

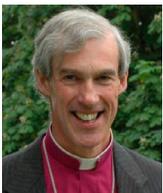
Dear friends,

This year our Harvest Appeal begins a three-year commitment to two remarkable projects in South Africa and Malawi, which will help vulnerable farmers to thrive. I hope you are as excited as I am to follow the progress of these projects and see how our harvest gifts and prayers bring hope and joy.

In Zululand, South Africa, we are supporting the extension of a successful project delivered by USPG. We will be helping people like Sliso learn how, through their own strengths and resources, they can provide food for their families. In Malawi we are supporting an innovative Christian Aid project to enable farmers like Magalita to adapt to climate change and flourish in very challenging conditions.

I hope that you will be inspired by these stories of harvesting a brighter future. Your support will make more transformation possible. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:9: 'we are partners working together for God, and you are God's field'.

Thank you.



James

Rt Rev James Newcome
Bishop of Carlisle



£8 will buy 4kg of seeds for a farmer in Malawi.

£70 will buy a bicycle for an experienced farmer in Malawi. With it, they'd be able to teach 100 farmers.

£204 will buy seeds, fertilisers and tools for a family for the next growing season in Zululand.

For more information, additional resources for churches and schools and booking a visiting speaker, please visit carlisle-diocese.org.uk or contact Cameron Butland at cameron.butland@carlisle-diocese.org.uk or 08768 773430.

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The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal 2017



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Harvesting a brighter future

Give to the Bishop of Carlisle's appeal and help farmers in Malawi and South Africa to thrive.

Imagine having to battle both droughts and floods to grow crops. Imagine the struggle to survive off ruined harvests. This is reality for many farmers and their families around the world, where climate change pushes so many further into poverty. But there is something you can do.

By supporting the Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal, you'll be helping farmers in Malawi and South Africa to adapt and flourish in these challenging conditions.

Over the next 3 years, the Bishop's Harvest appeal will be supporting two remarkable farming projects. As a diocese we'll be making a significant contribution to this work in Malawi and South Africa and we'll get ongoing updates via the diocesan webpage. You'll have the exciting opportunity to follow the projects and to gain a deeper understanding of how your generous support changes lives.

Food Gardens in Zululand

Small-scale farming provides income and essential food for millions of the poorest families in the world. In Zululand, South Africa, young people are forced to go



Women in Zululand bringing in their new harvest.

Although many have land to farm, they don't have the knowledge or tools to grow enough food.

to cities to work, leaving fewer people to sustain farms. Nearly three in four people in Zululand earn less than £2 per day. And with over a third of the children without enough food, the need is great.

USPG are working with the Anglican Church of South Africa to help vulnerable farmers in Zululand to thrive. Through the Church and Community Mobilisation Programme (CCMP), 11 parishes have already been helped. Through the programme, our partners are unlocking potential in communities, helping them to identify their resources and to plan how they can be used to reduce poverty.

Many communities realised that although many of them had land to farm, they didn't have the knowledge or tools to grow enough food. The Anglican Church of South Africa responded by giving farming resources such as seeds and tools to help communities succeed. They've also provided vital training in agriculture and other ways to earn money, such as poultry farms.

When Sliso Nzimande finished his degree, he struggled to find a job. But his life was transformed when he found out about the programme. "CCMP transformed my mind – I can do something!" says Sliso, from St Margaret's Parish. He's started a poultry farm and he's ambitious, using the money he earns to expand his business. He's even registered his company.

Malawi Pigeon Peas Project

Magalita Mafuta is a single mum in Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world and one of the worst affected by climate change. Weather patterns are unpredictable: there can be no rains or heavy downpours, which means either arid drought or flash floods. In these conditions Magalita has struggled to grow enough food to feed her family: it's hard to know when she should plant, and harder to get a good harvest from the maize. 'Most years we could make it through, but we have had to reduce the number of meals we eat', Magalita says.

Millions more people like Magalita are struggling to provide basic food for themselves and their loved ones.

But Christian Aid's partner, Evangelical Society of Malawi, has been helping



Magalita now has an extra harvest in the dry season.

Malagita's farm has been transformed and now gives her an extra bag of maize and two buckets of beans.

Magalita and 62 other families in her community. With our help, Magalita's built an irrigation system. Now, she has an extra harvest during the dry season - just when she needs more food.

Christian Aid partners are helping families that live in high-risk areas of drought and flooding to use innovative methods like conservation farming. This method means less work for the farmer, uses less chemical fertilizer, and produces bigger yields. It works by covering the ground with leftover plants from previous harvests so the land retains moisture, meaning that planting has the best chance of success even when the rains don't come. Farmers are also encouraged to plant pigeon peas, which require less water and return essential nutrients to the soil.

Magalita's farm has been transformed by conservation farming methods. Magalita's land now gives her an extra bag of maize and two buckets of beans. And she hopes this will increase over time.

Your gift will transform lives

Please support the Bishop's Harvest Appeal today and help even more communities to grow their way out of poverty. And don't forget to keep checking for updates on the diocesan webpage to see how the projects are progressing.

Your support really does change lives!