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Pack-Up



After the first month of the project, it is good to be able to report that Pack-Up is now up and running the the word is getting around that the food is good and the

welcome warm. Huge thanks to the team of volunteers who are making it all happen.

Sadly Neil and Amy, two of our key volunteers, are moving to Hertfordshire. They have been part of the Pack-Up project from the very beginning and we wish them both every happiness in their new home.

Carol Singing Join us on 6th December to sing in some of the newer residential areas around the Parish. We will meet outside the Church Hall at 7pm.

MOP Harvest Appeal

Because of the complexity of working out our Gift Aid claim, we still don't quite know the final total but it is already very close to £1,100. Very many thanks to all who gave.

Dumisami with Revd. Mutasa at Tairo House, Harare



MOP News

The full MOP newsletter is available to read at the back of the Church, but here are a couple of excerpts and some photographs.

The news from Bonda is good - the local priest, the Revd. Luke Chigwanda, has kept in fairly regular contact, with up-to-date details of the children, the schools and classes they are attending, and the funds required to pay for their continuing education. Most recently, we learn that one of the girls, Chiedza, is now training to be a nurse, which is wonderful news.

"My name is Chiedza Marufu, a girl aged 22 years. Currently I'm training as a nurse, and I thank God for the Diocese of Manicaland which gave me the opportunity to have that profession at their institution at Saint David's Bonda Mission Hospital. I'm glad to be a nurse. I want to thank God for all your efforts because I'm at a good stage (where) I'm able to look after myself. More so, after I finish this (course) and have my diploma I'm hoping to have a degree in nursing because of your efforts, and the Lord Jesus brought me this far not to (leave) me." (from Chiedza's letter)



You may recall that we were unsure about Dumisani's future, when he was sadly unable to continue his studies in Harare. Happily, he is now studying the subject dearest to his heart, at another college some 60 km from Harare, returning to the Tairiro home during the holidays, where the Revd. Mutasa offers support and guidance. Dumisani has a Facebook page now, and we recently received a very happy e-mail from him

"I am doing fine and i appreciate every moment...the amazing things you are doing to me and many others. Whenever i read 1st Corinthians chapter 13, which highlights the ways of love, it sinks deep down in my heart every time and what comes in my mind is the wonderful support you give me. you have shown me so much love and care.

I have grown a little taller and i have started my second semester on the 19th of August. When i am not studying i sometimes play basketball, tennis, that is if when i am at school. I have recently joined a Biotechnology society at school which is called Federation of Biotechnology Association. In this club we get to meet and discuss biotechnology related issues and coming up with programs and projects that enhance ways to solve Biotechnology related problems which can help the society at large." (from Dumisani's e-mail)

Diary Dates November/December

Friday 20th November
7.30pm Occasional Concert:
Guildhall Chamber Orchestra.

Sunday 22nd November
CHRIST THE KING/ST CECILIA
Masses at 8 and 10am.

Saturday 28th November
7pm Cantallini Chamber Choir sing
JS Bach's Christmas Oratoria Pts I, II
and III.

Sunday 29th November
ADVENT SUNDAY Masses at 8 and
10am.

3.30 - 6pm CHARI-TEA - fund
raising event for MOP, Church Hall.

Sunday 6th December
ADVENT 2 Masses at 8 and 10am
(Christingle).
7.00pm Carol Singing around the
Parish, meet outside the Church Hall.

Wednesday 9th December
10am Mass followed by the putting
up of the Christmas Tree (volunteers
welcome).

Sunday 13th December
ADVENT 3 Masses at 8 and 10 am.
6.30pm Christmas Carol Service
led by Cantallini.

Monday 14th December
6.00pm COLA-I Christmas Concert
in Church.

Tuesday 15th December
6.30pm Occasional Concert: The
Pallisander Recorder Consort play
Renaissance Christmas Music .

Sunday 20th December
ADVENT 4 Masses at 8 and 10am.

Thursday 24th December
CHRISTMAS EVE
6.00pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December
CHRISTMAS DAY Masses at 8 and
10am .

Mummy!

Just had to include this
fab photo - Catriona
Burniston sportingly
played Lazarus at the
Gospel on All Saints'
Sunday.



African Connections

At St James' we are all familiar with the Medical Orphan Project , but you may not be aware of other projects which link St James' with Africa.



In early October, the Church Hall became a temporary 'bed and breakfast' for [Project Zulu's choir tour](#) (photos above) as they ended their stay in the UK with a couple of days in London.

The group of primary school children and their teachers from the Madadeni Township community in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa were touring in the UK using their traditional Zulu song and dance to raise their own funding for sustainable projects in their community. The photograph, right, show the children giving an impromptu performance on the morning of their departure – even at 9am their energy and enthusiasm was infectious!



The Church Hall is also used for an annual quiz (organised by Judith Hughes QC) to raise funds for Hope Haste, a charity which supports a school in Africa. More information about their work can be found [here](#).

And finally, Fr Victor de Waal is a Vice-Chair of the [Britain Zimbabwe Society](#) who have used the Church Hall for their AGM.

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