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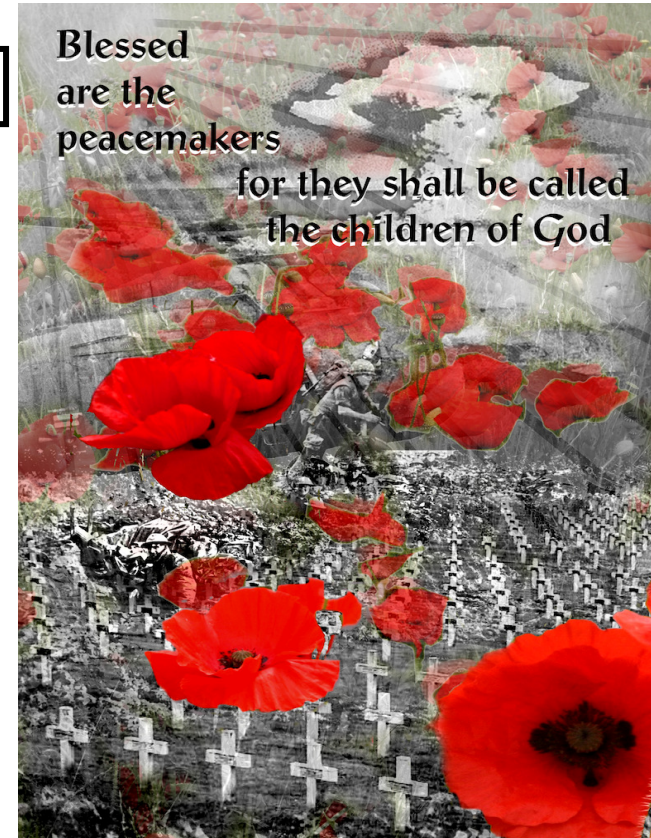


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are the  
peacemakers  
for they shall be called  
the children of God



**November2011**

## St George's Church Stalybridge

### Clergy

Vicar		338 2368
Curates	Revd Philip Brierley	303 0809
	Revd Keith Stewart	303 7483
Associate Priest	Revd Doreen Broadbent	330 9085
Wardens	Ms Janet Vidler	303 7689
	Mrs Gillian Cotton	303 2787
P.C.C. Secretary	Mrs Margaret Smith	338 3702
Treasurer	Mrs Julianna Stewart	303 7483
Magazine Editor	Mrs Linda Hurst	330 0518

### Worship

#### Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)
10.45 a.m.	Sung Communion and Sunday School (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

#### Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact one of the clergy or Wardens.

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## From the Registers

### Baptisms



**2 October**

Liam Craig Riley, Staveley Avenue, Stalybridge

**9 October**

Isaac James Flood, Aldergate Grove, Ashton-under-Lyne

Laceymae Linda Bryan, Stephens Road, Stalybridge

**16 October**

Holly Elizabeth Nolan, Ladysmith Road, Stalybridge

Taylor Emily Nolan, Ladysmith Road, Stalybridge

### Funerals



**18 October**

Roy Mound (82) Maple Avenue, Audenshaw

## From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Nov	Norman Clinton	1991	16 Nov	Alice Whalley	1998
	Ridgway		18 Nov	Olive Bowden	1993
2 Nov	Roy Worsnip	1972		Florence Wilson	2006
4 Nov	Susan Ann Mann	2006	20 Nov	Jonathan Ratcliffe	1917
5 Nov	Furness James Hall	2006		Kenneth Cyril La	1982
	Eric Gregson Eastwood	2009		Touche	
6 Nov	Fanny Seaton	1927		Brian Hitchon	1984
	Sydney Dring	1981	21 Nov	Edith Haigh	1993
	Doreen Berry	1988		John Patrick Higgins	1952
	Dennis Holt	1994	22 Nov	Stanley Brierley	1991
	Catherine Tetlow	2008	23 Nov	Doris May Brayshaw	2002
8 Nov	Norman Andrew	1986	24 Nov	Gary Lee Hughes	1985
9 Nov	Edward Priestley	1989	27 Nov	Kathleen Irene	1994
	Grace Barber	2008		Humphries	
10 Nov	Roland Wilson	1984	28 Nov	Gwilym Samuel	1974
				Rees	
	Clifford Thomas John	1994		Paul James Smyth	1983
	Jessie Dennis	2005		Andrew John Philip	2001
13 Nov	Walter Raymond	1998		Beckwith	
	Skelton			Joan Entwistle	2005
14 Nov	Zoie Vidler	2003			
	Michael S Oliver	2003			

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

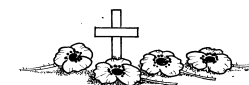
To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens or one of the clergy.



The cost for the special inscription is £7.50 per entry

*This month's lead article is by the well known writer and broadcaster David Winter, he is a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC.*

## The Way I See It – remembering the War



Those of us who can remember the Second World War are now a shrinking minority. Anyone who actually fought in it would now have to be in their mid-eighties. Of course, that makes 'remembrance' on a public scale difficult. The youth organisations line up at the war memorial each year, but with the best will in the world the exhortation 'we will remember them' is asking a lot of boys and girls whose grandparents were probably not born until years after the war ended.

So perhaps those of us who can remember, however distantly, what that war was like have some kind of duty to share those memories. In my case, the most vivid is leaving London on a bright morning in early September 1939 in a red double-decker bus and heading for an unknown address in rural England. In the case of my brother and me it was a village in Essex, right in the path of an invading army from the Continent. By Christmas that year my parents had decided that there were safer places for us to be, and we spent the rest of the war - blissfully, I'm ashamed to say - in the mid-Wales hills with my Welsh grandparents. We played in the fields, learnt to speak Welsh, made lifelong friendships - and were almost entirely sheltered from the reality of war-time life in London and the other great cities of our land.

Mind you, the nightly news broadcast on the wet battery wireless was a reminder that our parents were much less fortunate. Like millions of others, they endured the blackout, the shortages of food, the terrors of the blitz with nightly air raids and the anxiety of my older brother eventually being 'called up' and landing on the Normandy beaches under enemy gunfire. The bombs missed the family home - on one occasion only just - but the trauma inevitably took its toll.

At the end of the war there were the usual speeches promising that the sacrifices made should not be in vain - we would ensure that nothing like this would ever happen again. But it did, and has - over and over again. Korea, Vietnam, the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan - the roll-call seems

endless; evidence, if we needed it, of the strange addiction of human beings to violence, conflict and war. It is one thing to remember - and a duty, in view of the sacrifices of so many. But it is no good remembering and then forgetting.

War, says the New Testament, flows from ordinary human sins - greed, envy, bad choices (see James 4:1-4). To expunge from our race the hideous horrors of war and armed conflict would mean eliminating each of these manifestations of our fallen nature. Difficult? Impossible, it seems, without help from beyond ourselves. Prayer, commitment, repentance, example - even a private peaceful life-style - are steps towards that goal: small things, some would think, but history has been changed by less.

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#### **A once-in-a-century Remembrance Day – 11-11-11-11**

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month of 2011, the nation will pause to remember those who have given their lives in fighting for this country.

This year is doubly special: 2011 is The Royal British Legion's 90th anniversary, and also this is a once-in-a-century Remembrance Day.

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 2011 -11-11-11-11 - we will be remembering those who were willing to lay down their lives for their country.

The British Legion is inviting people to be a special part of this unique occasion, by leaving a message to go on a poppy to be planted at Wootton Bassett. That is the town where thousands of people have paid their respects during repatriations in recent years - you may have seen this on TV.

The British Legion explains: "Many people associate Remembrance Day with heroes of D-Day or the Battle of Britain's Spitfire pilots. Some people think of the deeds of the SAS during the Falklands conflict or, of course, Flanders Fields from World War I, carpeted in poppies growing where so many men lost their lives. But in the last few years it's also been about the nation showing its support for the soldiers returning injured and traumatised from current conflicts." So if you would like to put your name to a poppy, please visit: <https://donations.britishlegion.org.uk/RBLDonation/>

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Tues 1st	<b>All Saints' Day</b> 10.30 Isaiah 56.3-8; Psalm 33.1-5; Matthew 5.1-12
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3rd Sunday before Advent</b> 10.45 Amos 5.18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end; Matthew 25.1-13
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Titus 2.1-8,11-14; Psalm 37.3-5,30-32; Luke 17.7-10
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b> 8.30 Zephaniah 1.7,12-end; Matthew 25.14-30 10.45 Zephaniah 1.7,12-end; Psalm 90.1-8,12; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Revelation 3.1-6,14-31; Psalm 11; Luke 19.1-10
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christ the King</b> 10.45 Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Psalm 95.1-7; Ephesians 1.15-end; Matthew 25.31-end
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 Daniel 2.31-45; <i>Canticle</i> : Benedicite 1-3; Luke 21.5-11
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> 8.30 Isaiah 64.1-9; Mark 13.24-end 10.45 Isaiah 64.1-9; Mark 13.24-end <i>Worship For All</i> 18.00 <i>A Sequence of Readings and Carols for Advent</i>

### 8.30a.m. Holy Communion Service from February 2011

During the time that we are without a Vicar - the 8.30a.m. service of Holy Communion will be celebrated only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

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**ALL IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER .... It was**

**400 years ago:-** on 1st Nov 1611 that William Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest' was first performed, at Whitehall Palace, London.

**90 years ago:-** on 4th Nov 1921 that the Sturmabteilung (SA) – also known as 'Stormtroopers' or 'Brownshirts' was established as a paramilitary organisation within the Nazi Party.

**Also 90 years ago:-** on 11th Nov 1921 that The Royal British Legion held its first ever Poppy Day in Britain.

**75 years ago:-** on 2nd Nov 1936 that the BBC Television Service was launched.

**70 years ago:-** on 13th Nov 1941 that the British aircraft carrier 'HMS Ark Royal' was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Mediterranean Sea near Gibraltar, and sank the following day.

**60 years ago:-** on 2nd Nov 1951 that the Suez Crisis was underway. This was the biggest airlift of troops since WWII.

**40 years ago:-** on 15th Nov 1971 that Intel released the 4004 microprocessor – the first single-chip microprocessor to be sold commercially.

**25 years ago:-** on 6th Nov 1986 that Alex Ferguson was appointed manager of Manchester United FC.

**20 years ago:-** on 5th Nov 1991 that Robert Maxwell, newspaper publisher, media proprietor and politician, died.

**Also 20 years ago:-** on 14th Nov 1991 that Britain and the USA accused two Libyan intelligence agents of carrying out the bombing of the Pan Am jet that crashed in Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, and demanded that Libya hand them over to face trial.

**Also 20 years ago:-** on 18th Nov 1991 that the Church of England envoy Terry Waite was released by Islamic Jihad in Lebanon after being held since January 1987.

**10 years ago:-** on 16th Nov 2001 that the first Harry Potter film, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' was released.

**Also 10 years ago:-** on 29th Nov 2001 that George Harrison, British rock guitarist (The Beatles) died.

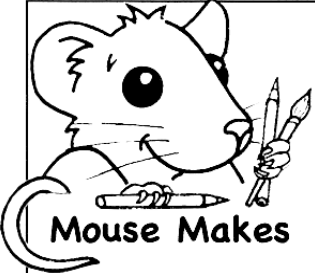
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**Gardening helps your health – in spadefuls!**

As you put your garden to bed for the winter, and perhaps rake endless leaves, there is at least one very positive advantage in all that work: you are doing your health a lot of good.

Research has found that only two and a half hours of gardening a week can improve fitness levels and also reduce the risk of heart disease, the risk of type 2 diabetes, lower blood pressure, improve mental alertness, and encourage your children to get more active.


One expert says: "Gardening is a fantastic way to exercise. By digging and weeding, every part of the body gets a workout." Certainly raking leaves is great for toning your upper arms....



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**REMEMBERING**

How do you remember things?  
 In bible times God's people sometimes built a large pile of stones as a monument to remember what God had done for them and held festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.

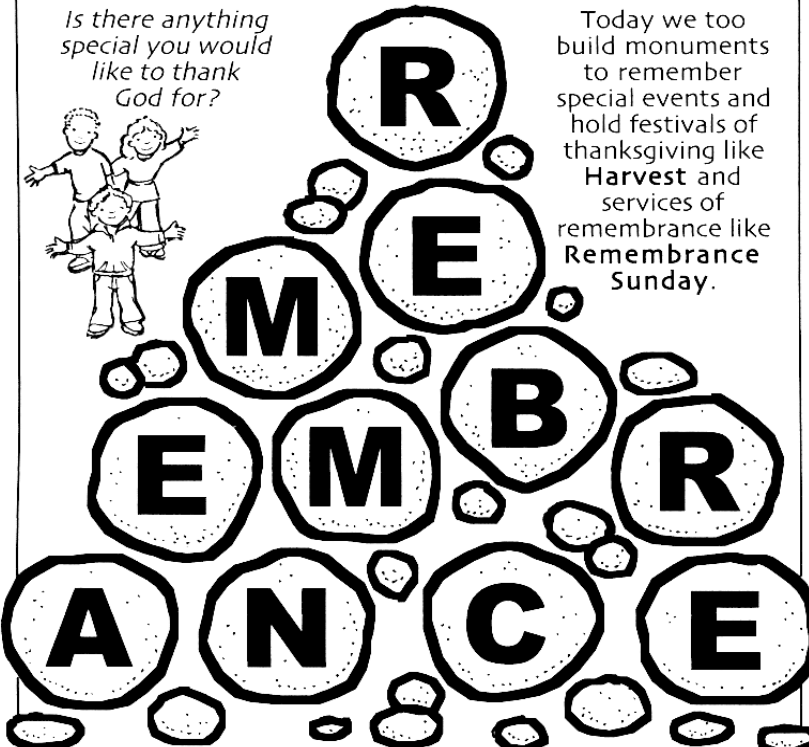


*Read Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14*

*Is there anything special you would like to thank God for?*




Today we too build monuments to remember special events and hold festivals of thanksgiving like Harvest and services of remembrance like Remembrance Sunday.



Cut out each letter stone and move around to spell the word **REMEMBRANCE** then see how many other words you can make...

...here's one to start you off:



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**Some dates for your diary - November 2011**

- Tuesday 1st 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Thursday 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs  
7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Friday 4th 3.00pm to 4.00pm Cllr C. Patrick - Surgery
- Sunday 6th The Third Sunday Before Advent**  
**10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church with Guest The Revd Canon Tony Hardy**  
**12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2**
- Tuesday 8th 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist  
7.45p.m. Knit & Natter ( Craft Group)
- Thursday 10th 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs  
7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice  
7.30p.m. Deanery Synod at St. Martin, Droylsden
- Sunday 13th Remembrance Sunday**  
**The Second Sunday Before Advent**  
**8.30a.m Holy Eucharist**  
**10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist - Junior Church**
- Tuesday 15th 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist  
8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
- Thursday 17th 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs  
7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sunday 20th Christ The King - Sunday Next before Advent**  
**10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church**  
**12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2**
- Tuesday 22nd 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist  
7.45p.m. Knit & Natter ( Craft Group)
- Thursday 24th 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs  
7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Saturday 26th 11.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Christmas Fair
- Sunday 27th ADVENT SUNDAY**  
**8.30a.m Holy Eucharist**  
**10.45a.m. Worship For All with Guest Revd Ron Cassidy**  
**6.00p.m. Advent Service**
- Tuesday 29th 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist

## November Wordsearch

November opens with All Saints Day, or All Hallows, which the feast day of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. November also brings us, of course, Remembrance, and this year is very special: it will be at 11o'clock on the 11<sup>th</sup> day, of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, 2011.... a unique date! November brings other things as well: Prisons Week, Guy Fawkes night, and the culmination of the church year: the Sunday of Christ the King, when we look forward to one day seeing Christ in glory. Then, the following Sunday, as November closes, the church calendar begins again: with Advent....and the whole marvellous story of God coming down to man begins all over again.

Saints  
Redeemed  
Hallows  
Heaven  
Remembrance  
Eleven  
War  
Soldiers  
guns  
Fawkes  
Guy  
Bonfire  
Sausages  
King  
Glory  
Calendar  
Advent  
Candle  
Prisons  
Despair  
Prayer  
Wardens  
Forgive  
Poppies  
cenotaph



## October Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Soco. 3, Criminal. 8, Nard. 9, Laughter. 11, Ezion Geber. 14, Coggan. 15, Millet. 17, Blind guide. 20, Hymnbook. 21, Cast. 22, Wesleyan. 23, Glad. DOWN: 1, Sentence. 2, Carriage. 4, Reader. 5, Muggeridge. 6, Note. 7, Lord. 10, Infallible. 12, All in all. 13, Attested. 16, Angola. 18, Show. 19, Amos.



## A Rather Special Birthday

A few short weeks ago Colin and I went to a very special birthday party.

On Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011 we went to Heritage House to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sarah Ann Burslem, best remembered as Ann.

Ann has been a regular communicant of St George's, a member of the Mothers Union and helping out with sewing at pantomime season. There were many other ways in which Ann worked for the Lord through the church. Up until very recent times she was often seen busy knitting scarves and squares to make blankets which were then sold and the money sent to charity. Her daily prayer life is a wonder as she prays for all her extended family, her friends and those she no longer has contact with. Very recently I overheard Ann saying to one of the members of the staff at Heritage House 'will you think about going to church!' She has never wavered in her work for Jesus.

Heritage House had very kindly let Ann's family use one of the dining rooms for the party. The room was decorated as you can imagine, on the tables and shelves were photographs of Ann at different times of her life. One photo that Colin picked up showed Ann with Enid Longden's Mum on a Whit Walk – well he thinks it was Topsy Newton! It was a truly wonderful party with cards from so many people and of course the one from the Queen.

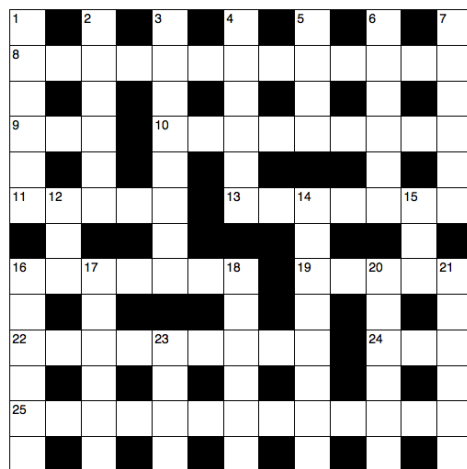
A wonderful afternoon, a wonderful lady who still prays for St George's and who would have loved to attend her old church.

Gladys





## November Crossword



### Across

- 8 'Thanks be to God for his — gift' (2 Corinthians 9:15) (13)  
 9 The number of spies Joshua sent secretly to Jericho (Joshua 2:1) (3)  
 10 'The Lord detests — — , but he delights in men who are truthful' (Proverbs 12:22) (5,4)  
 11 Boredom (5)  
 13 ' — love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (7)  
 16 'How long must I — with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart?' (Psalm 13:2) (7)  
 19 'He is the — of the invisible God, the first-born over all creation' (Colossians 1:15) (5)  
 22 Minimalist male clothing (Job 12:18) (9)  
 24 Drain (Lamentations 2:12) (3)  
 25 On purpose (Exodus 21:13) (13)

### Down

- 1 'Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of — faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"' (Matthew 14:31) (6)  
 2 Abut (6)  
 3 For example, David (8)  
 4 'But Mary stood outside the tomb — ' (John 20:11) (6)  
 5 'He rolled — — stone in front of the entrance to the tomb' (Matthew 27:60) (1,3)  
 6 Is boot (anag.) (6)  
 7 Thurable (Leviticus 16:12) (6)  
 12 'Neither death — life... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:38–39) (3)  
 14 Festival (January 6) marking the coming of the magi to the infant Christ (8)  
 15 'Which of you fathers, if your son... asks for an — , will give him a scorpion?' (Luke 11:11–12) (3)  
 16 Archaic word for 'heavens' or 'sky' used by Charles Wesley in the original version of 'Hark! the herald angels sing': 'Hark! how all the — rings' (6)  
 17 How the writer to the Hebrews described God: 'for whom and through whom everything — ' (Hebrews 2:10) (6)  
 18 'I plead with — and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord' (Philippians 4:2) (6)  
 20 Ancient (Isaiah 58:12) (3-3)  
 21 By Rome (anag.) (6)  
 23 Where Nathanael came from (John 21:2) (4)

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**How much can you raise?** - Spending £100 with M & S online or Amazon raises £2.50 for church. £100 with WH Smith raises £2.00 and so on. There's over 2,000 retailers on their site and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

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We need your help so sign up at

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgsstalybridge>

A few people spending a few pounds adds up to a lot of pounds so please pass the word to family and friends.

Thank You.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2011

Here we go again! Christmas is looming and our shoebox appeal is already up and running.

Can we ask you once again to join in and fill a shoebox as in previous years?

Leaflets explaining about the scheme and giving details of how to fill your shoebox are available in the church lounge—why not pick up a few and ask a friend or relative to do one too.

It's quite simple:

### 1. Find an empty shoebox

The shoebox should ideally be medium size, approximately 18 cm wide x 30cm long x 13 cm high. Wrap the lid and the box separately in wrapping paper (before going on to insert your gifts).

### 2. Decide if your gift is for a boy or girl

Tick the appropriate age box on the sticker provided in the leaflet, remove it from the leaflet and stick on the outside of the lid (top right). Make sure the label is secure.

### 3. Fill your box with gifts

There are some good ideas in the leaflet but some suggestions are: soft toys, ball, jigsaw, colouring book, cars, dolls and play jewellery.

With the 2012 Olympics coming up why not give your box a sport theme and include sports related items such as a tennis ball or sweat bands and maybe some toy medals!

Other useful items are pens and pencils and hygiene items. but please **DO NOT** include items in the 'No Thanks' box.

### 4. Make your donation

It is suggested that £2.50 is donated to help delivery costs.

### 5. Drop off your shoebox

Shoeboxes can be dropped off at church until Sunday 13 November where George Vernon will be more than happy to receive them or alternatively they can be taken to the warehouse at: Unit 5, Plantation Industrial Estate, Whitelands Road, Ashton OL6 6UZ which will be open from 7 November until 26 November Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 8.00 pm or Saturdays from 14 November 10.00 till 2.00 pm.

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