

Anglican missions appeal throws wide net in needy regions

Elephants eating the church roof

ANGLICAN Missions is again launching its annual Lenten appeal for missions giving. It has three projects in view:

Penman Medical Centre is located in the small village of Zababdeh, north of Jerusalem and south of Nazareth. This is one of few Christian villages left in Palestine.

People have limited access to medical services in Jerusalem and environs, largely due to the unstable politics. They struggle to meet basic needs.

The centre needs urgently to buy medical gear for screening and diagnosis, to detect diseases early to avoid complications and expense.

And they need a generator, which as a medical centre in Palestine they must have to renew their licences.



The project goal is NZ\$12,000, considered in expensive by the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for children with disabilities. (Diocese of Jerusalem).

This centre (refer to the picture above) rehabilitates disabled children from Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Troubled politics there make times extremely

tough for most families, but especially those with disabled children. The centre serves children whose families could otherwise not afford treatment and care.

A key goal is to protect children from abuse and to ensure their safety at the centre. Staff training will maintain the centre as safe for children.

The centre cannot afford this training. The estimated cost is NZ\$12,000.

Roofing of churches in the Diocese of Mara, Tanzania (Anglican Church of Tanzania).

The roofing of churches is the most difficult part of construction in Tanzania mainly because the materials needed are not locally available. Most parishioners earn no more than \$2 a day. Parishioners of three churches in this diocese have built good church buildings but now cannot afford the roofs.

There are three parishes:

Ikoma parish, on the edges of the Serengeti wildlife park, occasionally has elephants break in and eat their crops. A church member said "Don't put grass roofs on your church unless you are prepared to come to church and find elephants have eaten your roof!" And a temporary canvas roof is not much use when the rain comes! They need a steel roof.

Maburi parish, in the Serengeti, about 70km from the elephants, has blossomed in recent years, reaching out to local people. The vicarage needs renovating to provide for a full time vicar. A roof is urgently needed before rain destroys the hard work done.

Bunda parish is in a small town (50,000 pop.) on a main highway. Bunda is also a government admin centre. The town is growing, so it needs a suitable church building.

In total the three parishes need NZ\$14,000 towards the supply of roofing materials.

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Poets keep esteemed company

FREDA Morgan and Sarah Penwarden have each had a poem published in *Poetry New Zealand Yearbook 2020*. Says Sarah, "We're in the esteemed company of CK Stead and Elizabeth Smither, so we're feeling chuffed. There's a launch next month at Devonport which we're both attending."

Thanks for harvest goodies

VICTOR at the West Auckland Foodbank was grateful to receive the produce from our Harvest Festival, reports Deborah. The goods have been distributed and Victor says big thank you.

Bon voyage

CLIVE and Sally Stevens will return to Britain on March 18. Bon voyage folks.

World Day of Prayer

TITIRANGI Presbyterian Church will host a World Day of Prayer next Friday March 6 at 7pm. The country to be prayed for will be Zimbabwe.

Healing prayer

A SHORT service of healing will be held today (March 1) after morning tea. The next such service will be on May 3.

Farewell Hugh Tollemache

HUGH Tollemache – Eva's dad – passed away on Tuesday March 25, after a lengthy illness. We at St Francis extend condolences to Eva, Hugh's wife Nadia, and the many family members. His funeral was held here Friday.

Meditation

AT St Francis, Mondays at 10am. Prayer then a short teaching from a CD from the World Community for Christian Meditation, then meditation for 20 minutes. Leader: Eve Campbell. www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz

Next MST meeting

THE church's ministry support team will next meet on March 9.

Mostly Craft

THE Easter 'Mostly Craft' children's event will be held on Saturday April 4 from 1.30-3.30pm. Theme 'The Easter Story'. Crafts, songs, eats, story, activities. Feel free to come and help.

Lent reflections

HELP yourself to our Lent reflections, on the back table. They are based on the parables in Matthew 13. See also the Lent calendar on the Auckland Anglican diocesan website.

New pulpit Bible and liturgy books

WE now have a new pulpit Bible, paid for with a bequest from Norman's estate. The Bible is the latest New International Version. And we are moving to buy a new edition of the NZ Anglican liturgy book.

Fire warden needed

WITHOUT which the bureaucrats might shut us down. Full training given.

Help!

WE need Sunday drivers, kitchen helpers and flower arrangers.

Get the needle now

FREE shingles vaccinations are available until April for seniors up to 80 years. Its expensive if you have to pay. Even if you've had shingles you can catch it again.

Word for every day

"WHEN Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God and since then has been waiting until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." Hebrews ch 10, vv 12 + 13.

Sunday Bible readings

Mar 1: Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7. Ps 32. Rom 5:12-19. Matt 4:1-11. **Mar 8:** Gen 12:1-4a. Ps 121. Rom 4:1-5, 13-17. John 3:1-17 or Matt 17:1-9.

Mar 15: Exod 17:1-7. Ps 95. Rom 5:1-11. John 4:5-42. **Mar 22:** 1 Sam 16:1-13. Ps 23. Eph 5:8-14. John 9:1-41. **Mar 29:** Ezek 13:1-14. Ps 130. Rom 8:6-11. John 11:1-45