



Christmas 2021 looks like it might be very different from last year. Not least in the list of differences, is the opportunity to hold Christmas Celebrations and Concerts, just as we used to take for granted—pre-pandemic. Our Charity is working, once again, with Littlehampton United Church to hold our Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Sale.

The following week our good friend Jacob Keet is giving a concert “Christmas Serenade” at the same venue. Concert tickets are available from Chris Azzaro and other Trustees.

Details of both events follow on pages 2 and 3.

We also understand that a video of life at Unity School has been recorded and is now at the editing stage. This should be available on Facebook in the near future. We hope we will be able to show the video at the Christmas Tree Festival and the Concert.

The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2021 takes place in two weeks time. Information has been sent out by email but it is reproduced below as not all our supporters receive electronic information. If you wish to make a donation by cash or cheque, you may hand it to any of our Trustees. This campaign is aimed at raising money to continue with our medical programme, some information is printed below.

FOLLOW UP TO OUR AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2021

It is 2 weeks until it is time to donate to our Big Give online platform. All donations given online will come direct to Friends of the Mombasa Children Bank Account. A donate button will appear on our campaign page from **12 p.m. on Tuesday 30th November** and the closing date for this campaign is **Tuesday 7th December at 12 p.m.**

The link to our campaign: <https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign/a056900001xdZxJAAU>

To give you an idea of the cost per pupil for our Medical Project: -

Number of pupils in the school at the present time: 450

Number of referrals in the last 12 months seeking medical advice and medication: 833

Pupils suffering from Asthma or ongoing health issues require continuing medication

There have been two outbreaks of Dengue Fever this year

The average annual cost for our medical project: £7000

The average cost per pupil for the last 12 months: £8.40

There is no free medical care or National Health Service in Kenya

There is private Health Insurance—only for those who can afford it

Still to Come in 2021

After a gap of two years we intend to hold our **Christmas Tree Festival and Sale** with Littlehampton United Church on **December 10th and 11th**. On Friday we hope to open to the public at about 4.00pm and enjoy Carol-Singing by candle light around 5.30pm. On Saturday we will be open from 10.00 am to 3.00pm together with our Christmas Fair.

Covid restrictions permitting, we will be serving Tea, Coffee, Mince Pies and other refreshments. Admission is free.

All Christmas Trees are welcome. If you are connected with a local organisation who would like to display a tree please use the contact number below and you will be sent details.

Offers of help at these events would be most welcome. Please contact Chris 01903 718070 or any of the Trustees.



Important Information for our supporters

Virgin Money Giving (VMG) will cease to operate on 30th November. As a charity we have used Virgin Money giving as our on-line platform for donations and fundraising activities for many years and are disappointed that they will be ceasing to operate. The VMG website will be open until midnight on 30 November 2021 when it will stop accepting donations. They have confirmed that from 1 December until 18 February 2022, they will continue to claim the Gift Aid on all relevant donations for charities and pay it out in the usual way.

After investigating several other on-line platforms for the purpose of our monthly, one-off donations and fundraising events, we have decided to register with "**Just Giving**". A new link (below) is available on our website and will also appear on our facebook page and in our newsletters. We will be writing to everyone who has set up regular donations via Virgin Money Giving.

You can donate to Friends of the Mombasa Children via

<https://www.justgiving.com/mombasa-children>

Or by on-line banking: our Treasurer Khatija Volk or Carol Groves can give you more advice.

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Christmas Serenade

Nicky Williams - Piano
Jacob Keet - Violin

Including:

Massenet - Meditation from Thais

Tchaikovsky - Souvenir d'un lieu cher

Monti - Czardas



In aid of:



Saturday December 18th 2021

7:30 PM

Littlehampton United Church, BN17 5EG

TICKETS (£8) ON THE DOOR

FRIENDS OF THE MOMBASA CHILDREN

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1155625

The Friends of Mombasa Children

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Christmas Sale & Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 10th 4.00 – 7.00pm

Saturday 11th December

10.00am – 3.00pm

Littlehampton United Church

Entrances in the High Street and Arundel Road

**Christmas Goods, Cosmetics, Jewellery,
African Goods, Cards, Candles, Refreshments**

Free Admission