

MALAWI - TWIN

Malawi Container number Fourteen – June 2023

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Dear Friends of Malawi,

Following my appeal last November for help with the administration and overseeing of our 2023 container to Malawi (container number 14) I am pleased to announce that two new parishioners have come forward. May I thank and introduce Vipin and Syhla William. I am so grateful to them for their help and assistance, without which this year's container project would have been in serious doubt due to my health & mobility problems.

Thankfully the container is over the first hurdle, but we still require further help and assistance. There are many other jobs that I have previously done, that I now find I am unable to carry out, these are as follows:

- 1) Donations brought into Corpus Christi, St Justus and St Peters need transporting to our warehouse.
- 2) Some parishioners find it difficult to bring their donations to church. In the past Colin O'Hara and I have operated a collection service; I am looking for volunteers to assist Colin.
- 3) We are looking for parishioners to help sort and pack the donated items in our warehouse. We pack on Saturday afternoons; these are always fun afternoons, with tea / coffee and cake. If you can spare the odd Saturday, please consider joining us.

A newsletter will be available on the way out of church with a volunteer list. Please e-mail: brianrobertwilkins@yahoo.co.uk or phone: 07714-012915 with what you can do to make our 14th container as successful as our previous thirteen.

SALUT Malawi – The team is headed up by Jacqueline Nunn. The project assists girls in Malawi with underwear, sanitary items and soap.

They will be collecting in the Fisher Hall **from 2pm on Sunday 26th March.**

Please see page two for the items we need for this year's container.

Our June 2023 Container is well under way. We have already secured

- **Space** in the Container which leaves Birmingham in June. (600 cubic feet)
- **Tyler Holdings Ltd.** Who continue to provide us with warehouse accommodation
- **Lenham Storage Ltd.** Who have offered to continue support with transportation
- **KFC Tunbridge Wells.** Who will supply us with the cartons needed for packing
- **Kevin Wilkins** our IT engineer will again be busy refurbishing computers.

How can you Help !!

We have a small overspill from last year, which is packed ready for dispatch.

- Many children still run around in clothes no better than rags. **So Lots of children’s clothes please**, from babies through to teenagers.
- Adults need shoes, bedding, household tools, reading glasses and sewing machines.
- Tools are required to help cultivate garden plots and carry out repairs to their homes.

Shoes need to be flat - no stilettos please

Below is a list of the types of items we hope to send:

Education (for 13,000 children) <i>All School Materials, pens, pencils, rulers, crayons, felt tips etc.</i>	Clothing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Men: as good as new</i> • <i>Women: as good as new Bras and Knickers, soap.</i> • <i>Children: birth to teenagers</i>
Tools - Metal & Woodwork	Musical Instruments
Health & Medical	Household items
Computing Equipment	Toys
Sewing Machines	Reading Glasses

Due to worldwide inflation, we expect our costs to rise by at least 20%, (to over £6000). Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help, please leave your donations in the Narthex at Corpus Christi, **from Now until the end of April.** To arrange a collection please contact Colin O’Hara on 07714-012915 or e-mail colinohara8@gmail.com.

Our friends in Malawi very much look forward to our next consignment which is expected to arrive late September/early October 2023.

Many thanks for your continued support for this very worthy project.
Vipin & Shyla William, Brian Wilkins and Anthony Halter. Your Malawi Container Project Co-ordinators.