



**Newhaven Church**  
**Committed to serving Christ, each other and the community.**

### **Stewardship – Using your Time and Talents**

**Role:** Help with the Christmas Shoebox Charity Initiative

**Background info:** Every year Newhaven Church participates in the Blythswood Shoebox appeal <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

Here we fill shoeboxes with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing, the individually-wrapped boxes then are distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low income communities. In previous years the boxes have been sent to communities in Eastern Europe. We have been participating for decades in the Church and it is part of our Church life. We have a 'Shoebox Sunday' All Age service where the boxes are brought to the Church.

**Duties:** We need people to help with the following

- \* Promote this by distributing the shoebox leaflets to the congregation (these can be ordered via the Blythswood website).
- \*encourage the different groups in the church to do some shoeboxes i.e. Toddlers, Cafe Customers, Haven etc.
- \*encourage people in the Congregation to do a shoebox and to encourage their families, workplaces, local community groups to do the same.
- \*In the past we have had a shoebox afternoon where people brought lots of the items needed for the boxes to the Church. Then we made up lots of boxes together. This produced a lot of boxes but also a sense of community doing them all together.
- \*You could help organise the Shoebox Sunday Service
- \*You could help take the boxes to the drop off points after the Shoe Box service.

**When & How Often:** This is done annually starting late September early October as the boxes have to be at the collection point by early November. The exact dates are on the Blythswood website.

**Who would I be working with?:** Other members of the Congregation.

**What skills would I need?:** Good organisational skills, the ability to encourage and promote this initiative. A want to help the people that will ultimately receive these boxes and show them a little of Gods Love.

**Is Disclosure Required Y/N?:** N

**Who do I contact if I am interested or need more information?:** Please email [volunteering@newhavenchurch.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@newhavenchurch.org.uk) and we will put you in contact with the right person.