Kids for Kids
Candlelit Christmas Concert
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm
St Peter's Church,
Eaton Square, SW1W 9AL





We are pleased to announce that this year's Kids for Kids Candlelit Christmas Concert will be hosted by none other than the Absolutely Fabulous **Joanna Lumley OBE** – **Patron of Kids for Kids!** 

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 we invite you to an evening of Christmas tales, carols and live music in the heart of Belgravia at St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square. Joining Joanna, we will welcome Celebrity Guest Readers **Miriam Margolyes OBE**, **Barry Cryer OBE**, **Timothy West CBE** and **The Lord Cope of Berkeley PC**.

We are grateful to our wonderful celebrities who will come together this Christmas Season in an effort to raise much needed funds for Kids for Kids, virtually the only organisation helping the forgotten children in the rural villages of Darfur, Sudan. Over the past months Sudan has been in turmoil, not just in the capital, but across the entire country. People have taken up the cry "We are Darfur" at last realising the tragedy of life in Darfur since the violence started in 2002. *"Families in Darfur have faced violence and uncertainty for years,"* says Patricia Parker MBE, Kids for Kids Founder and CEO. *"Did you know that children died in Darfur last year from starvation? But not in Kids for Kids villages, which is why we must make this concert a true success so we can help more families in dire need."* 

Also joining us for our Concert we have the choirs of **Queen's Gate School**, one of the first all girls' schools in London founded in 1891, who's angelic voices will enchant us, whilst the lights of hundreds of candles usher in the Christmas season. Always a favourite, **Thames Fanfare Brass** will raise the roof under the charismatic leadership of **Roy Bilham**. The evening ends with mulled wine and mince pies – what else?!



## Concert 7.00pm followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies (included in your ticket)

Tickets: Adults £35; Children £15 (Min donation)

Book Online: <u>https://www.kidsforkids.org.uk/event/magical-</u> candlelit-christmas-concert-2019/

Or by Cheque to 'Kids for Kids' at PO BOX 456 Dorking RH4 2WS

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## NOTES FOR THE EDITOR

Kids for Kids was founded in 2001 by Patricia Parker MBE after her first-hand experience of the inexcusable conditions children were living in in Darfur, Sudan. The poorest families survive on less than £25 a year. With inflation soaring and shortages of even the most basic of essentials, starvation is a real threat. Children live in conditions of indescribable deprivation. Mothers cannot afford to feed their children protein in any form. Prolonged malnutrition damages growth, weakens bones and teeth, and destroys brain cells. The future is a bleak prospect for a mother who worries every day about how she can feed her little ones.

Kids for Kids adopts a village, introducing an integrated package of grass roots projects identified by the villagers themselves as things they are in need of most – and which will help them out of poverty long term. All our projects are sustainable. From our 'lend a goat' scheme through to training midwives and first aid workers, planting sustainable forests and fruit trees, to installing water pumps in villages so they have clean, fresh water, to building kindergartens, Kids for Kids has adopted 92 villages so far.

Kids for Kids has received support from many well-known personalities including HRH The Prince of Wales, Joanna Lumley OBE, Eamonn Holmes OBE, Julie Etchingham, His Holiness Pope Francis, Lord Carrington PC, Timothy West OBE, Miriam Margolyes OBE, and many others.

For details of Kids for Kids' extraordinary support which has helped over 500,000 people to date, please do get in touch or visit our website: www.kidsforkids.org.uk.



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