

Our Lent Charity, 2008

The Angola, London and Mozambique Association (ALMA)

Our Lent Charity this year is ALMA and we hope that everyone will come to the Lent Lunch series to be part of it. This is also the major effort of the London Diocese for the next 5 years in a mutually supportive bond.

A brief history of ALMA

On 12 July 1998 a Covenant was signed between the Dioceses of London, Mozambique and Angola to form the Angola, London and Mozambique Association, or ALMA.

The formation of a link was the result of relationships formed over many years. The intention is that our relationship with our partners should be in depth allowing each to learn from one another.



ALMA provides:

- * ALMA Reports, discussion papers and talks
- * Prayer Requests
- * Background information on Mozambique and Angola

The work of the ALMA link in London is supervised by the ALMA Steering Group. Members of the Group come from across the Diocese.

For further information, visit the ALMA website-
<http://www.london.anglican.org/ALMA>

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Time-Line:

- 2007 Archbishop Rowan Williams makes his first visit to Angola (10-12 March).
- Crisis Appeal for floods in both countries raises almost £19,000.
- 2006 Mozambique's debt cancelled. ALMA partners campaign together for Trade Justice.
- 2005 Tree of Life at British Museum.
- 2004 Launch of Theology Education by Extension (TEE) in Angola.
- 2003 Diocese of London's first ever Lent Appeal raises £130,000 for HIV/AIDS projects in Angola and Mozambique. Angola becomes a Missionary Diocese. Enthronement of Bishops Andre and Mark.
- 2002 Swords into Ploughshares exhibition in London. End of civil war in Angola.
- 2001 Bishop of London visits Mozambique. Launch of ALMA's Children project fund.
- 2000 Devastating floods in Mozambique throughout February and March. Mozambique Flood Relief Fund raises £170,000. July visit to London by representatives from the three dioceses. Bishop Dinis becomes first Honorary Canon of St Paul's Cathedral.
- 1998 Signing of ALMA Covenant on 12 July.