## Thank You

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal this year as your response has been tremendous. We held our Shoebox Dedication Day on Sunday, 20th October when every item was on display in church, to be blessed before being taken to the Collection Point at Northampton.

This year we collected 102 packed shoeboxes, 44 knitted or crocheted knee blankets and copious amounts of knitted hats, scarves and gloves. These will be distributed to people living in desperate circumstances in Moldova, Ukraine, Bulgaria and Romania and your gifts will make a difference to their lives. We have also been able to send £180.00 in donations.

We never fail to be astounded at your ingenuity in finding items to go into your shoeboxes and we are overwhelmed at how much has been given. When Agnes took the job on, about 12 years ago, there was just her and 27 boxes and now it has developed into something much bigger, thanks to the many people who work tirelessly to make our contribution to the appeal the success it is. So, if you have knitted, sewn (one enthusiastic supporter got her finger stuck in the machine) crocheted, packed, donated, bought marbles, had lavender hanging up at home, helped move everything to the top of Back Lane, drunk coffee, ate cake, bought from our stall, prayed or got involved in any way at all...... THANK YOU from us for the support you have given and for your encouragement.

Work has already begun for the 2025 Appeal. And yes, the fox hot water bottle and cover was safely packed and is on its way to a needy family.

Sincerely, Carol, Alan and Agnes, Team Shoebox