

MALAWI - TWIN

Malawi Newsletter – March 2021

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Covid-19 Appeal for Malawi – Update.

We intend closing the Malawi Covid-19 Appeal on 17th March 2021

Dear Friends of Malawi,

In the UK: We are moving into spring, with the days getting longer and brighter and our outlook also begins to look brighter. The new cases & deaths continue to fall, along with numbers of people in hospital with Covid-19, and with the “role out” of the vaccine our future begins to look brighter, let’s hope and pray that continues.

In Malawi: I am pleased to report that things in Malawi are also beginning to improve. Over the past three weeks, Malawi has also been seeing their numbers of new cases and the numbers of deaths from the coronavirus continuing to fall. Let us all continue to pray for our friends in Malawi.

On Monday 1st March, we received an urgent request for help from Fr. Denis, asking for financial assistance to purchase items to help protect his poor parishioners from the virus, they have so little money to buy such things as soap, sanitizer, disinfectant, face masks and buckets to set up washing stations at their churches and out stations.

On Wednesday 3rd March, your Malawi Team, transferred £3,000 to each of our three linked parishes. This £9,000 was taken from our funds, for our “on-going projects” for example, sponsorship fund and our Malawi container project.

I am grateful for all those who have kindly donated to our Malawi Emergency Covid Appeal, the appeal so far has raised a wonderful some of £6,314-10 this was great at such short notice and of course our appeal has not reached all of our parishioners, as many are not reach by the parish “fan out” system for receiving newsletters and are not attending church at present. Any further donations would be most welcomed.

How to Donate:

By Bank transfer (Bacs) to RCAS Corpus Christi Tonbridge.

Sort code: 60-21-28 Account No. 71367780 Qoute: Reference MT-COVID

Or place cash or cheque in an envelope clearly marked ‘Malawi Appeal’. This can be posted to the parish or put through the presbytery door.

Please read reports on page two, from our three linked priests.

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Below are extracts of Reports and Appeals received from Malawi.

Message From Fr. Francis – Changoima Parish:

For the funding we received have done great good in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic. We have managed to buy face masks, soap, sanitizers for the majority of our people we can now say we have the authority to say everyone should put on masks because we have provided to almost everyone.

With love and prayers, thank you so much.

Fr. Francis. Dated: Saturday 6th March 2021.

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**Message From Fr. Alfred – Matumba Parish:**

We sincerely appreciate for the Covid Funds that Malawi-Twin Team sent to our respective parishes that were meant to assist in preventing the spread of the virus.

We managed to procure a good number of PPEs that are currently helping our parishioners in fighting against the pandemic in all our churches.

As we appreciate for your timely help, we still had a challenge of not managing to provide the essential PPEs to all individual Christians like masks, sanitisers, disposable gloves, etc due to the limited purchased materials / funds. These are materials that would also help them in their homes, not only at the church during prayer services or gatherings.

Besides, we would still appreciate so much if the chances for further financial support were available for keeping in mind that we have a huge population of Christians in our churches that are using the provided items (sanitisers, Soap, etc.) every time they congregate which we expect to be used up very soon.

Otherwise, we always appreciate for the great support you offer to our Parishes in Malawi.

With gratitude & prayers,

Fr. Alfred. Dated: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

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Message From Fr. Denis – Karonga Parish:

Sunday School children at St. Michael's Outstation washing their hands before Mass using the donated buckets. They are also wearing linen masks which we donated to children and elderly.



Fr. Denis. Dated Sunday 28th February 2021.