

### Lake Tanganyika Theological College

The new Principal of LTTC (known to us as the Bible College) is **Reverend Alberto Koluza** (right).

In making the appointment, Bishop Emmanuel says:

‘Alberto has a bachelor degree in theology from St John University in Dodoma, which is owned by the Anglican Church of Tanzania. His coming to the college is part of my strategy to ensure that the college continues to flourish and that more students come for training’.

We continue to sponsor 24 students training for ordained ministry at the College. The scheme is administered by Peta Moffat in Gloucester and Mwalimu (teacher) Andrea at LTTC. Recently Mwalimu Andrea has written: ‘We are in a normal time of study with the students busy every Sunday completing assignments and practical exercises. In the middle of March we shall have student elections for the leadership group and then in June the third year students will be taking their finals with the Diploma students finishing their additional research. Please continue to pray for us’.

The students have each sent a brief biography and photo. The ones shown here are Divina Hosea Kayungu (Mama Ebeneza) who is sponsored by Mitcheldean and Abenhall parish church as she completes a 9-month course on evangelism, and Amos Bwenke Nkooko who is being supported by an individual sponsor as he undertakes the 3-year certificate programme.



*The current rate of sponsorship is £300 p.a. for 3 years. If you or your parish would like to take up a sponsorship please get in touch with Peta Moffat, [peta.moffat@gmail.com](mailto:peta.moffat@gmail.com)*



*Revd Koluza and staff, with Mwalimu Andrea (far right)*

### Student Videos

*Peta Moffat, who administers the student sponsorship scheme for Gloucester Diocese, writes:*

The highlight of the link recently has been the receiving of individual videos from the sponsored students. The Diploma students were recorded in English, and the sponsors have been absolutely delighted with them. The Certificate students were recorded in Swahili, with one of their fellow students acting as translator. The videos are being distributed at the moment. Our thanks go to Mwalimu Andrea for helping in this programme.

Thought is being given by the DWT team as to how the sponsors could reply in kind. One or two have sent text messages and these have been passed on. The college has always wanted all communication to go through them, so one possible way forward might be to send a WhatsApp to Andrea. This is being considered, together with how the videos might be stored for present/future use.

### Building Churches - Kasulu Cathedral

A major rebuilding project is underway at St Andrew's cathedral in Kasulu. Fr Canon Kalebu, Sub-Dean (below right) has sent these pictures. It is planned to finish the rebuild by the end of this year.



### Building Churches – Mwilanyya

Significant progress is being made at Mwilanyya church, where the congregation has been steadily and faithfully building the new church over several years. In the last few weeks, new wooden seating has been made, the floor has been concreted over, and a reserve water tank installed. A brief video showing progress on the build has been made for us by Project Leader Amani, and can be seen at <https://youtu.be/OKd9VFWNVDE>

Mwilanyya church has a partnership with St Philip and St James Church, Hucclecote.

Bishop Emmanuel has made securing funding for church roofs one of his priorities for the diocese. Congregations can build their own churches from locally-sourced materials but struggle to afford a roof. One bundle of iron sheeting costs TSH520000 (currently approximately £180) and most churches use eight to twelve bundles. Gloucester Diocese is allocating to this project some of the money received in Episcopal Collections in 2023.

**Tunamshukuru Mungu kwa chuo cha Kusulu na walimu na wanafunzi. Amin**

**We thank you God for Kasulu College and the teachers and the students. Amen**



## The Importance of the Partnership

Bishop Rachel and Bishop Emmanuel have been in communication following the recent discussions of the Church of England General Synod regarding people in committed, faithful and lifelong same sex relationships.

Bishop Rachel wrote that both she and Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury are very aware of the diverse spectrum of views and theological convictions, not only across the Anglican Communion, but within every diocese in the Church of England. She continued:

“It is important to stress that the Bishops of the Church of England have not changed the doctrine of marriage being between a man and a woman. The Prayers of Love and Faith which the House of Bishops will be commending are a resource which can be used with couples who have entered a faithful, lifelong, monogamous relationship. It is also important to stress that the prayer resources are optional, and no member of the clergy will have to use them. I hope that we will learn yet more of what it means to walk together within the Anglican Communion, even in places of disagreement, recognising that we are members together of the body of Christ. As we walk together, I pray that we will seek the fruit of the Spirit in how we live our unity amid our differences.

In the Diocese of Gloucester we treasure our partnership in the Gospel and we look forward to deepening our rootedness in Christ, and our fellowship as brothers and sisters. May we discover yet more of what it means to be the body of Christ as we journey into Lent”.

In his reply, Bishop Emmanuel confirmed the strength of the partnership, and the many benefits of sharing the gospel of Christ in various ways. He added:

“I am also happy to know that the Church of England has not changed the doctrine of marriage. As you are aware, African culture understands marriage to be between a man and a woman and this culture has strong roots in our Christian views of marriage.

As we walk in this Lent season, let's take everything in prayers. And may the Lord bless and strengthen our friendship and our partnership”.

## News of our friends in DWT

### Cosmas Galaliza

Cosmas is studying for a Bachelor of Divinity degree at Uganda Christian University. He is being supported in his studies by a bursary from Gloucester Diocese.

*Helen Sammon writes:* I had the privilege of teaching Cosmas Galaliza at the Theological college from 2012-2014. Cosmas was an exceptionally talented student, with an enquiring mind and a deep understanding of, and concern for, his community. Since his ordination he has served in various parishes, including a challenging 3 years as a 'missionary' in Zanzibar. I am delighted that he now has the opportunity to study for a degree in theology.



### Brighton Kibabi

Revd Brighton Kibabi, formerly Sub-Dean of Kasulu Cathedral, is studying for a BA in Applied Theology at Msalato Theological College, Dodoma, in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. The course lasts until 2025.

The photo shows Brighton (centre) with two of his fellow students.



### All Saints Academy is planning its third trip to DWT!

Matt Round, the chaplain at the school, is excited about plans to take a group of 12 students and 4 staff to DWT in July 2024. Helen and Matt recently led assemblies with all the school year groups to tell them about life in Tanzania as the beginning of the recruitment process for the trip. In order to be selected students will need to apply in writing, have an interview and then a residential camping challenge! They will then work hard to raise money for the trip, which will be funded entirely through fund raising, grants and donations. The purpose of the visit will be mutual learning across the cultures and the forming of lasting relationships with our partners.



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**There are many ways to be involved in the DWT-Gloucester Partnership if you wish to:**  
**Form a partnership:** with a church, a school, or a church group such as a prayer group, Mothers' Union etc.

**Sponsor a Bible College student:** many students come to LTTC for training for ministry from rural areas, and struggle to pay the fees. We run a personal sponsor programme, whereby you will be linked to your own student to share photos, letters etc. Sponsorship costs £300 per year.

**Support financially:** there are many projects that we support from Gloucester, such as helping to build new churches and facilities, and helping individuals in their studies. A little here goes a long way, and every donation is a sign of our friendship and support. If you would like to donate, we will let you know the current needs, and send updates about how your money has been used.

**Keep in touch:** join an email list so that you receive updates from DWT, prayer requests and college newsletters.

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For information on the Diocese of Western Tanganyika, see <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/about-us/our-global-partners/western-tanganyika-tanzania/>



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