

Hartshill MU plan for Operation Christmas Child 2016

Operation Christmas Child is run by Samaritan's Purse International relief UK.

The following information is Lynda's article from the church magazine, October 2015

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Yes, I know - it seems far too early to mention Christmas BUT, it's time to be thinking about shoeboxes again!! If you'd like to fill a shoebox for a child who lives in poor conditions abroad here is an opportunity to do so. Find a shoebox, cover box and lid separately with Christmas wrapping paper and fill the box with small gifts (unwrapped). There will be leaflets in church which give ideas of gifts suitable to put in your box; please read leaflet carefully as there are some gifts not suitable and they will be taken out at the warehouse e.g. liquids, chocolate and war related toys (toy guns etc). You can choose whether you'd like your box to go to a boy or girl and there are 3 age categories to choose from too. Please add £3 per box for transport costs. Maybe you'd like to get together with someone else and share the cost of gifts and transport costs. Also, there is a DVD available to borrow showing videos over the last few years, of delighted children receiving their gifts, or you can read some stories of people who received a shoebox when they were a child and the impact it made on their lives, by going online to Operation Christmas Child 2015 (<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>) and clicking on shoebox stories which I'm sure you'll find really interesting and very touching. If you do decide to do a box, please return your box to church by Sunday 8th November.

Thank you. Lynda Kelly

As I have no prior experience of OCC, my suggestion is that we try to fill 3 boxes this year. I have the boxes. We have to give £3 per box for postage and I suggest that we take this from the sunshine fund (It's a bit low but we can hopefully fill it up a bit on Wednesday.)

I have created a table below of what we require. If you would like to participate, please add your initials against the appropriate item(s) below

	Donor Initials
Boy age 10 to 14	
1 LARGE TOY Include a toy that a child can love like a doll or a cuddly toy (with CE label), toy truck, skipping rope, yoyo, ball, small puzzle, musical instruments etc.	
3 SMALL TOYS	GS
SCHOOL SUPPLIES Pens, colouring pencils, sharpener & eraser, crayons, felt pens, stamp & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks and paper, colouring & picture books, solar calculators etc.	SS
HYGIENE ITEMS Toothbrush, toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, flannel, comb & brush etc.	DMB
OTHER ITEMS Hat, cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses (with UV rating), hair accessories, wind- up torch, jewellery set, wrapped sweets (with best before date of at least March the following year).	Hat/scarf ?
Girl age 5 to 9	
1 LARGE TOY	
3 SMALL TOYS	
SCHOOL SUPPLIES	*
HYGIENE ITEMS	HEG
OTHER ITEMS	
Boy age 2 to 4	
1 LARGE TOY	
3 SMALL TOYS	*
SCHOOL SUPPLIES	
HYGIENE ITEMS	Rita
OTHER ITEMS	
Group photo * 3	SMF
Group note * 3	
Prayer	