



2025 OLI Parish Lenten Project Planning Meeting
Date: 20th January 2025
Venue: Old Chapel

Agenda

Opening Prayer – 8:10pm
Calendar of Events – 8:15pm
Any other business – 8:45pm
Closing Prayer – 8:55pm

In attendance: Winnie, Debbie, George, Elspeth, Fr. Bonnie, Lance, Jefin, Ben, Thomas, and Joe

Apologies: Fr. Michael, Phil, Mary T, Andrew, Marielen, Monica, Helen, Mary A, Jommy, Rosamma

Key Dates for Your Diary

- 📌 **8th March** – Sponsored Walk
- 📌 **15th March** – Parish Quiz Night
- 📌 **22nd/23rd March** – Tabletop Sale
- 📌 **27th/28th March** – School Fundraising Events
- 📌 **26th April** – South Indian Night
- 📌 **10th May** – Sri Lankan Night
- 📌 **17th May** – Jumble Sale
- 📌 **7th June** – Afro-Caribbean Night
- 📌 **19th October** – AGM

The full event calendar will be shared and uploaded to the parish website.

Lenten Activities & Plans

Lenten Project Boxes

Families are encouraged to contribute their savings from fasting or giving up luxuries during Lent. This is a simple yet impactful way to practice almsgiving and support those in need.

Sponsored Walk (8th March)

🏃 A 43 km (27-mile) trek from Tower Bridge back to OLI Parish via Battersea, Putney, Mortlake, Richmond, and Kingston.

🕒 Meet at **6:30 AM** at Waterloo then walk to Tower bridge, starting from there at **7:00AM**.

🏠 Expected return: **4PM** (Reception in the Parish Hall).

Action Points:

- ✅ Promote the event via email, newsletter & school communication.
- ✅ Create a banner for the walk.
- ✅ Organize a school welcome group for the final stretch.
- ✅ Year 5 to decorate the hall & make donation posters.
- ✅ Provide water & nibbles in the hall.
- ✅ Use **Tap App (Zettle)** for donations.
- ✅ Helen to oversee hall setup & cleanup.

Toy Donations



The school will collect and store donated toys for the Tabletop Sale. Elspeth and Helen are coordinating with the school head.

Tabletop Sale (22nd/23rd March)

 Held after **Saturday 6:30 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses.**

 Items for sale: Kitchenware, books, DVDs, plants, toys, and more!

OLI Primary School Fundraising (27th/28th March)

Thursday, 27th March – After-School Sale

✓ Year 5 to sell leftover toys.


✓ Helen & Emanuele to sell popcorn & gift items.

Friday, 28th March – Year 5 Enterprise Day


✓ Year 5 to sell enterprise products & remaining toys.


✓ Helen & Emanuele to continue popcorn & gift sales.

South Indian Night (26th April)

 A vibrant evening of delicious cuisine, entertainment, and music, celebrating culture while raising funds for the Lenten Project.

Jumble Sale (17th May)


 **12:00 – 2:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. Entry: **£1.**

 Amazing bargains on clothes, kitchenware, DVDs, and more!


Afro-Caribbean Night (7th June)


 A night of food, music, and celebration—embracing community, charity, and the true spirit of Lent.

Next Steps & Actions

 **Publicity:** Use banners, posters & church displays.

 **Speakers:** Invite charity representatives to speak at Mass.

 **Engage Youth:** Involve school students & the youth group.

 **Gift Aid:** Can be claimed on donations, including sponsorships. NB: It cannot be reclaimed on the sale of something such as tickets for an event.

Regular reminders will be in the newsletter. If you have ideas or want to get involved, please reach out!

2025 OLI Parish Lenten Project Plan Calendar

TENTATIVE DATE	ACTIVITY	VOLUNTEER
20th Jan 2025	Lenten Projects Meeting	
26 th / 27 th Jan 2025	Announcements – Sponsored Walk	Elspeth
10 th Feb 2025	Preparation of LP Boxes	Joe Kibirango / Ben Weerheim
OLI School Half Term (17 th – 25 th February 2025)		
22nd Feb 2025	Distribution of LP Boxes	18:30: Ben Weerheim / Thomas Weerheim
23rd Feb 2025	Distribution of LP Boxes	09.00: George Hoskins / Ben Weerheim 11.00: Winnie / Lance Louis 18.00: Ben Weerheim / Thomas Weerheim
1st Mar 2025	Distribution of LP Boxes	18:30: Townsends
2nd Mar 2025	Distribution of LP Boxes	09.00: George Hoskins / Ben Weerheim 11.00: Winnie Groves / Lance Louis 18.00: Ben Weerheim / Thomas Weerheim
Ash Wednesday (5th March 2025)		
To be confirmed	H Orlando Sales Event	Helen Orlando
8 th March	Sponsored Walk	Elspeth Casey
15 th March	Youth Flame Event	Jefin John
15 th March	OLI Parish Quiz	George Hoskins
21 st March	Toy Mufti / Donation from OLI Families	Elspeth Casey / Helen Orlando
29 th / 30 th March (TBC)	Table-Top Sale	Elspeth Casey
Y5 Service Week (TBC)	OLI Primary School LP Fundraising	Helen Orlando
To be confirmed	Noah's Ark Pre-school LP Fundraising	Check with Denise
OLI School Easter Holiday (7 th to 18 th April 2025)		
17th April 2025	Maundy Thursday Collection	George Hoskins
Easter Weekend (18 th – 21 st April 2025)		
26th April 2025	Southern Indian Night	Rosamma / Syro Malabar Community
3rd May 2025	Collection of LP Boxes	Townsends
4th May 2025 9am	Collection of LP Boxes	09:00 George Hoskins / Ben Weeheim 11:00 Joe Kibirango 18:00 Jefin John
Early May Bank Holiday (5th May 2025)		
10th May 2025	Sri Lankan Evening	Joe and Antoinette
10th May 2025	Collection of LP Boxes	Townsends
11th May 2025	Collection of LP Boxes	09:00 George Hoskins / Lance Louis 11:00 Joe Kibirango 18:00 Jefin John
17 th May 2025	Jumble Sale	Elspeth Casey
Spring Bank Holiday (26th May 2025) & Half Term (to Fri 30th May 2025)		
7th June 2025	Afro-Carribean Night	Winnie Groves / tbc
First Holy Communion (14 th June 25) / Confirmation (21 st June 25) / OLI Summer Fayre (Saturday 5th July 25)		
School Summer Holiday Starts (Friday 18th July 2025)		
Early Sept 2025	Charities Nomination announcements	Joe Kibirango
Early Oct 2025	Publish list of eligible charities	Joe Kibirango
Sun 19th Oct 2025	Lenten Project AGM 2025	Joe Kibirango