sunday before the 1st between 8.45 am and 10.30 am (just leave them in the porch if you are not attending the service). Alternatively, they can be dropped off on Wednesdays between 2.00 pm. and 3.00 pm. Again, just leave them in the church porch if not attending for silent prayer. We will need all the boxes by Sunday 15th November at the latest.

If the Government rules change regarding meetings in church, please refer to the Christchurch website www.christchurchdartford.com or on our Facebook page (Christ Church, Dartford) for further instructions.

Thank you, and enjoy filling your box/es for these needy families.

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Suggestions for filling your box

Use a standard size shoebox (Not a boot box)

Calculator	Scarf
Colouring book	Scissors
Comb/brush	Screwdrivers
Felt tips	Sewing kit
Flannel/soap	Shampoo
Games/toys	Shower gel
Hair slides	Socks/tights
Jewellery	Sweets
Notebook	Teddy/doll
Pencil sharpener	Toothbrush/toothpaste
Pens/pencils	Wind-up torch
Roll-on deodorant	Woolly hat/gloves

These are just some ideas (from the leaflet). You do not have to put in everything on the list.