## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD- Shoe Box Appeal**



It is this time of the year again. Thank you for all the support over the last few years especially last year with the difficulties. Last year nearly 9 million boxes were distributed to countries such as Liberia, Serbia, Slovenia

This message is to encourage you to get involved again and fill a shoebox or it could be your first time. It is a way of showing God's love. Each box may be the only gift a child will receive. So often items are treasured for years after and even into

adulthood. Adding a photo or short message in the box means so much (no address)

There are various ways to get involved

- 1. Fill a whole shoebox with the suggested items OR
- 2. Donate one or more items OR
- 3. Make a donation which can be used to buy items or for transport costs
- 4. Pack an " on line box"- £20 you can chose the gifts via the website.

Suggested items are stationary, toiletries (not toothpaste or liquids), toys, jewellery, hats, gloves, scarves, paper, balls, socks,( there is a long list on the web site-see below along with items to avoid)

AGE GROUPS- 2-4 yrs, 5-8 yrs, 9-14 yrs Boys or Girls

Covered shoeboxes can be used or you can pick up a preprinted flat pack box from the church, along with an information leaflet.

Collection week is Nov 15th to 22nd when you can drop off filled boxes or items.

There will be a Shoebox filling party on Sat Nov 13th at the church along with a cake sale.

I am a year round volunteer for OCC and a member of Gt Shelford FreeChurch. Please do get in touch if you need help of further info tel 01223893232/07745046921 Email. jane.furlow@gmail.com

Below is a link for the charity with all the information you will need. https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

Thank you in anticipation of your support. Jane