

# The Companion Dioceses of Rochester and Mpwapwa

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### Welcome

We hope you enjoy reading this Bulletin – please be free to share with others who may be interested in what’s going on in Mpwapwa. If you’re not already a “Friend of Mpwapwa” but would like to receive these Bulletins and the occasional email with news from Mpwapwa and St Philip’s Theological College direct, do please drop us an email.

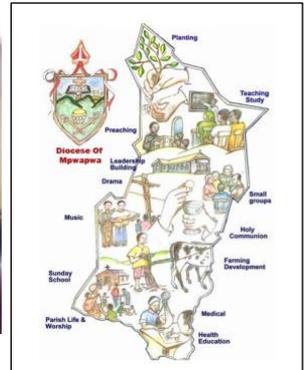
There is plenty going on with our links. Its lovely to see news and greetings being shared on WhatsApp Groups.

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### Latest News

Rochester Diocese’s website has been redesigned. You can find us at <https://www.rochester.anglican.org/about-us/overseas-links/> . If you click on Mpwapwa you will find information and links to the latest PowerPoints etc that you are free to share.

It’s now also possible for donations to be made online with a credit or debit card! Go to <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/Mpwapwa> . If a donation is for a specific project, details should be entered in the “Details / Reference” Box. We would encourage substantial gifts to continue to be given using the Donation Form system as no fees are payable on these donations.



Mpwapwa Diocese celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary during their Ordination Service at All Saints Cathedral on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Ordained were 33 Deacons to Priesthood, 16 Catechists to Deacons, and 16 Lay Canons. Congratulations were sent by +Simon Burton-Jones on behalf of Rochester Diocese.

+Jacob is now continuing with his visits to all the parishes, and conducting Confirmation Services.

+Jacob retires in August 2022 when he and his family will need to move out of the official Bishop’s Residence into a new house currently being built in Mpwapwa. We have recently received a request for help with funding for the roofing. Donations will be much appreciated and will prove a great blessing to +Jacob.

### Please pray for ...

Bishop Jacob, his family and Diocese, Rev Canon Agripa and all at St Philip’s, the activities in this Bulletin, and for our Link Co-ordinator, Stephen Ngailo. Please also pray

- for Tanzania’s way forward on Covid-19, for more vaccinations to be available (just 1% of the population vaccinated so far) and that the vaccine will be taken up
- for Mhaha, Monica and staff and pupils at Queen Esther’s Girls School. Praise God the roll is now up to 80 girls; and please also pray as the school applies to the Government to admit boys
- for good communication between each of our links
- for funds to roof +Jacob’s new home in Mpwapwa - and the Cathedral Compassion Project’s new Offices which also needs a roof!



*A Friend of Mpwapwa gave funds to Queen Esther’s Girls School to purchase beans and grain in bulk when the prices were relatively low this summer.*

## St Philip's Theological College, Kongwa

It is great to learn that at the beginning of the new academic year St Philip's had 59 residential students (up from 50 last year) plus 11 on-line students enrolled. Two students from Mpwapwa Diocese have just started their 3-year Diploma course, sharing a £600pa bursary from a Friend of Mpwapwa.

Work is continuing on St Philip's new fish farm project. This will give knowledge to the students in how to manage such a project – the hope is the fish will also improve the diets of the students and help reduce the meat bill!

Congratulations to Rev Canon Agripa, Principal, who has just started a 5-Phase PhD course. £700 was raised to help him start the on-line course with the South African Theological Seminary on 1 November – further fees of £5,000 are needed for him to complete all 5 Phases of the PhD. His research topic is "The Call and Mission of the Church to persons with disabilities: A case study in the Anglican Church of Tanzania." This topic builds on the Disability Project in the Kongwa area started 6 years ago, the Disabilities Studies curriculum at the College, and will help equip the Church to serve the most marginalised people in Tanzanian society. If you would like to support Agripa by contributing towards his fees, donations can be made online, through the Donation Form or email [Mpwapwa.cdsg@gmail.com](mailto:Mpwapwa.cdsg@gmail.com).

The Anglican Province of Tanzania celebrated its Golden Jubilee from 22-29 September with a National Clergy Conference and Synod. As the Provincial College, St Philip's were invited to promote the College during these events. Here is a photo of Rev Canon Agripa hosting their stand!



## Crockham Hill: Kongwa and Mkwala Primary School

The work on Phase 1 of this project, to restore the existing water harvesting system – repairing the underground tank, piping and installing new guttering – has been completed! Phase 2, drilling of a borehole, will start shortly!

This project will provide much needed safe water for the 1,000+ pupils and will be shared with the local community. The borehole will be overseen by a local Committee made up of community elders, church and school representatives.



*Nelson cooks dinner for his patrol on the altar fire*

## Hadlow: Kibakwe Sharon Vanns writes:

As part of our Parish link with Kibakwe, Hadlow Scout Group is linked with the local Scout Group. Hadlow Scouts helped fund a goat keeping project in 2015, a project that has evolved over the years to generate income to enable many young people to take part in Scouting activities.

In June this year, Hadlow Scouts sponsored the new Kibakwe leader, Sauli Malamia, attended his initial leader training, providing him with the skills and knowledge needed to run the Group effectively. Hadlow had also supported the previous leader, Nelson Nyaombo, to attend his Wood Badge training in Morogoro; he now intends to pass on his knowledge and skills to other leaders in Mpwapwa District to ensure Scouting is available to as many young people as possible. Nelson is currently seeking sponsorship from local companies to help fund training camps.

We look forward to seeing how the Scout Group is progressing on our next visit - hopefully during 2022!



*Sauli is wearing the Tonbridge District and Kent Scout Badges on his uniform*