

A CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN MALAWI

Note for users: *This quarterly cycle begins in July 2009. It may be used: **by parishes** on a monthly basis for prayer diaries, or as part of weekly intercessions at Sunday services; or **By individuals concerned for Malawi** – as a jumping –off point for your own prayers.*

A Prayer: O God who has made the peoples of the earth and knows and loves each man and woman equally, we thank you for the link between the Anglican churches in Malawi and Birmingham. Bless our Bishops, clergy, church workers and people in Birmingham and Malawi and help us grow in love and obedience along with a real concern for each other's welfare.

Fr Henry Burgess

July, October 2009

Week 1, 5-11 July and 4-10 October

Youth Encounter: 13 young people from Birmingham will be in Malawi July 24- August 8, helping at the Zoa tea estate in S Malawi, then in Blantyre and some r&r by Lake Malawi.

Oversight: The Anglican Council of Malawi. Province of Central Africa, Archbishop to be appointed/ plans to create a separate province

Malawi Container 3 is due to leave Birmingham on 10 July

Week 2

General prayers for dioceses: For Bishop vacancies to be filled; for leadership and financial resources.

Diocese of Northern Malawi [DNM], Bishop to be appointed

Bishop Christopher Boyle as he settles as Assistant Bishop in Leicester Diocese

Parish link: B1 Church with St Peter's Hospital Likoma

Week 3

Diocese of Lake Malawi [DLM]; for a bishop to be appointed

Parish links: St Patrick and St James Shirley with Nkhotakhota

Youth Encounter - see Week 1.

Week 4

Community development and social care; care for orphans

Agricultural development, 'Demonstration Gardens' for crops

UK Support: MACS, Birmingham Diocese Malawi Task Group

August, November 2009

Week 5, 2-8 August and 1-7 November

Diocese of Upper Shire [DUS], Bishop Brighton Malasa, installed 13 June

Parish links: Ascension, Hall Green with Chilipa; St Michael's Solihull, with Jali; Harborne SS Faith and Laurence with Liwonde Parish; Olton St Margaret with Lungwena Parish

Week 6

Diocese of Southern Malawi [DSM], Bishop James Tengatenga

Parish links: Maney St Peter with Ndirande Parish; Water Orton Sunday Club with Chiweni Primary School

Week 7

Education Skills Share Trip, 15 August-2 September: 9 Birmingham teachers giving in-service training to teachers in Mzuzu [DNM] and Nkhotakhota [DLM]

Church Schools: Primary schools in Malawi cater for ages 5 to mid-teens, coping with very large classes and lack of resources. Secondary schools are typically selective, boarding and fee-paying. [For comparison, Birmingham has c. 50 well-funded primary schools for ages 4-11, 2 secondary schools and a Post-16 Centre]

Week 8

Ordination training: Leonard Kamungu Theological College, Zomba, Principal, Canon Alinafe Kalemba; the ordinands

Week 9, 30 August-5 September and 29 November-5 December

Lay training colleges: Chilema [DUS]; Nkhotakhota [DLM]

Parish links [DUS]: Austrey and Warton with Malindi; St Editha's Amington with St Andrew's Mangochi; Polesworth Abbey with Mpondas Parish

September, December 2009

Week 10

Healthcare: St Anne's Hospital, Nkhotakhota [DLM]; St Luke's Hospital, Malosa [DUS]; St Peter's Hospital Likoma [DNM]

Health education: AIDS prevention; the fight against malaria

Week 11

The missionary outreach in Malawi and Birmingham, inter-faith issues with the Moslem minority. Work with children and young people

Week 12

The Mothers Union in the 4 Dioceses of Malawi and its workers; links with the MU in Birmingham

Lake Malawi: Literacy Trainers: Mrs Miriam Chimowa and Mrs Violet Jinazali

Northern Malawi:

Literacy Trainers: Mrs Beatrice Chisiza and Mrs Mukambenji Betty Chimbe

Southern Malawi:

Diocesan Workers: Mrs Lois Kagwada and Mrs Yasinta Mtambo

Literacy Trainers: Mrs Joyce Chitete and Mrs Temwanani Kalimbe

Upper Shire: Diocesan Worker: Mrs Agnes Mkoko

Literacy Trainers: Mrs Lydia Binali and Mrs Phillis Juma

Week 13

The government of Malawi, President Mutharika

Parish links [DSM]: Christ Church and SS Paul and Barnabas, Quinton with Soche

Edgbaston St George with South Lunzu Parish