



Churches Together in Alresford

October 2019 Newsletter

Weather permitting, we hope you managed to join in the **AVENUE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** on 20th September. The Avenue was gifted to our town by the Bishop of Winchester **150 years ago** and the current Bishop of Winchester planted a tree in commemoration. CTIA had a gazebo there, where you might have met up with other members from all the churches.



During this month many of the churches will be celebrating this year's **HARVEST**. We are thankful for a fruitful harvest in our country. In many countries around the world the harvest has failed.



We remember those here at home living with food poverty who are greatly aided by the Food Bank [please make donations at the Alresford Co-Op]

We pray for the Harvest, especially in those areas where the harvest is fragile and at risk of failing. We pray for a renewal of our hope in the Lord of the Harvest, that his Kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven.

It's that time of year again! **CTIA CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Once again, we will be supporting the Rotary Shoebox Scheme for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. For more photos 'Google' "Rotary 1110 shoebox"
If you are interested and willing to help, then you can do so in two ways:



1. **Collect a shoebox** (max. size 33 x 20 x 15 centimetres 13 x 8 x 6 inches) with a separate lid (not hinged) and **fill it with suitable gifts** for boys and girls of different ages



(1- 3 years; 4- 7 years; 8- 11 years; 12 -15 years)

For example: cuddly toys, toothbrush and paste, soap and face cloth, combs, notepad, colouring and picture books, pencils, crayons and pens,

hats, gloves and scarves, small balls, toy cars, jigsaw puzzles.

NO: sweets, food, liquids, medicines of any kind, battery powered items, war related items (e.g. guns, knives, etc.), books of a religious, racial or political nature, large items of clothing, shoes or toys, any sharp items. Full details are in the scheme leaflet available from James Pinniger (wjrp@hotmail.co.uk 01962 738788) or Steve Walker (zimswalker@yahoo.co.uk 01420 564408)

2. Come along to our **Shoebox Packing Party** with your box and wrapping paper and help wrap and pack the boxes to be sent away. We will be meeting on Sunday 3rd November at 2.00p.m. in St. Gregory's Pastoral Centre. Please bring £1 to cover transportation costs.

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