



Hello dear friends,

As you may know I have volunteered to co-ordinate the collection of the shoe boxes this year. If you are new to “shoe box appeal” this is a way that we can help support the sharing of the Gospel through the donation of a shoe box filled with gifts for a child who has nothing.

How it works:

1. Please decide if you are packing a shoe box aimed at a boy or girl. Then decide upon the age of the child, 2-4 years, 5-9 years, 10-14 years. Wrap your box in paper (or use on the pre-printed boxes) Attach the appropriate label to the top of your shoebox.
2. Fill your shoe box with a selection of toys, hygiene items and school supplies from the list below.
3. Make your donation of £5, this covers the project costs including shipping.
4. Add a personal note or card to the child you have brought the gifts for. You may wish to include a photograph of your family or the local area. Pray for the child who will receive your gift.
5. Return the completed shoe box to church.

The national collection week is 10th-17th November, and for the second year St James is a collection centre for shoeboxes throughout Wolverhampton.

I know that some of you may be finding it tricky to get out to purchase items to put into a shoe box, if you would like to make a monetary donation then I am happy to purchase items on your behalf. Please pass these directly to me, or leave in an envelope at church with my name on the front.

Please find a list of suggested items for the boxes – please note you do not have to buy all of these items, just 2/3 from each category.

Girl	2-4	5-9	10-14
Toys	Stuffed animal/toy, doll, small musical instrument, small foam football/tennis ball, finger puppets, slinky, interactive button toys (include spare batteries), skipping rope, play-doh and cutters	Etch-a-sketch, small puzzles, costume jewellery, plastic toys and toy figures, yo-yo, small Frisbee, small kite Plus items from 2-4 years	Plus items from 2-4 years/5-9 years

Girl	2-4	5-9	10-14
Hygiene items	Comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, flannel, soap bar, reusable plastic containers e.g. drinking cup, bowl, plate, cutlery	Non liquid lip balm, solar powered torch, compact mirror Plus items from 2-4 years	Nail clippers + file, stick deodorant Plus items from 2-4 years/5-9 years
School supplies	Pencils, pencil sharpener, ruler, eraser, colouring pencils, pencil case, crayons, felt pens, colouring pads/books, picture book, notebook, glue stick, small adhesive tape, watercolour paint, stampers + ink.	Chalk board + chalk, geometry set Plus items from 2-4 years	Plus items from 2-4 years/5-9 years
Other	Hat, scarf, mittens, sunglasses, small bag/purse, hair bows, hair clips, friendship bracelets, personal note + photo.	Make it yourself craft item kits, binoculars Plus items from 2-4 years	Solar powered torch, small backpack/handbag/drawstring bag, small sewing kit and ribbon, laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as picture hanger, colourful balls of string.

Boy	2-4	5-9	10-14
Toys	Stuffed animal/toy, toy truck/boat, small musical instrument, small foam football/tennis ball, finger puppets, slinky, interactive	Etch-a-sketch, small puzzles, deflated football with small pump, plastic toys and toy figures, yo-yo, small Frisbee, small kite	Small cars, dominoes, dice, puzzles, kaleidoscope, picture snap cards Plus items from 2-4 years/5-9 years

Boy	2-4	5-9	10-14
Toys continued	button toys (include spare batteries), skipping rope, play-doh and cutters, plastic tools, plastic dinosaurs and building blocks.	Plus items from 2-4 years	
Hygiene items	Comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, flannel, soap bar, reusable plastic containers e.g. drinking cup, bowl, plate, cutlery	Non liquid lip balm, solar powered torch, compact mirror Plus items from 2-4 years	Nail clippers + file, stick deodorant Plus items from 2-4 years/5-9 years
School supplies	Pencils, pencil sharpener, ruler, eraser, colouring pencils, pencil case, crayons, felt pens, colouring pads/books, picture book, notebook, glue stick, small adhesive tape, watercolour paint, stampers + ink.	Chalk board + chalk, geometry set Plus items from 2-4 years	Blank index cards, solar powered calculator, safety scissors Plus items from 2-4 years/5-9 years
Other	Hat, scarf, mittens, sunglasses, small bag/purse, baseball cap, friendship bracelets, personal note + photo.	Make it yourself craft item kits, binoculars Plus items from 2-4 years	Solar powered torch, fishing kit, magnets, compass, binoculars, brightly coloured rope or twine.

Many thanks in advance for your kind donations.

Yours in Christ
Catherine x