

St Christopher's Church

Arnewood Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth, BH6 5DW



This year we will be supporting the Sunflower Fellowship's Shoe Box Appeal for the children in Cataloi in Romania.

In previous years, teams from St Christopher's have organised holidays for children with special needs and their families at the holiday home in Cataloi which is owned by the Sunflower Fellowship. We also ran holiday clubs in the evenings for the local children there.

Sunflower Fellowship in Romania **Caring for children in need in Cataloi and beyond**

Charity Registered Number: 1090120

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES APPEAL 2019

Many of us will receive more Christmas presents than we know what to do with this year, but many children and young people in Romania will have none. Your help in providing a filled shoe box will make Christmas so much more special this year for a child you may never meet. Please think carefully about gifts that would be most appropriate for the age group of the boy or girl for whom you have chosen to fill a box. **Please note that there is a particular need for shoeboxes for the older children.**

IMPORTANT - HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOE BOX

1. Find an empty **MEDIUM** sized shoe box (**if possible with a separate lid**) which **MUST NOT BE BIGGER THAN 30 X 20 X 10cm (12 X 8 X 4ins)**. We will not send boxes that are larger than this as it is unfair to give some children larger boxes than their friends.
2. Please cover your box with bright Christmas wrapping paper.
3. Fill your box with gifts suitable for the age of the girl or boy you have chosen. On the other side of this leaflet you will find a list which will give you ideas for these gifts. Make sure that the items you choose are suitable for the age of the child you have chosen.
4. You are welcome to enclose a Christmas Card if you wish, preferably without too much English writing! You may like to write "**Craciun Fericit!**" which means "Happy Christmas" in Romanian and sign it with your name. A photo of you or your family can also be included.
5. Secure the box by placing a strong rubber band around it and stick your label **IN THE TOP RIGHT-HAND CORNER** of the shoe box. Please bring your completed shoebox to St Christopher's Church by **Sunday 3rd November or before if possible.**

PLEASE TURN THIS SHEET OVER NOW TO SEE THE LISTS OF ITEMS THAT CAN AND CANNOT BE INCLUDED

Thank you for sharing with us in this year's Shoe Box Appeal!

	The Sunflower Fellowship Romania
This box is for a BOY aged:	
3-6 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
7-10 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
11-14 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
living in Romania	

	The Sunflower Fellowship Romania
This box is for a GIRL aged:	
3-6 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
7-10 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
11-14 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
living in Romania	

WHAT CAN BE INCLUDED

Please choose at least one item from each age-appropriate category:

1. TOYS & GAMES:

GAMES small balls, jigsaws up to 100 pieces, table games and puzzles, soft toys, puppets, musical instruments.

FOR BOYS toy vehicles, plastic animals/dinosaurs, spinning tops.

FOR GIRLS dolls, plastic ponies, purses/bags, jewellery, hair items.

TEENAGE BOYS playing cards, dominos, torches, pocket radios.

TEENAGE GIRLS mirrors/brushes, compacts, manicure sets, hair items, jewellery.

2. STATIONERY

Pens, pencils, rubbers, rulers, pencil sharpeners, wax crayons, colouring pencils, felt-tip pens, pencil cases, colouring pads/books, notebooks, stickers.

FOR TEENAGERS geometry sets, calculators.

3. CLOTHES

Hats, gloves/mittens (*with* thumbs), scarves, socks, tights.

4. TOILETRIES

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, combs, bars of soap, flannels.

5. SWEETS

Chocolates and other sweets with a use by date for March 2020 and later.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE:

WAR-RELATED ITEMS toy guns, armoured vehicles or military figures.

HAND-KNITTED STUFFED TOYS without a CE mark.

BOOKS & MAGAZINES IN ENGLISH as most children will not understand them.

LIQUIDS blow bubble bottles, shampoos, shower gel, etc.

MEDICINES and vitamins of any kind.

CLOTHING other than items mentioned in Section 3 above.

FOOD other than sweets.

SHARP OR FRAGILE ITEMS such as scissors or glass.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL BOXES WILL BE CHECKED BY THE CHARITY BEFORE DISPATCH

If you have any queries about the shoeboxes, please email Jean Langford at office@saint-christophers.org.uk or 01202 418394