



OCTOBER 2019 Newsletter

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Tools with a mission

We have approximately 200 volunteer collectors around the country we collect from on a regular basis, so the vans are constantly on the road and quickly clock up the miles. In addition there are the larger items such as pillar drills and band saws which are too big and too heavy to go in the boot of a car. We try and be as efficient as possible for fuel consumption, wear and tear on the vans and the drivers, but there is often "one more collection" we need to fit in. For example the recent container we sent to Zimbabwe included orders for hundreds of school books. and at the start of June we didn't have any in our warehouse. We emailed all the local schools asking for books but with the end of the term approaching we were under considerable pressure to collect as many school books as we could. Many of our collectors made trips to our centres to deliver books to help ease pressure on the vans.

Rev Fred Stainthorpe





Once again this year, we are taking part in Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal. The organisation Samaritan's Purse runs the shoebox appeal throughout the month of October and with the help of volunteers across the country, we collect filled shoeboxes packed with, small toys, socks, wholly hats, gloves, colouring book, pens, solar calculators/ torches, dolls, small puzzle games, soap, hygiene items etc; items small enough to fit into the box.

Please note: Toothpaste and Sweets are not permitted to be packed this year.

Then we send them off to distribution centres to be shipped over to Europe or African to children who would never receive a Christmas gift. We have flat pack shoeboxes in the church hall, ready for anyone that wants to send a gift to a boy or girl to make their Christmas really special. There is a £5 donation per box that's packed to help with shipping cost or just offer a donation if you don't want to pack a box.

Sunday 9th November is the last day to drop off your shoebox at church from Monday 11th November to Monday 18th November you can drop them off at The Entertainer (Walsall), Unit 7

St Matthews Quarter, Digbeth High Street, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 1QR

If you would like to participate in this worthy cause, please see Robert Silvera

