



Sunday 14th September



Coming up!

1. Gifts in a Box! Sign up!

Come and be a part of our project to send Gifts in a Box to Romania this Christmas. See the end of the newsletter for more info and sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/EAT7sYMFxgaco8MJ8>



Dates for your diary:

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2. And the Autumn term is all go!

All our groups are up and running this week – please do spread the word!



What's on

THIS WEEK!!

Monday

**Altrincham Trebles;
Children's Choir** 3.20-4.30pm

Tuesday

Tots & Tales 9.15-10.45am
Parlez Vous Francais? 2-3.30pm
Tea & Tales 3.20-4.30pm

Wednesday

Twist & Tales: 10.15-11.00am
Mid-Week Eucharist: 10-10.30am
Coffee Break: 10.30-11.15am

Thursday

School Run Cuppa : 8.45-10am
Knit & Natter 2-3.30pm
Mettle: 3.45pm

Friday

Harbour
9-10.30am
Pathway Youth Group
3.20-4.30pm

Sunday

St George's Choir :
8.30am-9.30am
Early Morning Eucharist:
8am
Parish Eucharist:
9.30am

with Junior Church & Toddler Session

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3. Quiz Night! **THIS SATURDAY!** Saturday 6th September, 6pm

Come and be part of an evening of fun for all the family! There'll be **cheese and wine for the grown-ups**, and **juice for the children** – so everyone's catered for! Whether you're a trivia whizz or, like the Vicar, absolutely hopeless at quiz nights, come along anyway and enjoy the fun of watching others rack their brains for the answers!

Tickets are either from Alan, or get them here:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-georges-church-altrincham



4. Cream Tea and Garden Games, **THIS SUNDAY!**

Sunday 7th September, 10.30am

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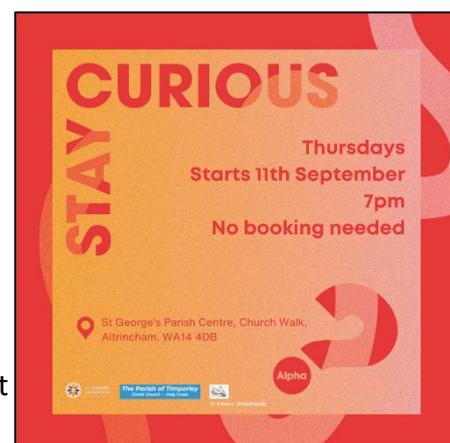
5. Alpha: **STARTS THIS WEEK** Thursdays, from 11th Sept. 7pm

- Ever wondered if there's more to life?
- Starting to explore faith or want to go deeper?
- Know someone who might like to explore the Christian faith?

Alpha is a chance to explore life, faith, and meaning in a relaxed, open, and friendly environment. Each session includes food, a short talk, and plenty of space to ask the big questions – no pressure, no judgement, just conversation.

Everyone's welcome – whether you're curious, sceptical, or just exploring.

Come along, bring a friend, and see what it's all about!



6. Claire's Travels in Zambia

Rev. Claire recently travelled to Zambia with the charity Grassroots. Come and hear about her travels and the people she met after coffee on Sunday 14th September.

Zambia is a relatively new scheme and are desperate for new sponsors: If you'd like to sponsor a child in Zambia please head here for more information:

<https://grassroots.org.uk/zambia/>



7. Date for your Diary: Harvest Supper & Barn Dance

Sat. 4th October, 6pm

- Do you love dancing?! Brilliant, come along and dance the night away!!
- Do you hate dancing?! Brilliant, come along and chat and laugh!

For those of you who have been part of St George's for a while will find that the above title has a significant change in it! Traditionally our Harvest Supper involved a Beetle Drive but this year we fancied a bit of a change and so we're going to go for a Barn Dance!

So whether you love dancing or not, come along and be part of it!



8. Christmas Already?!

Apologies in advance for mentioning the 'C' word, but we're already planning for Christmas! One of the big highlights is our summer fayre, and we're looking for two things – can you help?

We'd love more stalls and as many raffle tickets as we can get!



9. Nativity Journey Characters?!

Once again we are partnering with Altrincham BID for the Nativity Journey on Sat 13th December. We are looking for 4 people to be villagers – to walk up and down the high street handing out some flyers and being a smiling presence: you also get to wear some of Garrick Theatre's *amazing* costumes!

Please let Claire or Dee know!



Fundraising!

Enabling our life and work to continue and having some fun in the process....

Easy Fundraising

In our efforts to maximise our fundraising, this week, we've signed up for Easy Fundraising! The rationale is simple – you sign up for supporting St George's, and as you shop online, stores make a donation to your cause – in this case, St George's!

It's used widely, and we've been trailing it this week: Lynda our administrator already uses it for another charity and says "It works no problem, and is really easy – I hardly notice it and it's good to earn money for a charity". We'll give a quick demo during coffee, but use this QR code of head here to set it up

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-georges-church>



This month we've raised £85 so please do keep it going!

Plant Sale!

Can you grow things? Fancy trying to grow things?! We'd love to have a plant sale, so please do grab a packet of seeds, pop them in some soil and see where they take you.....!



Other things to note!

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

The PGS is the way that we give to the life and work of our church. We don't have set 'membership fees' but instead invite everyone to prayerfully consider what they can give regularly to all that we do. We are completely reliant on donations to do what we do. If you haven't got round to it yet, *more details on how to do this are at the end of this letter* – every single sign up makes more difference than I can express.

Support the work of the Grassroots Trust and sponsor a child:

A number of people have asked me for information about sponsoring a child in India or Romania. Head here: <https://grassroots.org.uk/india/>



Growing in Faith:

Alpha:

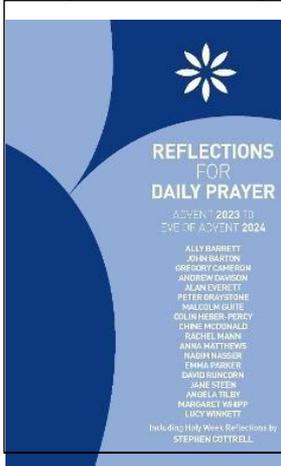
Please see notice about if you are interested in an Alpha Course.

Everyday Faith App

Well worth downloading!

Head here: <https://everydayfaith.churchofengland.org/>

Daily Bible Readings



Monday	Genesis 3.1-15	John 12.27-36a
Tuesday	Proverbs 25.15-end	Mark 8.22-26
Wednesday	Proverbs 26.12-end	Mark 8.27-9.1
Thursday	Proverbs 27.1-22	Mark 9.2-13
Friday	Proverbs 30.1-9,24-31	Mark 9.14-29
Saturday	Proverbs 31.10-end	Mark 9.30-37
Sunday	1 Timothy 2.1-7	Luke 16.1-13



Regular Groups:

WEEKLY DIARY

Your opportunity to worship God and share in Parish life
during the week 15-21 September 2025

MONDAY

HOLY CROSS DAY	10.15 am	Parent Talk
	3.20 pm	Alty Treble (Choirs)
	6.00 pm	Rainbows
	6.15 pm	Brownies
	7.45 pm	Guides
	7.30 pm	Scouts

TUESDAY

Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts	2.00 pm	Parlez Vous Francois?
Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest	3.30 pm	Tea & Tales
	6.30 pm	Cubs

WEDNESDAY

Hildegard, abbess, viisonary	10.15am	Twist & Tales
	10.30 am	Coffee Break

THURSDAY

	10.00 am	ESOL courses
	1.30 pm	Knit and Natter
	3.30 pm	Mettle
	6.30 pm	Alpha course

FRIDAY

Theodore, archbishop	9am	Harbour
	3.20 pm	Pathway (Youth Group)
	6.00 pm	Beavers

SATURDAY

John Coleridge Patteson, bishop

<u>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u>	8.00 am	Eucharist (said)
	8.30 am	Choir
	9.00 am	Parish Eucharist

Children: (term time)

Tots & Tales: Toddler Group, Tuesdays, 9.15am, Old School Building (OSB)

Tea & Tales: Nursery-KS1 Church with food, Tuesdays, 3.15pm, Church & Parish Centre

Alty Trebles: Children's Choir, Mondays, 3.20pm, Altrincham Primary School

Twist & Tales: Music & Movement, Wednesdays, 10.15, Old School Building (OSB) **Junior**

Church: @ 18mths – 3yrs, 4-11 yrs old, Sundays, 9.30am

Youth: (term time)

Mettle: Bible Study for young people, Bowdon Parish Centre, Thursdays, 3.20pm:

Pathway: Youth Group Yr 6 upwards, Fridays, 3.20pm, Parish Centre

Parents: (term time)

Parent Talk: Friendship & Support, Mondays, 9am, Vicarage

Harbour: For Parents with SEND children, Fridays, 9am Vicarage

Adults:

School Run Cuppa Open House: Cup of tea and chat! Thurs, 8.45am, Vicarage

Parlez-Vous Francais?! Keep that French going over a cup of tea & refreshments! Tues, 2pm, Vicarage

Coffee Break: Refreshments & friendship, Wednesdays, 10.30am, Vicarage

Women's Group: Friendship, projects, first Wednesday of month, 2pm, Vicarage

Knit & Natter: Knitting and chatting! Thursdays, 1.30pm, Vicarage

Soup Lunch: Food and friendship! Thursdays, 12.30-13.30 in the Vicarage (Nov – March)



For your prayers:

THOSE REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS

LESLEY BLAIKLOCK

DAVE CLARKE

FREDA CLARKE

CATHERINE CRUMMACK

MARY DREDGE

GERALDINE GREEN

JANET JONES

SHARON SIMMONITE

GWEN TEGG

KATH HAWKINS

CLAIRE TARBOX

RECENTLY DEPARTED

BRENDA O'CONNOR

ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR DEATH

ANNE THOMPSON

EILEEN RICHARDSON

HARRY ALMOND

EMMA ECKERSLEY

JOHN WILLIAMSON

CLIFFORD FLETCHER
STANLEY ROBINSON
GLADYS TRIBE
THOMAS WARBURTON

ROADS IN OUR PARISH

POPLAR AVENUE
COLWICK AVENUE
ASHTON AVENUE

ROADS IN OUR PARISH

If you, or someone you know, would appreciate prayer, please do let Rev. Claire, the Wardens or Lynda (our Parish Administrator) know.



Useful Contact Details:

Vicar: Revd Claire Corley 07811 151 027

clairemcorley@gmail.com

Children & Families Lead: Dee Owens

[dee@ info@stgeorgesaltrincham.org](mailto:dee@info@stgeorgesaltrincham.org)

Churchwardens: Robert Moscrop 0161 928 2547

Kevin Davis 0161 941 4221

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Liv Tattum 07740 198 557, safeguarding@stgeorgesaltrincham.org

Parish Office: Tel 0161 941 4037, open Tues-Thurs from 9am-1pm **For**

reservations in the Parish Centre: Tel 0161 941 4037

e-mail: info@stgeorgesaltrincham.org

website: www.stgeorgesaltrincham.org

Social Media:

@StGeorgesAlty



Contributing to the life & work of the church:

Donating to our work:

We are so grateful for all that people give; their time, their prayers, their skills and money too.

To support the life and work of your church, please do consider giving a one-off or regular donation. Here at St George's, we use the Parish Giving Scheme to do this – follow the QR link and read on for more information.

An introduction to the Parish Giving Scheme



Why are regular gifts so important to our Church?

The Church of England offers a Christian presence in every community. Together we seek to make this Christian presence the heart of all our cities, towns and villages: by our wonderful buildings; by worshipping together; by serving our communities and by sharing our faith and values. This valuable contribution to our community has a cost, of which 75% is met by personal gifts. For our Church to survive and grow, we rely on regular gifts so that we can plan confidently for the future.

What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) has been set up to help us best manage regular gifts. It is a charity that is owned and funded by the National Church Institutions of the Church of England.

How does it work?

Gifts can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis, using the attached gift form and Direct Debit instruction. Even though gifts are made to the Parish Giving Scheme, they are restricted to our parish, giving you peace of mind that your gift cannot be used elsewhere. Unlike a utility bill you are always in charge of what you give. Your gift will be passed back to our parish by the 10th of the month. Gift Aid will be received separately once PGS has received it from HMRC. The unique feature of this scheme is the option for you to commit in principle to increase your gift annually in line with inflation. Whilst this is a voluntary decision, it is one that could potentially have a huge impact on the life and future of our church.

What are the main benefits?

The main beneficiary of this scheme will be our church. Through your generous commitment, we can be assured of a regular, tax efficient source of income which has the capacity to increase with the cost of living yet involves virtually no administration. You will benefit from a system that is secure, confidential and easy to use, while supporting our church today and for the future.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is responsible for my personal information?

Although PGS has been set up to help us manage gifts, it is a separate legal entity from our parish and must comply with data protection law. By returning the gift form you consent to PGS using your information for the purposes of the PGS. For more information, please see PGS's privacy notice available on the PGS website:

www.parishgiving.org.uk/privacy-policy.

Why can't our parish offer Direct Debit?

Direct Debiting is a highly regulated system and is only offered by Banks for established businesses or organizations who are considered finally sound and reputable with proven internal control systems.

Will our parish be charged for this scheme?

There is no direct charge to us for using the PGS or processing your gift. The annual running cost of the scheme is met by the National Church Institution of the Church of England.

Why am I giving to PGS?

In order to claim Gift Aid and manage your gift on behalf of our parish, it is necessary that your gift is legally given to PGS who are handling all the administration on our behalf. The gift is restricted to our parish and cannot be used by PGS for any other purpose.

Can I choose the day my gift is collected?

Unfortunately not. In minimizing costs, it is important that all gifts are collected on the same day each month, which has been agreed as the 1st.

What rate of inflation will be used?

If you opt-in to increase your gift annually, we will use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as an independent and well-known measure of inflation. As your giving anniversary approaches, we will calculate your increased gift using the most recently published monthly CPI data.

What is I say yes to an inflationary increase but my circumstances change?

We fully understand that circumstances can change; please rest assured that you will be written to 30 days in advance of any

increase with the revised amount. If you are unable to meet it, simply let PGS know.

What next?

How do I go about signing up to the scheme?

You can **phone**, **fill in a form** or **sign up online**:

Online: head to www.parishgiving.org.uk or use the QR code

Phone: 0333 002 1260

Form: Please fill out the form opposite, with as much detail as possible using a black pen in BLOCK CAPITALS. Detach it from this leaflet following the cutting line and post it to **PGS, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1 3BD.**

Important: You may need the following details:

Church / Parish name - **St George's Parish Church** in the village/town/city of **Altrincham** Diocese of **Chester**

PGS Parish code **090 609 193**. Without this information in full PGS cannot process your gift.

Note: We welcome gifts from couples, so if you wish to make a joint gift please write 'Mr & Mrs' in the 'other' box. For the purpose of Gift Aid they need the signature **of just one individual who pays sufficient tax to cover the gift**. Please **add your title in the Gift Aid signature box** so they know which individual the declaration belongs to.



Then what can I expect?

Within 10 working days you will receive a letter confirming your personal details, the level, frequency and date of your first gift and the parish you wish to restrict it to. Please check this letter thoroughly to ensure that all the details are correct. In this letter you will receive a PGS reference number (located below the address) which needs to be retained by you and quoted in any future communication you have with the Parish Giving Scheme. There will also be a bank reference code which begins with 'PGS Thank You' and ends with a unique number code. This is the description which will appear on your bank statement when each gift is given.

How will our parish be notified of my gift?

We will receive your gift in our parish bank account by the 10th of the month and Gift Aid will be received separately once PGS has received it from HMRC. Our parish's Planned Giving Representative receives a statement detailing the names of those who have given gifts through PGS. PGS will provide our parish's Planned Giving Representative with your postal address, however you can decide to remain anonymous by ticking the box on the right. If you decide to remain anonymous only the amount of the gift will be shared with our Representative. We wish to encourage you to remain known to us, so that we can thank you and tell you more about how you can support us and to avoid mistakenly approaching you in the future to consider a regular gift to our church.

I currently give by standing order; how do I stop this?

Unfortunately, PGS is unable to cancel a standing order for you, only you may do this. If you bank online it is very simple to do through your online account, otherwise you will need to contact your bank direct.

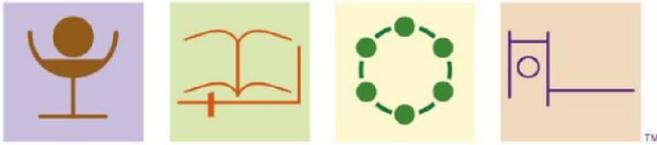
How do I go about changing my gift in the future?

We know that circumstances change and your ability to give may increase or decrease over time. If you wish to make a change, please notify the Parish Giving Scheme using one of the methods provided in the contact information box below quoting: Your PGS reference number (found below your address on PGS correspondence), how much your existing gift is for what you would like it changed to & when you would like this change to be brought into effect

Should you wish to have a confidential conversation about your options in changing your gift, please don't hesitate to contact our Parish Giving Representative or the Parish Giving Scheme at the address below.

*Note: For admin reasons **the Parish Giving Scheme cannot make any changes within 10 working days of the next gift date.***

Who do I contact for help?



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name(s):
Surname(s):
Full home address:

Postcode:
Telephone:
Email:

I wish to give
Please tick one **per month** **quarter** **year**
to the Parish Giving Scheme Registered Charity Number: 1156606

Starting on the 1st* of (month) (year)

*Please allow one month from today
NB: Only you can cancel your existing Standing Order

I wish to remain anonymous to my parish's Planned Giving Representative (please carefully read 'How will our parish be notified of my gift?' on page 2)

Gift Form

I wish to give a regular gift for my church

Please tick to confirm you have read and understood the information on pages 1 and 2, including the Frequently Asked Questions.

I wish my gift to be used solely for the benefit of:

Church / Parish name : *St George's Parish Church*

PGS Parish code *090609193*

In the village / town / city of *Altrincham*

In the *Diocese of Chester*

I wish to support my parish in the future by agreeing to an annual inflationary increase on my gift.

Please tick **Yes**

I understand that the new amount will be communicated to me by letter 30 days prior to the gift donation date. I have the right to opt out of this arrangement at any point in the future by communicating my wishes by letter, email or phone to the Parish Giving Scheme.

I wish to Gift Aid my donation

Gift Aid makes every £1 worth £1.25

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Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of my first gift on this declaration and in the future. I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less income Tax and/ or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p for every £1 that I give.

Signature

Title:

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit

Name and full postal address of your Bank/Building Society

To: The Manager Bank/Building Society
Address:

Postcode:

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

Branch Sort Code

Bank / Building Society account number

Service User Number

Donor reference number (to be completed by PGS office)

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Parish Giving Scheme Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Parish Giving Scheme and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank / Building Society.

Signature(s)

Date



Please complete this page and send it to: **Parish Giving Scheme, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester, GL1 3BD**

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This Guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer

The Direct Debit Guarantee

- ✓ This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- ✓ If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit PGS will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request PGS to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- ✓ If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by PGS or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
- ✓ If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when PGS asks you to.
- ✓ You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.





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St George's Church Altrincham can get free donations when you shop with your favourite retailers

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Etsy

M&S

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Gifts in a Box!

Make a difference this Christmas

The Instructions!

Let us know

How many boxes you would like to make up.

We will allocate you a specific child
And give you some information about them that
they were happy for Grassroots to Share

Decorate and fill your box!

Enjoy coming up with some ideas! See the FAQ for what
not to include, but other than that, whatever you think
they would enjoy! If you are struggling ask; we've got a
list of ideas!

Complete the 'front sheet'

Where you can send a personal message and include a
photo if you'd like to

Drop it off

At the church or the Vicarage!

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Make a difference this Christmas

Frequently Asked Questions!

How much should I spend?

We would suggest around £20. If that is too much, let us know and we can group you together with other people.

Can I request someone of a specific age or gender?

We're afraid not - it just gets too complicated.

Who are you partnering with?

We are teaming up with Grassroots Trust UK who have a partnership with a church in Romania. Although Romania is in the EU there are still many challenging hangovers from its communist days. The rural areas are very poor with high unemployment and a very low wage relative to the cost of living. Poverty is a major problem.

Should I seal the box?

No, keep it open please. We need to navigate customs!

What sort of paper should I decorate it with?

Ideally Christmas paper, but anything nice. If possible, avoid paper with writing on it.

Do they speak/read English?

Unless they specify good English, assume not.

Anything we shouldn't include?

Remember not to include anything anything political, second hand or war related, toothpaste, medicine, aerosol cans, knives, sharp or fragile items.



All age groups (notes if not applicable for babies)	Babies	Toddlers / pre-school 1-3 years	Primary school 4-7 years	Primary school 8-11 years	Secondary school 12-14 years	Secondary school 15-18 years
Pyjamas	Baby toys	Colouring books / Sticker books and stickers	Colouring books / Sticker books and stickers	Mindful colouring books / puzzle books	Mindful colouring books / puzzle books	Mindful colouring books / puzzle books
Socks	Sensory / cloth books	Pencil crayons / felt tips	Pencil crayons / felt tips	Pencil crayons / felt tips	Pens / stationary	Pens / stationary
Woolly hat	Rattles	Pencil case	Pencil case	Pencil case	Pencil case	Pencil case
T-shirt / other types of clothes compact enough	Mittens	Gloves / mittens	Gloves	Gloves	Gloves	Gloves
Toothbrush / paste	Nappies		Small deflatable ball / pump	Small deflatable ball / pump	Small deflatable ball / pump	Small deflatable ball / pump
Wind-up torches (not babies)	Muslins	Plastic / wooden toys, e.g. cars, figurines	Plastic / wooden toys, e.g. cars, figurines	Rubiks cube	Rubiks cube	Rubiks cube
Sweets (not babies)	Baby wipes		Nail varnish	Nail varnish	Nail varnish	Nail varnish
Hair brush / comb			Cosmetic jewellery	Cosmetic jewellery	Cosmetic jewellery	Cosmetic jewellery
Yo-yo (not babies)		Teddy bear / soft toy / small doll	Teddy bear / soft toy / small doll			
Slinky (not babies)			Craft kits	Craft kits	Craft kits	Craft kits
Skipping rope				Shampoo / conditioner	Shampoo / conditioner	Shampoo / conditioner
Books (check language)				Shower gel / soaps	Shower gel / soaps	Shower gel / soaps
Water bottle (not for babies)					Deodorant	Deodorant / hygiene products
Hair accessories (not for babies)						Make up / make up wipes
Rain mac (if compact enough)						
Small / travel games e.g., dominoes, uno, snap, spirograph (not babies)						
Ball set (age appropriate) e.g. baby, bouncy, juggling, tennis, squeezey						