



# The LINK

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## Slum n See us!

A few weeks ago a number of our young people expressed an interest in raising money to support those affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti. A few others had previously expressed an interest in raising some money for one of the schools that they visited in Kenya last year. It was from these initial ideas that the weekend of Slum n See Us came to life. While the idea began with members of CPYWT's youth group Gateway, we also invited St. Mary's Great Baddow youth group, Crossfire and a younger youth group in Coggeshall, Anim8z. In total we had 16 young people.

The weekend began by the group designing and building their own slum. This was achieved by tying wooden pallets together, laying cardboard on the floor and attaching tarpaulin to create a roof. The young people were spilt into smaller groups, ('families.')

They then were expected to cook with their family and participate in all challenges together.

There were a number of rules for the weekend. Firstly you were only allowed one set of clothes for the whole weekend, secondly there was a restricted diet, which consisted of rice, cabbage, haricot beans and onion, and there would be no lunch on Saturday. The young people were also restricted on what they could bring, so mobile phones, mp3 players, books and any other forms of entertainment were banned. Also pillows were not allowed.

Having cooked our dinner, the temperature began to drop within the church. We combated this by playing lots of games, which kept us moving. The first night was interesting, as it was both cold and uncomfortable, but we were in good spirit as we awoke on Saturday. The first challenge was to collect water from a number of different water points in the village. The winning 'family' received a packet of biscuits! Breakfast was the next project, followed by challenge no. 2 which was junk modelling. During the afternoon a small group went on a wood gathering task, while everyone else learnt to knit, some with more success than others!

The last challenge of the day was a fair trade experience, where the young people had to create and sell paper oranges. Unfortunately life threw some

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## Children's Activity Club for Good Friday

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## St Peter's Guild

See page 2 for details

## Clocks Go Forward

*Don't forget that British Summer time starts at 2am on 28<sup>th</sup> March when the clocks go forward*