

# Shoebox Appeal

Leaflets for this year's Shoebox Appeal, giving information on packing and wrapping a shoebox, are available on the table in the Schoolroom.

Link to Hope is a Christian Charity, based in Sussex, 'Rebuilding Lives & Communities in Eastern Europe through Education and Social Care' since 1991, supporting communities in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria, to provide these communities with basic facilities, not just with the Shoebox Appeal, but throughout the year. The Family Shoeboxes of gifts are given to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity. Some live in appalling conditions, often living in just one or two rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive. Due to the number of elderly people that are now being left alone due to their families leaving to work away, we have launched the Elderly Shoebox Appeal. The boxes are similar however the children's games and education materials are replaced with a wind up torch, sensory items, candle and holder etc.

I do hope you will support the Shoebox Appeal as you have in previous years, and I have knitted hats and gloves for sale plus some other toiletries which can be included in a shoebox and if you need an empty shoebox, I have plenty of those in stock too.

Please bring your wrapped shoebox to church no later than Sunday 21st October when the boxes will be dedicated during our Morning Service before being taken to the collection point ready for delivery.

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