

Kerala Catholic Association of the UK Celebrated Christmas and Silver Jubilee with a variety of performances in East Ham Town Hall at Newham.

The programme included performances by members of the community, and also from community organisations; BKA, KCWA and SNGM. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Armitage released a souvenir to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Kerala Catholic Association. The souvenir was edited by Mr. Ernest Peter Kandathil.

Dignitaries who attended the event included Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Armitage; V.G Brentwood Diocese and Patron of KCA, Honorable Minister Stephen Timms, Councilors Lakmini Shah, Paul Sathianesan, Rev. Fr., Hamill, Rev. Fr Daniel Kulangara, Br Xavier and representatives of community and media organisations.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Armitage gave a Christmas on behalf of the three dioceses, Brentwood, Westminster and Southwark and Mr. Stephen Timms MP also addressed the gathering.

Mr Jose Alexander said, "We are in regular contact with Rt. Rev. Monsignor John Armitage, Vicar General of Brentwood dioceses who is giving valuable guidance and support to our Community. We will stand by them, whenever there is a need".

The GCSE and A Level awards won by Elaine Vincent and Susan Vincent from East Ham. The prizes for 5 a side Football and Cricket were distributed by KCA's Sports Coordinator Mr Tilson Peter and the President Mr Jose Alexander. The Secretary of the Association, Mr Bastian Bennett delivered the Vote of Thanks

The highlight of the event was a magnificent ganemela performed by Yasin Nizar, winner of 2 crore apple megastars (Jeevan TV) 2009 and Gandharvasangeetham (Kairali TV) The full capacity audience reacted with enthusiasm and were dancing and singing along with the songs.