

Visits

In 2013 the seven visits have taken place between June and September. These include 2 ground breaking school visits

In July 9 Pupils and 3 staff from Twyford School visited their link schools in Maciene, and at the end of **August** the Headteacher of Maciene and 2 pupils came to London to join Twyford, and their Chinese links, in a tripartite exchange which culminated in a presentation to UNESCO at the Houses of Parliament when Twyford was awarded UNESCO associated schools status.

We were delighted to formally join with MANNA in **July** and collaborate on the annual visit from a partner Bishop and welcomed Bishop André Soares, Bishop of Angola to celebrate the 15th anniversary of ALMA.

Another visitor from Angola, Domingos Mbomba Massala, visited his link parish St Stephen's Canonbury and three people from St Stephen's visited St Stephen's Golfe in Luanda in **Sept** where a workshop for twin parishes took place.

Dinos Kousoulou visited Niassa in **June**, and the Archdeacon of Hackney, Ven Rachel Treweek and Helen Doery visited Lebombo in **August**



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2013 Key Events

Jan: very serious flooding along Limpopo River and at Chokwe (L); London raises funds for flood relief; 6 new deacons in Niassa; 3 new Archdeacons in Angola

Feb: Death of Revd Mendes Firmone from Mukaba (A); Ordination 4 priests in Maputo (L); Flooding along the Zambezi too (N);

Mar: ACSA approves new dioceses in Niassa; Rebecca and Mario from Niassa lead Tearfund training in Angola

April: death of ALMA Link Officer in Angola Revd Nunes Pedro

May: 3 more women priests ordained in Angola; unexpected death of Fr Juliao Mutemba, St Barnabas Bagamoyo, Maputo, husband of our Lebombo Link Officer Josephine; Fr Mukkoko (Metangula -N) dies.

July 14 Celebration 15th ALMA Sunday with Bishop André Soares in St Paul's Cathedral who also had a full visit programme. Twyford School visit to Maciene School

July 25 Yohannah Abdallah Church (N) consecrated; Niassa Clergy receive their Africa Bible Commentaries; 6 new deacons ordained including first 2 Niassan women Claudia and Albertina

Aug: Archdeacon of Hackney visits Lebombo

Oct: Bishop André from Angola attends Lebombo Diocesan Family Weekend; Bishop Dinis announces his retirement in 2014; Renamo pulls out of 21 year peace agreement

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ALMA London in 2013

The ALMA Community met in January, May, July (for an afternoon tea with Bishop André Soares in the delightful courtyard at St Vedast prior to the ALMA Sunday service in the Cathedral) and again in November.

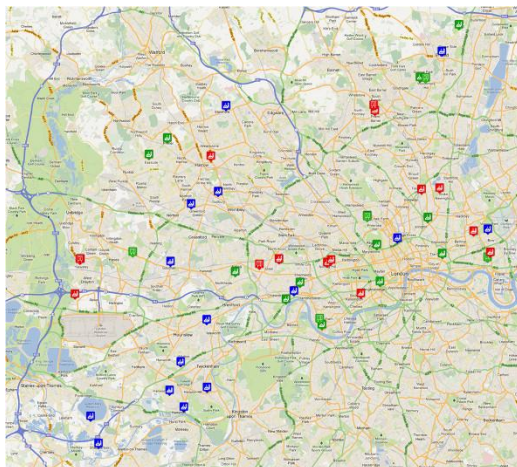
ALMA Chair retires Bishop Michael Colclough retired as Canon Pastor at the Cathedral and as ALMA Chair. He served ALMA for 13 years visiting each partner Diocese and also attended the consecration of Bishops André and Mark in South Africa in 2003. He will be greatly missed.

ALMA was invited to preach at: St John's Greenhill, Harrow; St Paul's, Old Ford; The Grosvenor Chapel; St Mary, Stoke Newington; St Paul's Cathedral.

Bishop André's visit included: celebrating ALMA Sunday; attending Diocesan Synod; lunch with Link Priests; visiting parishes with Angola links; and meetings with the ALMA Strategy group. He also met Archbishop Justin and visited the Anglican Communion Offices and staff.

ALMA Communications The email circular continues to have a wide reach but the floods in Mozambique underlined the value of facebook in enabling us to share news quickly. There are now over 200 'ALMA London' friends and it is really encouraging to be able to share all aspects of ministry in such an accessible way – from the stages of church building projects, to special events, training and youth conferences.

ALMA Links in 2013



47 parishes, 9 schools and 2 MU branches are twinned through ALMA - c.12.5% of parishes in the diocese. Twyford School is a hub for School links

4 Episcopal areas have parish links with each of our 3 partner dioceses in Africa

Willesden has 19 links

Kensington has 18 links

Edmonton has 10 links

Stepney has 7 links

Two Cities has 3 links

There are currently no London parishes considering twinning - although there are outstanding requests from partner dioceses

ALMA Facts And Figures 2013

In 2013 the Diocese of London Lent Appeal was for 'Street Child World Cup'.

Donations to ALMA in 2013:

Unrestricted Donations **£11,722.91**
(ALMA General Fund)

Restricted Donations **£97,556.30**
(includes Special Projects; Link parish/school programmes and a major donation of £34,000 from New Wine)

Donations remitted to ALMA Partners in 2013

£157,663.68

There was a generous response to the extraordinary flooding at the start of 2013 along the Limpopo and later the Zambezi with £10,812 raised. 2013 also saw the implementation of some Lent Appeal projects in Lebombo including the refurbishment of Maciene School and the nursery at Magoanine.

Nosso school in Angola is in the final stages of being built and St Stephen's School Luanda has commenced work on the delayed 2nd storey.

Special projects have included church building projects, updating clergy houses, and small community development and infrastructure projects particularly water projects.