

## Lighting up the Future for Children in Malawi

Can you imagine finishing primary school, with great results, but then finding that no secondary school place is available for you? This is the case for children in Chipwepwete, a rural village in Malawi, with places for only 20% of those finishing primary school and the nearest school over an hour's walk away. As a result, very few children in this poor area develop the skills to work in any capacity beyond growing enough food for their families. Staggeringly, the average annual wage of an adult in Malawi with a primary school education is only £200, but this rises to £900 with a secondary education, which would give students the opportunity to transform their own communities.

Hope4Malawi aims to help communities in rural Malawi overcome long term poverty through education and to see the Kingdom of God extended as Malawians hear the gospel and pastors are equipped to lead churches.

Our focus has been to help the communities of Mpemba, Chipwepwete and Namende develop:

- school feeding programmes, which improve regular attendance, health and concentration in lessons.

- new libraries and classrooms, which improve the learning environment and provide access to books, which massively helps children learn English. As a result, more children are passing secondary school entrance exams.



This has created the opportunity for the next step-change in these communities, which is to fund the building of a new secondary school, to provide 400 places for children from Chipwepwete and other local primary schools.

If you would like to partner with us to enable these children to develop their communities, please contact us for a brochure ([sara@hope4malawi.org](mailto:sara@hope4malawi.org)).

*If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out, your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight. I will always show you where to go.*

Isaiah 58:10

Thank you for your support

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### You are welcome at any of our activities this coming week at St Paul's

#### This Sunday 19 May

10am Communion Service  
*Speaking truth to our culture*  
*- Running from God*  
Speaker: Martin Wainwright  
6pm *Wisdom for living out your faith*  
Speaker: David McKie

**Monday** 9:15am Prayer Meeting (Upper Lounge)  
9:45am Toddlers  
10am Horizons Planning Meeting  
2pm Wrigglers  
7:45pm Men's Night (see over)

**Tuesday** 9:45am Toddlers  
11am Spartans  
2-5pm Study Space (The Hub)

**Wednesday** 11am Mid Week Focus  
**Thursday** 9:30am Prayer & Pastries  
10am Refresh! (Cheyham)  
**Friday** 10am Little Church  
2-5pm Study Space (The Hub)  
5:45pm Kidzone Fridays (Y3-6)

#### Sunday 26 May

10am *Speaking truth to our culture*  
*- The world's storm*  
Speaker: Neil Thomas  
6pm Communion Service  
*Wisdom for facing discrimination*  
Speaker: James Wakefield

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Office hours 9:30am-2:30pm Monday to Friday

## Please pray for:

- all those facing health challenges, whether physical or mental.
- the European Parliament elections on Thursday, particularly for calm and understanding amongst many different points of view.
- the Hope4Malawi team and their educational building projects underway – giving thanks and praying for further blessing for these most needy communities.
- the interview process as we seek new youth and worship pastors.

You're welcome to join us to pray on Monday mornings, except Bank Holiday Mondays, 9:15-9:45am in the Lounge. If you would like prayer for anything, contact Sally Thomas [sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk](mailto:sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk) / 020 8224 7360.

### Youth & Worship Pastors Update

Thank you for your prayers and support as we recruit for these vital roles. Although we are beginning an exploratory conversation with a couple, it is at a very early stage and there are some significant hurdles to overcome. Unfortunately, there are currently no other viable candidates. We may need to reflect and re-advertise. It is worth noting that there are 100 youth vacancies being advertised in the Anglican Church at present, underlining the challenges that we face in recruiting appropriate members for our team. Please continue to pray, and chat to Paul about any concerns. Please also consider whether you may be called to contribute to the Youth Ministry, even for a season, to ensure we continue to invest in our young people.

### Horizons Planning Meeting

**Monday 20 May 10am** (Club Room). Everyone who has helped in the past, or wishes to help this year, is invited for coffee and to discuss this year's Holiday Club for seniors 28-30 August.

### Horizons: St Paul's Holiday Club for Seniors

**Wednesday-Friday 28-30 August.** Flyers and booking forms are available in the Welcome Area. Contact Ken Hobbs 020 8643 7878 / [revken.hobbs@gmail.com](mailto:revken.hobbs@gmail.com)

### Men's Night: Keeping the peace and falling to pieces

**Monday 20 May 7:45pm.** Join us with friends for beer, pizza and an inspiring talk by John Sutherland, best-selling author and former high-flying Met Police officer, whose career was cut short by anxiety and depression. Book free places at [saintpauls.co.uk/mensnight](http://saintpauls.co.uk/mensnight)

### Lost Property

Please check the Lost Property box in Main Street by **Wed 22 May.** Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

### Wedding Invitation

Hannah Woolridge and Chris Duncan would love you to join them for their marriage service at St Paul's on **Saturday 25 May 12:30pm.**

### Study Space (Revision)

Use The Hub as a space for quiet study and revision, Tuesdays & Fridays 2-5pm until 14 June. For young people and students. Brain food provided.

### Sean's thank you gift

The gift for Sean will now be presented during the evening service on **Sunday 9 June**, with a party afterwards (instead of 2 June). If you wish to contribute towards the gift, please give cash or cheque (payable to Steve McLeod) in a suitably marked envelope to the Wardens or Duty Wardens by Sunday 2 June.

### Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. We will be joining voices from around the world this year and invite you to:

**Individually** - sign up to pray for a one hour slot during the 11 days from **Thursday 30 May – Sunday 9 June.**

Take a slip from the noticeboard – you'll be able to sign up from **Sunday 26 May.**

**Corporately** – join us for an hour of prayer in the Prayer Space (main arena) on **Thursday 30 May 8-9pm** or **Thursday 6 June 1-2pm.**

### Kidzone Summer Helpers Needed

To give our regular Kidzone team a summer holiday, we need leaders and helpers for the Summer. Can you serve on any of these dates? 28 July, 4, 11, 18, 25 August and 1 September. Contact Naomi Simms for more information [naomis@saintpauls.co.uk](mailto:naomis@saintpauls.co.uk)

### Open Mic Night: FUEL & Wildfire

**Saturday 29 June 6-9pm** Join us for a night of relaxed fun, music, poetry, comedy... and whatever else people come up with! Entry is free, and if you want to sign-up an act just speak to Tim Fairhead. But there's no need to perform - just turn up and enjoy the social.

### Little Fishes Vacancy

Little Fishes Pre-School are looking for 2 people to work for 3 mornings a week 9am-1pm from September 2019 for 35 weeks per year. Applicants should have an NVQ 2 or higher in Pre-School practice or equivalent. Please apply to Jan Wright [littlefishes@saintpauls.co.uk](mailto:littlefishes@saintpauls.co.uk) for forms and job description. Closing date 3 June.

### Summer LIFE Group

Dates for your Diary: **Wednesdays 7, 14 & 21 August 8pm.** DVD series followed by group discussion.

## Giving to St Paul's

God's work here is funded by our church family and we encourage planned giving. Information on how to give regularly is available in the Welcome Area and online at [saintpauls.co.uk/giving](http://saintpauls.co.uk/giving). There is a plate by the door for any who may wish to give today. Charity No 1128212