



Our church sign



Our church garden



Young people confirmed by our Bishop in 2012



Our town sign



The town



We can walk in the beautiful woods nearby

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Just one world

St James the Great,
Petts Wood, England

connect2



Our church in Summer

Inside the church at Christmas





Greetings from Petts Wood to the community of Kainmari. We are so pleased to be connected to you and hope we will learn more about you, your country, your way of life, your hopes and dreams.



Children of our parish

Our town

Petts Wood is a small town situated on the border of South East London, in an area called Kent. A twenty minute train journey takes you into central London. The same distance south takes you to the many villages and rural landscape of Kent. Many of its inhabitants travel to London

every day to work. We are about 60 miles from the coast which allows easy travel across the sea to Europe.

Our Parish

Our parish of St James the Great is busy and vibrant and over 600 people come to our church every week. It serves the area of Petts Wood where many other people live. There are strong links between our church and our parish school which is also called St James'. Most of the 220 pupils at the school attend our church.

Many different parish groups contribute to parish life. Our Justice and Peace group is responsible for the Connect2 initiative with Kainmari. It is a small group of between 10 and 15 people. We organise collections of food for the poor in our local area. We also collect food, clothes and other things for some of the homeless people in London. To help producers in developing countries, we sell Fairtrade goods so that they are given a fair price for their labour.

Connect2 has been adopted as part of a whole parish scheme to Live Simply. We started this in October 2012. Later this year our people will gather for a curry evening and we will use the recipe sent to us by Mollika. By doing this we shall feel close to the people of Kainmari. We hope to raise some money for your village by selling the meals. We will let you know about it by sending photographs.

Our children are looking forward to sending you pictures and drawings telling you about their lives. The youngest children in school are four and five year olds, while the eldest are ten and eleven, so we hope you will get some very different ideas about what it is like being a child in Petts Wood.

We look forward to hearing more about you and seeing some pictures of your community. With our good wishes and prayers.

Mary