



Operation Christmas Child 2021. Shoebox appeal.

Operation Christmas child is an annual campaign run by Samaritan's Purse, an international relief and development charity that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love and Good News of Jesus Christ.

Through their Operation Christmas child project, Samaritan's Purse helps brighten the lives of children and their families who are struggling to survive in many parts of the world by sending shoeboxes packed with gifts to millions of children in more than 100 countries.

Every year St Columba's church takes part in this campaign by generously filling our shoeboxes with the aim of bringing a little bit of joy to children living in desperate circumstances.

We would love for you to fill a box and join us in sending this small gift of love and hope.

There are 3 ways in which you can take part in this campaign.

- 1) Pick up a shoebox and leaflet from the church, fill the shoebox and return to the pews beside the organ in the church no later than Sunday 21st November. The leaflets and boxes can be found in the vestibule of the main church sanctuary or at the entrance to the church halls.
- 2) Fill a box online. Visit shoeboxonline.org.uk for a step by step guide to filling your box.
- 3) Give a monetary donation. If you prefer, you can help support the campaign by donating a monetary gift. This can either be done online via Samaritan's Purse website, <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk>. Alternatively, pick up a campaign leaflet and pop your donation into one of the envelopes attached to it, fill out the details on the envelope and drop the envelope into the church office. Please make sure you fill out the gift aid declaration if you are a tax payer. All donations of money go directly to the campaign.

Please pray for your gift/donation and feel free to include a picture of you or your family into your box.

If you would like to fill a box but are unable to return it back to church please contact the church office and I will make arrangements to pick it up from you.

Thank you, Vicky Davies