

Lent Lunches, 2010



One of the pleasing aspects of the 2010 Lent Lunch series was the way in which Holy Cross Church combined with the Edward Betham Church of England Primary School to raise funds directly for the children of a school in the north of Mozambique.

The school is called Todos Santos or All Saints, and is an Anglican school, like our very own. It is situated in the town of Nacala.

This Lent, every class at Edward Betham School is developing a fund-raising activity which will raise money for placing books and other equipment in Todos Santos school.

On Saturday 27th February, Helen Doery from Angola London Mozambique Association (ALMA) kindly gave up her Saturday morning and came to speak to us and bring us up to date on various projects started in previous years. We were also delighted that Jessica Taylor and Emily Law, who are Year 6 students at Edward Betham School, were willing to come along and tell us what they were doing to raise money and to show us some of their work about Mozambique which they are doing in their classroom. They showed us a very impressive PowerPoint presentation.

After the session, Helen Doery gave us a chance to see some things made in Mozambique, and here you see Jessica holding a bag and Emily dressed in African style clothes.

The following Saturday also proved popular as Toby Vandeveldt gave a very interesting talk about his role of a press photographer and showed us his specialist equipment and a selection of photographs. It was interesting to hear about the range of people and situations he gets to photograph in a working week!



The numbers attending the Lent Lunches seem to increase steadily as the Saturdays go by and it would be great if we could maintain a good response for the whole of the six week period. The sense of community built up is very warm and in addition, the fund-raising is a lot of fun together.

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