



CAN YOU HELP TO BRING THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TO A LOCAL CHILD?

We may not like to think about it, but there are children, right here in our very own borough, who will not be looking forward to opening presents on Christmas Day as their parents quite simply cannot afford to buy them. Last year, the fellowship of St. Mary's and St. Cedd's, together with many North Stifford villagers, donated sacks full of gifts to Social Services for distribution throughout the borough and we are once again inviting you to join with us in this Christmas giving.

Here is what you can do to help

Simply buy a small gift for a child or a young teenager, **please do not wrap the gifts as they will be wrapped and labelled for specific children later.** It is not necessary to buy expensive gifts and it is probably best to avoid anything that needs a battery. It is also worth remembering that children love sweets, chocolates and biscuits.

Our Gift Service will be held on Sunday 10th December.

If you are unable to join us gifts may be left either at the Rectory or at Ash Tree House in the High Road (GT 376580). We will then take them to Social Services who will pass them on to local children on our behalf.

Christingle Services 24th December

St. Mary's Church 3pm St. Cedd's Church 4pm

This is an opportunity to join in and make our own Christingles.

Collections will support the Children's Society, who fight poverty and neglect, and help all children have a better chance in life.

**The
Children's
Society**

No child
should feel
alone

Thank you for your support and we very much welcome you at one of our Christmas Services listed overleaf.