

Dear friends,

Last year marked the start of a three-year commitment, supporting two very special farming projects in Malawi and South Africa. As you see in this leaflet, your generosity has already been making a big difference. The progress being made through these projects truly is wonderful to see, and we can be encouraged by these words from Psalm 85: 'The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.'

In March, people from the diocese travelled to Malawi to see for themselves the transformational work that is going on. It is truly humbling to hear how the kindness of people in Cumbria is bringing hope to others so far away.

In our Companion Link Diocese of Zululand (South Africa), the church is at the heart of the effort to grow food for those who don't have enough. Thank you for supporting and enabling their work, some of which I was able to see for myself on a recent visit. Even a small amount of money makes a big difference, and I do hope that you will continue to support the appeal, as well as joining me in prayer for our sisters and brothers around the world.



Thank you.

James

Rt Rev James Newcome
Bishop of Carlisle



£10 could provide enough seeds to plant an acre of pigeon peas.

£100 could provide business training for farmers like Bertha in Malawi.

£400 could train and envision new parishes through CCMP in Zululand.

For more information, additional resources for churches and schools and booking a visiting speaker, please visit carlisediocese.org.uk or contact Elspeth Jayne at elspethjayne@btinternet.com or 01539 560942.

Harvesting a brighter future

The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal 2018



If you are a taxpayer, please complete the form below to **make your gift worth an extra 25%**. Please attach this form to your gift and hand it in at your church or send to Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7XR. **Cheques should be made payable to Carlisle DBF Ltd. Thank you.**

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Please notify the Diocese of Carlisle if your contact details change, if you wish to cancel your declaration or no longer pay sufficient tax to cover the Gift Aid on your donations.

PLEASE TICK. I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want the Diocese of Carlisle to reclaim tax on the donation detailed here, given on the date shown, and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years.

I understand that if I pay less Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the diocese will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given. The tax year is 6 April one year to 5 April the next.



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Your gift to the Bishop of Carlisle's appeal will help change the lives of more farmers in Malawi and South Africa.

Here in Cumbria we've seen the impact of flooding first-hand, so it's not difficult to imagine the hardship of some of the poorest farming communities in the world. As the reality of climate change takes hold, they have to deal not only with flooding but also with drought.

Last year, the Bishop's Harvest Appeal started a three-year journey supporting two remarkable farming projects. Your generosity last year has made a significant difference in the lives of rural communities in Malawi and South Africa. With your support, this wonderful work will continue to bring them hope – and abundance.

From Cumbria to Malawi

With your help, Christian Aid are continuing to support people in rural Malawi through the pigeon pea project. Back in March, a group of Christians from Cumbria travelled to Malawi to see the amazing impact your donation is having.

They met Bertha, a pigeon pea farmer. Bertha lives in Mwanza; the climate is hot and the rains are unpredictable. Some years there is simply not enough rain to grow the traditional maize crop.



Bertha and her family at the pigeon pea plantation in Mwanza, Malawi

Bertha asked us to thank people in the UK for their support, and that God may bless you as your continued support helps others.

The pigeon pea difference

The pigeon pea has many benefits. This hardy and nutritious cash crop can be sold to provide family income. It's high in protein, drought resistant, doesn't need fertiliser – in fact, its leaves make the soil more fertile – and the stems can be used for firewood. Nothing gets wasted.

Bertha has been able to significantly increase her yield, thanks to the training she received through Christian Aid's partner Nandolo Farmers Association of Malawi. Now she can sell her pigeon peas through a cooperative, and enjoy a three-fold increase in profit.

The difference this makes is life-changing. Bertha's new income will ensure that her children can go to secondary school, giving them opportunities and hope for the future. She also plans to buy a bike for her family to use; invaluable in rural Malawi where there is very little motorised transport.

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Laura Jones, travelling with the group, says: "It's amazing what a well organised and equipped local partner organisation can achieve in such a short time."

These, and other projects, are transforming the lives of farmers like Bertha in Malawi. Great things have been achieved, and you can help this life-changing work to continue. Donate today and show that you stand together with the people of Malawi.

Unlocking potential in Zululand

Thanks to you, USPG is continuing to work with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Together, through the Church and Community Mobilisation Programme (CCMP), they're helping vulnerable communities in Zululand to thrive.

USPG partner, HOPE Africa (the social development arm of the Church of Southern Africa), has been working alongside community groups and church leaders to identify the agricultural needs within Zululand Diocese. Your donation will help fund the training through local parish churches that's already unlocking potential for the local people.

For example, during last summer in the Ekwandeni parish in Zululand, a core



Bishop James visiting the community food garden projects in Zululand, South Africa.

group of 19 local people received training – then they established a community vegetable garden.

The training brought the older people and the youth of the parish together, and the impact of their work is being felt across the community.

The impact your gift is making

Parishes across Zululand have been able to purchase seeds, uniforms and fencing for their food gardens. Seventy clergy, including bishops and archdeacons representing over 15,000 people from across Zululand Diocese, have also been trained. They've enthusiastically picked up the challenge of how to implement the scheme in their local areas.

St. Christopher's is an outstation of St. Augustine's Church in Nquthu. Exciting progress been made in the parish. The church grounds are being used for gardening, and the church itself runs five soup kitchens that serve food and tea to 85 children before school each morning.

The vegetables grown in the church garden are being used for the soup kitchens; when the harvest is very good they sell some of the produce to generate income.

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!

10% of your donation will also support three UK organisations who are working for a fairer and more sustainable world: Cumbria Development Education Centre, Carlisle One World Centre, and Global Justice Now.