

MALAWI - TWIN

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Dear Friends of Malawi,

Malawi website:

Over the past two years our Malawi website has undergone major improvements in the content and layout. I am grateful to Lucy Langridge, who has spent so much time maintaining and improving our website.

I am pleased to announce that videos are now available on our website. To access a video, click on the new video tab on the home page. A drop menu will appear, click on the required video and you will be directed to YouTube, where the selected video will play. You can pause or stop the video at any time during viewing. When you select the same video at a future date it will return to the position at which you paused or stopped. The videos are listed on YouTube as “unlisted” so they can only be viewed via our website.

At present seven videos are available; may I suggest you view the first video on the menu entitled “Poverty in Malawi”. This video was filmed in early 2020, it really portrays the poverty in the villages and outback of Malawi. I hope you enjoy the other six videos that are also available, many of which have previously been shown in the parish at our Malawi days.

I hold a large library of videos that relate to our Malawi project, many received from Malawi, many showing events held within the parish, and these include fundraising events and slideshows of our container project which started back in 2009.

I am hopeful that our linked priests and friends in Malawi will now begin to send us videos of the events and projects that our Malawi twinning project is supporting. These can be sent either via YouTube or WhatsApp over the internet. This would be a major improvement of how your Malawi Twinning team can keep you updated.

Hopefully over the coming weeks, you will find time to view the improvements made to our Malawi website as most of us have had more time on our hands due the Covid lockdown.

I welcome your comments, suggestions, and feedback. *Enjoy.*

Malawi Container Number: 12

Container number twelve was launched with an appeal in early February 2020, donations immediately began to arrive and before the end of the February our teams of sorters & packers began work. Kevin was busy refurbishing computers and loading them with basic software, ready for use in Malawi. Our twelfth container to Malawi was well underway and due to load and depart the UK on Saturday 6th June 2020.

Work continued well, but during early March we heard news that a coronavirus was spreading, not just throughout the world but here in the UK with cases and deaths rapidly increasing. It was announced the UK was to go into lockdown on Monday 23rd March 2020 and our last sorting and packing session took place on Saturday 21st March. We had completed four packing session and packed almost 60% of our allocated space, a tremendous effort by our packing teams.

During April and May the donations continued to arrive, many of our parishioners and donors spent the early weeks of lockdown sorting items they wished to donate to the container project. In fact, the donations began to overwhelm us, thankfully some of our packers were able to either work in isolation or family bubbles sorting and packing, I am very grateful for all their help.

Again, over the past few weeks, donations have continued to arrive, and I am so thankful to all those who have given their time packing in family bubbles.

This year's container is now completely oversubscribed, and almost 50% over our allocated space for our next container, hopefully in 2022.

So please no further donations for this year's container.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it was not possible to load our container in June 2020. A new date was set for the autumn of 2020, and another for 27th March 2021, again neither were possible due to lockdown restrictions. We are hoping that it will be possible for loading and departure to take place on Saturday **12th June 2021**.

May I thank everyone who has helped make our annual containers to Malawi so successful, our friends in Malawi are so grateful for everything we send.

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