



UK LANGA TOWNSHIP PRE-SCHOOL TRUST

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## Langa Christmas Cards

The 2024 Christmas Card, 'Love and Peace', is now available. The Christmas and New Year greetings are in English, Xhosa and Afrikaans. The wood carving is in The Chapel of The Holy Spirit in Hemel Hempstead's ancient St Mary's Church, within the Parish of St Mary and St Paul.

The launch meeting of LTPT was in the Hall of St Paul's Church in June 2011 and the Parish has been a great supporter ever since.

The card is 15 by 10.5 cm and, with envelopes and no UK postal charges, and it is supplied at £3.50 for 10 and in multiples of 10. To order contact mobile 07561 450633 or [gordon.gaddes@btinternet.com](mailto:gordon.gaddes@btinternet.com)

## Cheltenham College Christmas Carol Service

Three days of torrential downpour has damaged the roofs of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century college, badly affecting the Library, the Music Centre and the Chapel.

The Rev Dr Adam Dunning, the Senior Chaplain and an LTPT Trustee, has informed us that the service will now be held in Gloucester Cathedral and will involve transporting all the students in 18 buses to Gloucester!

Arising from this it is intended to donate 50% of the offertory at the service to LTPT, which has happened over several previous Christmas periods.



*Gloucester Cathedral*

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## Donation from the Parish of St Mary & St Paul

LTPT has continued to be a recipient of an annual donation from the Parish, arising from the August Bank Holiday Art in The Nave Exhibition.

The donation of £1,000 this year is dedicated to help support the cost 2024 Christmastime gift of food vouchers for pre-schools and nurseries covering 3,000 children.



*Several hundred works of art were displayed in St Mary's Church over the August Bank Holiday weekend including (left) these colourful hand-made quilts.*

## Doyle Legacy

The last Will of Annette Mary Doyle of Kidderminster, dated 19 June 2017, kindly left donations to several charities and Dalukhanyo Pre-School was included in the list. This year the Solicitor dealing with the Will and the Trustees for that Will decided that LTPT was best placed to administer the expenditure and LTPT received a cheque for £8,350.

Following discussion between several parties in Langa Township, led by the LTPT Cape Town representative Nadia Petersen, and assessments by Clarence Petersen Building Projects, a decision was made to spend part of the money on roofing, flooring and the gutters and down pipes at Dalukhanyo. With 40% of the donation still left further decisions on expenditure are pending. On completion the Trustees of the Doyle Legacy will be sent a report about how the legacy has been spent.



*New floor tiles, purchased from part of the legacy of Annette Doyle ready for installation at Dalukhanyo Pre-School.*



## Carol and Keith Weaver Donation

Carol, in relation to a donation of £650 wrote, 'I don't know if it would be possible, but I would really like the money to be used for equipment in the nursery'. We have asked Yolisa, the Administrator at Nomonde Pre-School, to prepare a list for our consideration.

Carol and Keith live on the Suffolk shore of the North Sea at Bungay and Carol's message to us came with the Bungay image below designed by James Mayhew and Toto Martinez for a Christmas card in aid of charity.



## Legends of Motown



Clayton Stevens was on top form at the Gatsby on Thursday 26 September in front of a sell-out audience. Gin cocktails were followed by a three-course dinner, followed by two sets by Clayton as he took us through many popular numbers. There was much singing and enthusiastic dancing around the tables particularly by ladies of all ages.

Fund raising was excellent and the event contributed nearly £2,000 towards the £3,000 cost of our 2024 Christmas vouchers initiative. We must repeat this event again in a few months' time as the Staff told us that they could have sold twice the number of tickets had there been the room.

## Food Delivery to Pre-Schools

LTPT makes a monthly payment into the LTPT Nomonde Educare account. About 37% of this is used to buy vegetables for the daily soups of over 600 children. The rest covers the cost of the administrator employed by the Mahamba Management Committee and running the Office to support both LTPT and the group of 6 pre-schools in Ward 52.



*This is Andiswe Damane Thnx, a teacher at Ilithia Educare Pre-School with a few of their vegetables supplied by The Langa Trust.*

## The VUSA Rugby & Learning Academy

In the August 2020 issue of the LTPT Newsletter there was an important piece about the great work of the VUSA Rugby and Learning Academy in Langa. The piece is worth reading again by referring to this link: [Langa Newsletter Issue 35](#)



The very welcome work of VUSA continues as demonstrated by activities during their recent visit to Nomonde Pre-School and there are more details here about [VUSA Rugby Academy](#)



*Outdoor and Indoor with VUSA*

## Food Vouchers at Christmas for Langa Early Child Development Members



Last year, through the November great ultra – marathon by grandson Fergus Pickles, we were able to purchase £3,000 of vouchers to help 3,000 children as they moved in their pre-schools towards Christmas. Happily, we can do this again with thanks to the Legends of Motown event and the contribution of the Parish of St Mary and St Paul, described elsewhere in this issue.



We regret to announce that the LTPT project, initiated two and a half years ago, to provide a Resource Centre for the Langa Township Early Child Development Forum has had to be abandoned. The reason for this decision is that, whilst costs were based on completion by the Spring of 2025, by September a site for the building still had not been finalised. Spiralling prices during this delay have put the project cost well beyond what the funders can afford, and there is considered to be serious financial risk should the project proceed. Additionally, the funders were not prepared to give to the City of Cape Town a contractual assurance to repair and maintain the property which was to be donated to the City of Cape Town. Happily, through the extensive and highly valued work of the Project Manager Chris Beech, free of charge, the cost to LTPT to date has been limited to £1,000.

This decision inevitably will involve the contractual obligation of LTPT to return to Cheltenham College the £30,000 which the College Partnership, Charity and Community initiative had donated especially for this newbuild project.

## New LTPT Patron



The Trustees of LTPT, the Hemel Hempstead – based charity, are pleased to announce that David Taylor, the MP for Hemel Hempstead, has accepted their invitation to become the second Patron of the Trust, joining the Right Reverend Dr Alan Smith, the Bishop of St Albans. David has been very focussed over 15 years on international matters, working within the Labour Party and successively for 5 years each he worked full-time for Oxfam and Fairtrade, before being elected in July to serve in the House of Commons.

## Annual Report and Accounts 2023-2024

The meeting of LTPT Trustees on Saturday 12 October happily approved that the Accounts and the Trustees Report should be sent to Warner Wilde for independent examination in preparation for its submission to the Charity Commission early before the end January 2025 due date.

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