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Oak	Bella	Marley	Lola
Elm	George	Brodie	Edward
Maple	Sam	Louis	Freddie
APPY BIRTH DAY	Wren – 6yrs old Mrs Haines – slightly older Many happy returns to you both		
Birthdays	Many happy retains to you both		
Value Cup	Oak Class – showing such hope for their bright futures through their range of questions and inquisitiveness, during their recent Egyptologist day.		



Worcestershire Area Operation Christmas Child Update February 2024



A big Thank you to all our donors!

What an incredible year 2023 was! A massive 237,735 shoeboxes were collected in the UK and have been sent to our church partners in Moldova, Romania, Ukraine, Belarus, Serbia, The Balkans, The Middle East, Central Asia and West Africa.

Donors from the UK together with those from America, Canada, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Spain, Switzerland, Finland and Germany collected an amazing 11.3 million shoeboxes! Which are blessing needy children, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or faith, in over 100 different countries.

Thank you

Here are some shoebox Impact stories from receiving countries that we have received this year.



The Balkans

"We visited several families and spent time with each. They were amazed that children from across the world had packed shoebox gifts for them. We met a mother with four small children. The family live in poverty and were not expecting any presents for their kids. The children were so joyful when they saw the gifts. They were amazed that somebody remembered them. Receiving the gifts made them feel special and important. As well as toys and many interesting things the boxes were full of love!"

One partner from a small Baptist Church shared how Operation Christmas Child had 'opened many doors' in their community. They visited orphanages, schools and local families, many of whom were living in poverty. "We distributed 300 shoebox gifts which brought great joy and delight to the children. Many families first heard about God's love through the shoebox gifts."

Serbia

Timur's Story from Central Asia

Timur grew up in an orphanage in Central Asia where he received one pencil for each school term. When he opened an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift, he rejoiced to find a whole packet of pencils!



In Romania, our Local Partners Shared:

"A ministry partner in the Cluj area decided they would share gifts with a group of young people with Down's Syndrome and with the families of women in Gherla prison. When they first arrived, they found that the children were nervous of visitors and scared they may be taken away from their home. But instead they were wonderfully surprised and full of joy to receive the unexpected gifts. It was moving to see the intensity with which a little girl hugged her new doll; and to see children sharing items with friends."



Regional Operation Christmas Child Conference Saturday 16th March

2024 10am – 2pm At St Andrews Church, Gloucester You are invited to attend our regional Operation Christmas Child conference on Saturday 16th March. We will be exploring more about the ministry, equip you to be a great project leader, spend some time in prayer and look at the wider work of Samailtan's Purse. This is a free event, and we will be including lunch. Please register your commitment to come here: <u>https://forms.gie/F8TuFPN.wibzeb/R8</u>. We look forward to seeing you there. Date for your diary.

Online Project leaders meeting

10/9/24

Community Food Aid Projects Vale of Evesham



Produced in conjunction with Evesham Food Bank Forum. If you would like any further information please contact the individual organisations or Diane Bennett at <u>diane@chands.org.uk</u> or 07859 892528

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Pershore:

Pershore Community Cupboard:

Pershore Community Cupboard located Pershore Baptist Church, Broad Street, Pershore.

Monday 2.30pm to 3.30pm Tuesday 9.30am to 11.00 am Wednesday 5.00pm to 6.30pm Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm Friday 9.30am to 11.00am Saturday 9.30am to 11.00am

saving food from going to landfill. Open for all and trying to reach those who are really struggling.

No referral required

Email: communitycupboard2@gmail.com

Pershore Food Bank:

Pershore Food Bank is located at St. Andrew's Centre, Church Walk, Pershore and is open Tuesday between 11.00am and 1.00pm and Friday between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

On Fridays an advisor from Citizen's Advice is available.

Area covered is Pershore and surrounding villages.

Referral Required

Tel: 01386 555347 Email: info@pershore.foodbank.org.uk

Broadway:

Broadway Community Food Bank:

Broadway Churches Together Community Foodbank is open 1st and 3rd Monday in the month at St Michael's Church, Church Street, Broadway 11.00am until 1.00pm.

You don't need a referral but need to live in Broadway, or surrounding villages - Childswickham, Snowshill, Willersey, Wickhamford.

Come in and we give you a voucher to use the foodbank.

Tel: 07780 002565 Email: <u>broadwayfacebook@gmail.com</u>

Evesham:

All Saints Church:

All Saints Food Bank is open twice a week on Mondays and Fridays from 11.00am to 12.00pm at All Saints Parish Church, Market Place, Evesham. We give one parcel per family/individual per week and give to whoever requires help. We do not require a referral.

Tel: 01386 442213

www.evesham.church

Caring Hands in the Vale:

Caring Hands' Food Bank open at The Lighthouse, Vine Court, Evesham Monday to Thursday 12.00pm to 2.00pm and Friday 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Referral required.

Area covered is The Vale of Evesham

Telephone: 07859 892528 Email: <u>info@chands.org.uk</u>

Evesham Adventure Playground

Playground Pantry at Evesham Adventure Playground, Woodlands, Evesham, open Monday to Friday 10.00am until 2.00pm (staffed) (advice/guidance/support): 2.00pm-5.00pm (unstaffed)

Users require a Playground Pantry bag at a cost of £1.00 and postcode information. Some items are restricted, most are fresh produce.

We have emergency hampers available on request, and a range of toiletries, cleaning and pet food. Also bikes for work. Free hot meals available at 12.00noon each weekday.

No referral required **Tel: 01386 442154**