



## Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

### Corpus Christi Africa Fund 2025 Appeal

Thanks to everyone, both Parishioners and Friends of CCAF, for the fantastic response to our appeal throughout 2024. As a result we have been able to send **£18,000** in January 2025 to Our Lady of Nazareth Comprehensive School, in Nairobi, to assist towards funding their 2025 Uji porridge programme, as well as contributing **£5,000** towards the cost of a new Girls toilet block, and a further **£5,000** contribution to the ongoing renovations to the older classrooms. OLN now provides Uji to over 3,000 pupils as the school expands to reflect changes to the Primary & Secondary Education system in Kenya. As a result of these changes the school is now known as Our Lady of Nazareth Comprehensive School, as it now caters for Pre Primary, Primary, and part Secondary education.

We were delighted to welcome Fr Gabriel of the Marianists, two teachers, and four pupils to Corpus Christi in September 2024, when they came on a one week visit to Wokingham. This trip was fully funded by donors at Holme Grange School.

The South Berkshire Singers again held their annual Christmas concert at Corpus Christi in December 2024 and this resulted in £4,000 being raised. Our thanks to them, and all who supported this concert.

#### OLN Update from Jeremy Best/Nick Gorton

Jeremy has still not been able to personally visit Kenya since 2019. He continues to keep in close contact with Fr Gabriel of the Marianists and the school. He hopes very much to visit sometime during 2025. Fellow Committee Member Nick Gorton is hoping to make a further visit to OLN in 2025.

The financing of the Uji porridge, which we have assisted with over many years, remains one of the biggest challenges for the Marianists in Nairobi. Additionally, as the school increases in size, there are always other costs with which we can assist should we raise sufficient funds for Uji. We shall continue to make the provision of Uji the main purpose of our fundraising in 2025, to help cover the overall Uji costs for 2026. We feel that we should be looking at again providing at least

**£18,000, but hopefully much more** as our contribution to the overall costs **The cost per child continues to be just £10 per year in 2025.**



**Renovated roof on one of the classrooms**

Several Parishioners have made individual donations to the Special Needs Unit, which continues to provide education and care to children with disabilities. A number of parishioners have also very generously given funds to support some of the former OLN children go on to secondary education. We are very grateful for their support. The cost is roughly **£2,000 before Gift Aid** for four years. This does not need to be donated in one amount and can be paid at the start of each academic year which runs from January. Should you wish to consider this for an OLN child, please contact Jeremy.

As ever, the pupils and their teachers at OLN, together with the Marianists are extremely grateful for your generosity. However much you give, large or small, all makes a huge difference.

#### Our Africa Fund Commitment

The Africa Fund is run by a small committee. We continue to have very direct contact with OLN which means you can be assured that every penny donated is used as intended.

Thanks to your generosity, in the 20 years that the Corpus Christi Africa Fund has existed, over **£500,000** has been raised.



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### **DONATION FORM FOR 2025 APPEAL**

Should you wish to make a fresh or further donation to the Corpus Christi Africa Fund please complete the table below.

If you wish the donation to be given under Gift Aid and you have not already completed a Gift Aid form, please complete the Portsmouth Diocese Form (available from the Parish Office)  
Please return your forms to address indicated below.

#### **Ways to donate:**

**By cheque:** payable to **CDP WOKINGHAM Corpus Christi Africa Fund** sent to either the Parish Office or Jeremy Best (address below). **NB** Please be sure to include '**CDP Wokingham**' as well as **Corpus Christi Africa Fund** in the payees name.

#### **By transfer to CCAF bank account:**

Account Name CDP WOK CORPUS CHRISTI AFRICA FUND

Account Number 01783948

Sort Code 30 93 04

NB – PLEASE SPECIFY THAT RECIPIENT ACCOUNT IS BUSINESS ACCOUNT

<b>Name of Donor</b>	
<b>Address of Donor</b>	
<b>Donation Amount</b>	
<b>If you Gift Aid to Corpus Christi please enter your Gift Aid Number</b>	
<b>Otherwise please indicate if the donation is to be Gift Aided</b>	<b>Yes</b> <b>No</b>

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