

JANUARY SAMARAS AID CLOTHES COLLECTION UPDATE

We are tremendously grateful to all the many people from across our Benefice who, together with others from Churchdown, Stroud, Cheltenham and the Forest of Dean, donated a wonderful selection of clothes and other items in response to our recent Samaras Aid appeal. If you were one of them, **THANK YOU!** A huge effort was then made by a team of volunteers from our communities to sort and pack the contributions and deliver them to the Samaras Aid main warehouse, just before they left for Iraq.



Sorting donated items



Packed boxes after 18hrs work!



Loading and unloading the vans



HOW IT ALL WORKED OUT

- 1 wheelchair
- 1 pair of crutches
- 2 wheeled walkers
- 2 vans filled with items
- 3 zimmers
- 3 Moses baskets
- 3 extra boxes of medical items for hospitals
- 25 hours that Norton church was open with people sorting and packing
- 32 people who sorted, packed, loaded, tidied up afterwards etc
- 301 filled boxes delivered to Samara**
- 328 van miles driven to get the boxes to Samara
- 328 van miles to get back!
- 625* pounds still needed to be raised to cover shipping costs
- 875* pounds raised so far to cover shipping costs
- 3000 road miles to Iraq to deliver boxes w/c 30th Jan

* *As at 29.01.17. If you would like to make a contribution to the shipping costs, please put in the plate at any service at any of our churches, or drop it in to Nature in Art, marking your envelope 'Samaras Aid'. Thank you!*



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BIG

THANK YOU to the team of sorters, packers, labellers, box finders, box carriers, loaders, unloaders and church tidiers!

- Ali
- Aron
- Carol
- Craig
- Christine
- Debbie
- Edmund
- Ellie
- Gareth
- George
- Himdad
- Ian
- Jean
- Katie
- Kevin
- Liz
- Lorraine
- Margaret
- Matt
- Mike
- Olivia
- Pauline
- Pippa
- Ruth
- Sally
- Sandra
- Sarah
- Sarah
- Simon
- Suzanne
- Theo
- Tom

WHAT A TEAM!