

# Latest News

#### Church Sponsorship Weekends

Valentine's weekend saw Ted and Judi Fawcett and Rebecca Lland head north to Newcastle. Rebecca and Judi made appeals in four churches and on the Sunday evening Ted was able to thank the students at the Chaplaincy for all their involvement in fundraising activities. It was a very special and grace-filled weekend, which helped raise awareness of EVC's work, added around  $\pounds$ 900 to funds and brought some new child sponsors. More weekends are planned, the next being in Milton Keynes in the middle of this month.



Date for your Diaries EVC Variety Performance 2016 Saturday 25th June at 7.30 p.m. Holy Child & St Joseph's R C Church, Bedford Tickets £5 Newcastle Student Chaplaincy supports the work of EVC



Over the past year, the students at Bede House Catholic Chaplaincy in Newcastle have really 'upped their game' in support of EVC Uganda. Last September there was a great intake of new students and, from the off, £40 was raised from a raffle at the Come Dine With Me welcome events. At their Christmas celebrations it was good to have Rebecca Lland present, one of the first to visit the projects in Uganda. She was able to inform the students first hand how their money really helps, a motivation which boosted their Christmas fundraising to £300 through carol singing and another raffle. Recently, the students held a Crepe and Cocktail Night for Pancake Day and a separate Harry Potter Quiz, adding another £200 to the dormitory fund for St Matia Mulumba.



### Two New Faces Join the Finance Team



Nicki Howard has a background in accountancy, having worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers for a number of years, latterly as an Audit Manager. During her time with them, she took a career break and worked for 6 months as a volunteer in Tanzania, helping manage the finances of Equity for Tanzania, as well as training other members of the team. She's now living in Baldock and working more locally, which makes access to EVC meetings and functions much easier. As EVC grows, we're sure her experience and expertise will be a huge asset.



Mia Fox is one of the chaplains at Bede House Catholic Chaplaincy in Newcastle and has already done much to help develop the work of EVC, not least through her inspiration and motivation of the students involved there. In a 'previous life' she worked as a tax inspector, so comes well qualified to take on the role of Gift Aid Secretary.

## Young People Spring into Action!



Well done to Millie Crowe, Ambassador to Bede House Catholic Chaplaincy, who ran the Bath half marathon on 13th March and who has, to date, raised a wonderful £215.



Watch out for Ramon Monserrate and his three friends Mike, Lewis and Steve, as they run the Sheffield half marathon on 10th April, all in aid of the dormitory project.



Following on from that, Rebecca Lland and her two friends Harriet and Stacy plan to run the Edinburgh half marathon on 29th May.



#### .... and not to be outdone ...

Our Vice Chairman Gordon Lland is attempting to run the Prague Marathon on 8th May - 26.2 hard miles, beginning and ending in the Old Town area. Gordon writes, "Your sponsorship would certainly make the running easier and hopefully help my 'old legs' hold out."

Millie, Ramon, Rebecca and Gordon each have a fundraising page on BT My Donate. If you would like to support them and help them raise funds for the building projects in Uganda, you can find their donation pages at <u>www.btplc.com</u>. Then go to BT My Donate and click on Sponsor a Fundraiser. We look forward to reporting back on the money raised.

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