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FLOWER MINISTRY

Those involved in the flower ministry are reminded that the flowers are not just for members of our congregation or visitors, and can be given to neighbours, or anyone in the community who would benefit, as an outreach from the church. (Please note recipient in the book.)



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR UKRAINIAN SOLDIERS

St Peter's church is organising a collection of Christmas shoe box parcels for Ukrainian soldiers and asks if we would also like to send a few: either sourcing the contents individually or in groups. Details attached – speak to Trevor Upton who also has some boxes. **Deadline 16 November**.



REMEMBRANCE – Sunday 9th November

Our own Steve Ward will be leading the reflections this year. The Working Men's Club will be open for refreshments after the service, as will Isbourne Arts, which will also be open throughout, and relaying the broad-cast from Winchcombe Radio for any who do not want to stand outside.



CAROL SINGING & CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL – Save the dates!

Churches Together in Winchcombe will be leading community carol singing at the close of each session of the Winchcombe Christmas Festival. Rob Davies will be leading on Abbey Terrace at **7.30pm on Friday 28**th **November** and James Willshire (organist and music director at St Peter's) will be leading on North Street at **2pm on Saturday 29**th **November**. Please come along and swell the throng!!



We will also be entering a **Christmas Tree** in the display at St Peter's throughout the Festival. Trevor and John Pike will be setting it up from 9am on 28 November. Ideas for Methodist-themed decoration welcome!



MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 1 November: Crafter's Fair at St Peter's 10 am – 4 pm Sunday, 30 November: Advent Carol Service at St Peter's – 5 pm Other Christmas Services yet to be advised!



BristolAid4Ukraine

Christmas Shoebox Appeal for Ukrainian Soldiers

This Christmas, let's come together to bring comfort, hope, and a touch of home to those spending the holidays on the front line. We're collecting Christmas shoeboxes filled with practical items and small treats to send to Ukrainian soldiers — a simple way to show they're not forgotten. Each box can make a real difference — a reminder that kindness travels across borders.

What to include:

- Warm socks, gloves, hand warmers, hats in dark colours
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, wipes, lip balm)
- Medical (painkillers, multivitamins, antivirals, plasters, first aid items, antiseptic)
- Treats (chocolate, coffee sachets, nuts, energy bars, cup-a-soups, noodles)
- Power banks, head torches, pocket games such as chess, sudoku
- Add a short note or Christmas card these messages of support often mean the most.
- Please avoid: Liquids, alcohol, sharp items, or perishable foods.

if at all possible, please donate filled shoeboxes.

Ideally collect a shoebox from St Peter's choir vestry if you need one; then fill it either by yourself or by working with some friends; wrap the filled box in Christmas paper, tie it securely with string or tape it shut and deliver it to St Peter Church. Please put filled boxes on the bench by the font. If this is truly impossible, please put your items in the marked box on the bench by the font. NB most shoe shops will give you an empty shoe box if necessary.

Deadline: absolutely no later than 16th November to get them to Ukraine on time.

Please speak to Morag or Joan if you need help.

Let's fill these boxes with warmth and gratitude this Christmas ***ChristmasShoeboxAppeal #SupportUkraine #KindnessInAction**