

Orphelins Sans Frontieres Project, Nairobi, Kenya

Last year our school raised funds for a very worthwhile project based in Nairobi, Kenya – Orphelins Sans Frontieres – which supports the Kangemi resource centre. During February half term we were fortunate to visit the project.

The Kangemi resource centre was set up in 2002 and is still the only one of its kind in the Kangemi slums district (Nairobi's second largest slum area, with an estimated population of about 100,000.) The project helps to give the world's poorest children an education by running a library, a computer training course, feeding program and teacher training program. They have 40 informal schools using the facilities and throughout the day they co-ordinate different classes in reading practice, plus arts and crafts sessions. We also visited two schools in the area where we found the equipment very limited with children using broken pencils and torn textbooks.



overwhelming and almost unimaginable but the smiling children are eager to learn. The teachers were so enthusiastic and had such dedication to their cause despite the appalling lack of facilities. We were all very moved and hope to raise more money for these very worthwhile causes.

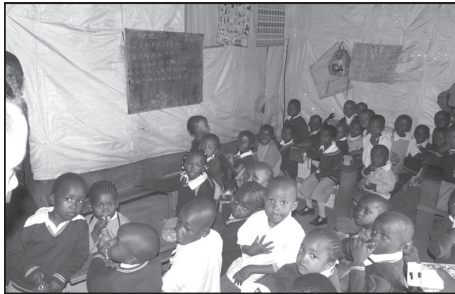
Lydia Cozens and Emma Jackson

Full article posted on the website and for further information on the project, please visit www.osfea.com

Parish Quiet Day at Ham Convent on Wednesday 23rd May, 10am-4

The day will be led by Canon Tom Moffatt (Joe's father) who will lead some reflections on the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost the following Sunday (Whit Sunday). The Convent has a wonderful garden and a beautiful chapel. To book a place or find out more please contact Christabel 8255 3837. You will be asked to bring a packed lunch and a donation of £5.

Christabel Davies



Our trip was a humbling experience. The poverty and living conditions in Kangemi is

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Vicar's Viewpoint

This should be a summer to remember. I hope that the English cricket and football teams read the script and win the forthcoming test series and Euros. But even allowing for some sporting failures, the Jubilee and the Olympics should make this an unforgettable year. In particular, I hope it will be a time when streets are turned into party venues and unfamiliar neighbours become good friends.

I wrote last month about the prospect of celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. I received a lot of positive responses. There is clearly an enthusiasm to herald the occasion. Numerous street parties are being planned, including the roads adjacent to the church and the hall, Twickenham Road and Langham Road (both on Sunday, 3rd June). As such it doesn't seem appropriate for the church to organise a separate lunch. Instead we've got two special services:

Sunday, 3rd June – Parish Communion at 10am followed by pre-lunch drinks in the churchyard

Monday, 4th June – Choral Evensong at 6.30pm followed by a 'Parish Jubilee Soirée' in the Vicarage Garden. Tickets for the Soirée will be available at church services and from the parish office.

Then there's the Olympics. Again, this is a wonderful opportunity to bring people together. So we've got a few events that are set out in the insert. Don't miss the Sports Quiz Night to get the ball rolling on 12th May. Bacon butties will be on offer after the torch relay (which comes through Ham), and while cyclists are whizzing down Kingston Road we'll be providing cream teas in the churchyard. But our main event will be the 'Parish Olympics' on

the park adjacent to the parish hall on the 27th July. This will involve lots of fun games for both children and adults before watching the Opening Ceremony in the evening (hopefully on a big screen in the hall).

I hope that we also look back on the summer and reflect on something special happening in church. This month we are launching a new Sunday service at 9am, to complement our quiet Holy Communion at 8am and our popular Parish Communion at 10am. Morning Worship at 9am will be a short service (30 minutes). It is designed with children in mind. But the preaching and prayer will also give adults food for thought and time for reflection. We hope that it will enable more people to join us in worship and add another dimension to the life of our church.

Finally, let's not forget the treasures we inherit. This year is the 350th anniversary of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* which we continue to use at our 8am service and for Evensongs. Join us for a special Choral Evensong to celebrate this anniversary on 13th May.

Here's to a summer of celebration,

Joe Moffatt



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Mothering Sunday Parade Service



Rev Mary Hawes surrounded by daffodil bouquets and children

Mothering Sunday at St Mary with St Alban was celebrated with a bright and cheerful parade service. All of our uniformed organisations were represented in the parade of flags and took part in the service along with members of our Youth Group. The collection was taken for Welcare. For the first time this year the posies of daffodils were prepared by a group of dads. Huge thanks to all who helped organise this service and gave up their time to make the daffodil bouquets.

Emily D'Silva

Celebrate Fairtrade Service

It wasn't ever going to be an ordinary service, but having passed the African drummers on the outside steps of St Paul's, we were then almost deafened by a 20-strong steel band hammering their hearts out under the famous dome. When worshippers representing at least half the 400 parishes in the Diocese, several school choirs, a parish priest dressed as a banana, civic dignitaries, officers from the Fairtrade Foundation, robed clergy and guest speakers had all managed eventually to find seats, Bishop Chartres greeted us and introduced the two themes of Celebration and Fairtrade. As the service progressed we sang, we listened, we prayed, we gave thanks, but most importantly, we were reminded that buying fairly traded products makes a life-saving difference to up to 1.5 million farmers and workers worldwide. The Diocese of London is a Fairtrade Diocese, St Mary's & St Peter's School and our own parish church are fairtrade certificated. All Olympic venues will only serve fairly traded tea, coffee, sugar and bananas. Now it is up to us as individuals to choose the fairtrade option whenever possible. Every little really does help.

Susan Jacobs

Sports Quiz Night

Come and help us get into the Olympic spirit!

Saturday 12th May at 7.30pm

St Mary's Parish Hall

Tickets cost £12.00

For tickets and information contact

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Welcare Marathon Run for Graham Hornsby

A member of our congregation, Graham Hornsby will be running the Edinburgh Marathon on 27th May on behalf of Welcare. Graham has run this event previously with varying degrees of success and is determined to do his very best time at the same time raising funds for this most deserving of charities. There will be a sheet pinned to the notice board at the back of the church where anyone who wishes to donate can record this. In due course Graham will also be setting up a Justgiving website to allow for on-line donations.

Graham Hornsby

Newsletter Supper

I was very fortunate to be invited to attend a supper in the Parish Hall to thank members of the newsletter team for their hard work. The parish newsletter has been running for over 30 years, initially delivered almost single-handedly by Esther Dentten. Since 1996 Susan Jacobs has gathered a team of deliverers, now numbering 43, to distribute the newsletter each month to the 3,250 letter-boxes in the parish - a great testament to them and to the community spirit within the village.

June Demont and her team prepared a real feast for the occasion which was delicious. Between courses the Vicar gave a topical slide show of amusing typos which have appeared in **other** religious publications. It was a lovely evening, much enjoyed, and I am sure I speak for everyone in thanking June and her team for their hard work and kind invitation.

Beverley Brock

Full article on website

Parish Registers

Holy Baptisms – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*

17th March: Emma Charlotte Ann, daughter of Robert and Christine Ross

25th March: Evelyn Beth, daughter of Meg and Edward Morgan and Skye Catherine, daughter of Fiona and Andrew Williams

1st April: Joel Martin Luke, son of Martin and Helen O'Sullivan

15th April: Rosemary Elizabeth, daughter of Mark and Helen Samuel and Hamish Peter

son of Duncan and Nicky Monypenny of Pitmillly

Weddings – *We wish every blessing on the marriage of:*

17th April: Janice Rowcroft and Hardy Giesler

Funerals – *We remember with thanksgiving the lives of:*

20th March: John Munkenbeck, age 77

29th March: Ellen Reeks, age 61

3rd April: John Lloyd, age 89

Diary for May

SERVICES – *Sundays:*

Please note changes to Regular Sunday Services

Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am

Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am

Parish Communion (with Sunday School) at 10.00am

Wednesdays: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Monday-Friday: Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm

Wednesday 2nd First Wednesday Club – Topic: The Big Society, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm

Thursday 3rd Silent Prayer at 8.30pm followed by Compline at 9pm

Sunday 6th 5th Sunday of Easter NEW SERVICE TIMES BEGIN
Baptisms at 12 noon

Tuesday 8th Baptism Preparation Evening, Parish Hall, 8pm

Thursday 10th Pub Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30pm

Saturday 12th Sports Quiz Night, Parish Hall, 7.30pm

Sunday 13th 6th Sunday of Easter, Christian Aid Week begins
Parade Service for Christian Aid at 10am followed by Traidcraft Sale
Choral Evensong at 6.30pm to celebrate 350th anniversary of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer

Tuesday 15th Tea Club, Mina Hogan Room, 3-5pm

Thursday 17th Ascension Day
Holy Communion at 7.30pm with choir and sermon

Sunday 20th Sunday after Ascension
Baptisms at 12 noon

Wednesday 23rd Parish Quiet Day, St Michael's Convent, Ham Common, 10am-4pm
PLEASE NOTE NO HOLY COMMUNION at 9.30am

Saturday 26th Wedding 2pm

Sunday 27th Pentecost
Guest Preacher: Rev Ruth Bushyager at 10am

Tuesday 29th Supper Talk, Parish Hall, 7.30pm, 'Understanding Holy Communion' with Canon Julie Gittoes