

Lent, 2010



General

Lent is a time of preparation for the festival of Holy Week and Easter and starts on Ash Wednesday, 17th February. We plan to offer all members of the congregation the opportunity to join in Lent discussion groups from Monday, 22nd February. Look out for news of this in the next week or two. The groups will meet in the home of a host and will follow a flexible course designed for the Diocese of London parishes and called **TRANSFORMATIVE** which will be provided in advance, and led by a member of the congregation. The course will link with the Diocese Lent Appeal and the work currently going on at Edward Betham Church of England Primary School which is now creatively linked with a school in Mozambique.

Adult Confirmation

It is also hoped that those adults desirous of Confirmation this year will form a Lent group and start the process of preparation for the Confirmation which will be on Sunday 27th June, 2010 at 9.30am during the Parish mass.

Lent Lunches

There will be six Lent Lunches on the six Saturdays of Lent and a detailed plan will be published soon. The aim of the lunches will be to bring people together, serve our own needs for dining in a sociable setting and raise money for the Lent charity.

As usual, we will be asking volunteers to prepare and serve food for these lunches.

Lent Partners

Those who would like to try travelling through Lent in a regular conversation with a partner are invited to identify someone and plan times to meet regularly.

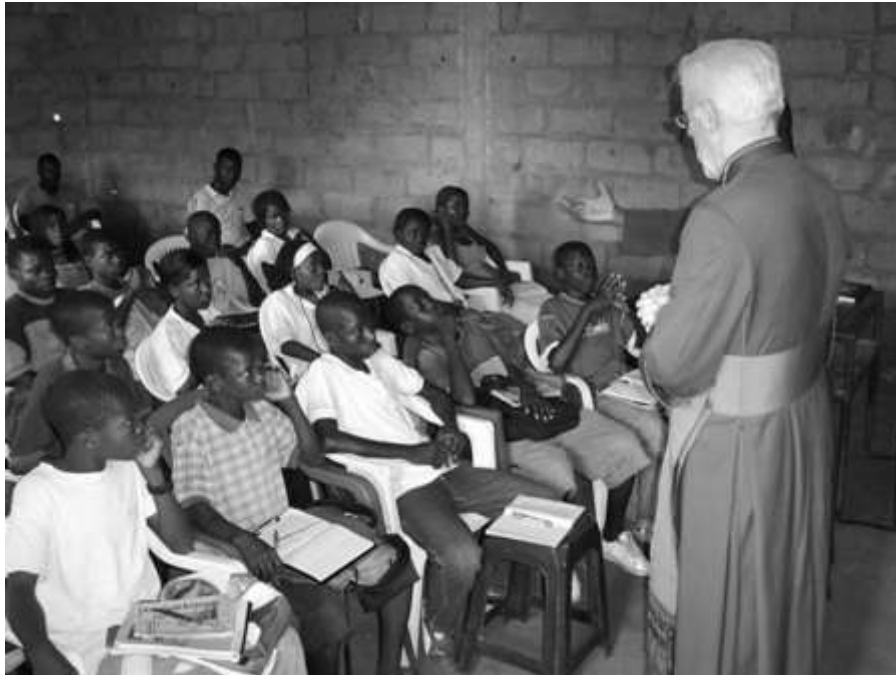
Lent Book

The Archbishop of Canterbury is recommending Canon Lucy Winkett's Lent book **Our Sound is our Wound** (Continuum £9.99) Lucy (pictured) is Canon Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral and a very profound and interesting writer. Copies may be found in religious bookshops and if you want a copy, ask Neil for help.



Diocesan and Parish Lent Appeal 2010

Transforming Lives



Bishop Michael Colclough in Angola

The 2010 Diocese of London Lent Appeal for ALMA will be supporting 'ALMA's Children'.

Since 2001 the 'ALMA's Children' fund has enabled our partner dioceses in Angola, Lebombo and Niassa (in Mozambique) to respond to one of the greatest challenges they face: ministry to young people – when over 50% of the population is under the age of 18.

'ALMA's children' has supported work with Orphaned and Vulnerable children, the building of schools and nurseries, and funding health centres and health education.

London's Lenten discipline in 2010 can play an important part in transforming the lives of even more children and also in contributing to the dynamic witness of our partners.

