

# The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

## “FEED THE HUNGRY”

### “Fish ‘n Chip” Baby Appeal.....2017 report

Sister Hazel and Rosie would very much like to thank all those who have supported this cause by knitting most wonderful vests and beanies for desperately poor infants around the world. They delivered **240 sets of clothing** to the area collector in Louth, Lincolnshire last October: the clothing was received with much gratitude. They heard more of the work of the charity. With aid workers “on the ground” the most in need are supplied with garments; the most recent countries to have benefitted are Nepal, Syria and Greece. Consignments are sent several times a year to trouble spots as soon as a load is complete, so we know that the garments very quickly get to the point of need without lengthy periods sitting in warehouses. It is always a delight to box up the little baby vests and beanies because they are so very colourful and cheerful with none being the same as another. Babies are not the only age group the charity helps so if anyone would like to knit any other item of children’s clothing (for a change!) they would be very gratefully received.

## “LINK TO HOPE”

### 2017 Shoebox Appeal

Rosie would also like to thank all those who filled shoeboxes this year for the poorest of poor in Eastern Europe. Of the 575 that our area collector amassed **we contributed 50**, they were very much appreciated. Previously these boxes were then collected from Milton Keynes and taken to the national depot in Worthing where they were checked and processed but this year there has been a change in logistics with regional depots being created; **with about 40,000 shoeboxes** to pack into lorries for their onward journey to Eastern Europe this development must ease the process! There is a CD available of the “journey” of the shoeboxes from donor to recipient.... it is a short, informative moving film and a reminder of the important work the charity undertakes and the impact has on the lives of the destitute: if anyone would like to borrow it please tell Rosie, she would be delighted to lend it to you. (Rosie:- 261425)