Dear All

With the planned English lockdown from 5 November to 2 December we have had to amend plans for the Toys for Christmas event, but still hope to run it in early December assuming that we have exited lockdown and Government guidelines permit. The following event has therefore been planned as a CTiK event as an offering to the children and their families in Keswick and neighbourhood.

**What is the Event?**

***Toys for Christmas - giving good quality pre-loved toys and books as gifts to those who can enjoy them afresh.***

Collection of Gifts – Saturday 5 December

Good quality pre-loved toys and books suitable for children 0-10 yrs of age can be dropped off at Crosthwaite Parish Room (next to the Co-op) on Saturday 5 December 3pm-6pm where they will be sorted and prepared. In addition we are also requesting Christmas biscuits, sweets, edible treats to be offered as a gift. Contact Keith or Susi for separate pick-up if the above is not possible.

Giving of Gifts – Saturday 12 December

Opportunity for families to choose gifts of toys and books that their children will enjoy which will take place at Crosthwaite Parish Room on Saturday 12 December 10am-3pm. These will be sorted by age range and will be free of charge, but donations will be accepted if offered. In addition a gift of a Christmas edible treat and a Christmas story book will be offered to all families attending.

**What help is needed from our churches?**

1. Donation of good quality pre-loved toys and books suitable for 0-10 yrs old, and Christmas edibles

2. Volunteers – we will need volunteers for the following and thank you to those who have already volunteered

* Collection of Gifts event on Saturday, 5 December at Crosthwaite Parish Rooms: 3 volunteers required [3-6pm]
* Toys for Christmas event on Saturday, 12 December at Crosthwaite Parish Rooms: 5 table supervisors [9am-12:30pm]; 5 table supervisors [12:30pm-3:30pm]; 4 door/hall marshals [9:30am-12:30pm]; 4 door/hall marshals [12:30pm-3:30pm]

3. Please publicize within your church, church networks and social media – PDF version of poster attached.

We would be grateful if you could share this information as a matter of urgency within your churches. Any further questions and the names/contact details of volunteers to Susi Wood (susi.wood@aol.co.uk) or Keith Rigg (keith.rigg@btinternet.com ). This is a great opportunity for the churches in Keswick and neighbourhood to work together in showing God’s love and promoting the hope and generosity of the Christmas message.