

News in Brief

All Saints Academy Cheltenham has generously gifted 15 laptops to the Diocese of Western Tanganyika, creating new opportunities for learning and connection. These devices will make a meaningful difference at Lake Tanganyika Theological College (LTTTC) where access to IT is limited, and will also support teaching and learning at St Andrew's Primary School.

A collection of clerical vestments, kindly donated by retired clergy and by the families of those who have died, is also going to DWT to continue its life in ministry overseas. This sharing of resources reflects generosity, care, and a strong sense of global community.

Late last year we learned that the students at LTTTC did not have bibles. We asked sponsors if they would kindly donate the £10 it would cost to buy one for their student. The response from individuals and churches was so generous that there was enough money to buy a bible for all 45 students at the college, and these were presented to them in February. Thank you.

Church Breakfast



8:45am -10am

Updates from
Tanzania!



Sat. 6th June 2026

in Church: £7 only

Sign up in church or in the office

St Philip and St James church Hucclecote (Larkhay Road, GL3 3NS) is hosting a breakfast to hear from Becca and others of the DWT team about the latest news of the projects in the Partnership. The breakfast is open to all. Please let Alison Dight or the church know if you wish to attend (and if you need gluten-free food).

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A Thriving Partnership

Our Link Officer Becca, together with Adrian and Fiona from Emmanuel Network Church, Cheltenham, had a wonderfully productive visit to the Diocese of Western Tanganyika in February, as they describe below.

Bwana Asifiwe! Amina Praise the Lord! Amen

These are the resounding words we heard and learnt to proclaim so often in Tanzania! We stayed in the diocesan compound and were marvellously looked after by three "Mamas". We attended morning prayer each day (at 7:30) and we all led one of these short services.

We visited and learnt about some social projects such as:

- A new music college for post-school age students (see overleaf).
- A computer course – students were learning Excel.
- A tailoring course – in past years students graduated and were given a treadle machine of their own; sadly they now don't have the funds to do that *
- Bee-keeping – learning all aspects including how to make the beeswax products. We sampled the honey!
- Bead jewellery and waxed fabric made by the Mothers Union
- The diocesan farm where they grow a variety of crops and trees. We were particularly interested in the coffee plants they are bringing on to then give/sell to local people to grow on to maturity. They also grow sunflowers and process the seeds.



Visiting a school

Fundraising for Church Building

Becca writes:

Emmanuel Network Church is partnered with Ebenezer church on the outskirts of Kasulu. We had an amazing event in April to increase awareness, build connections, and raise money for Ebenezer. We enjoyed a Tanzanian style meal and music, and raised £1270 which will be sent to the church to progress their building project.

Additionally we visited the Theological College, where we presented bibles to the students (see opposite), and two schools. Adrian and Fiona attended lectures, and it was great to see the learning taking place.

We visited the cathedral (the 6:30am service, which was full!) and 8 churches all in various states of building and rebuilding as they are all full. We visited Ebenezer Church which we are twinned with at ENC. At all churches we were welcomed and enjoyed a service. Services are very long with much singing and dancing from the choirs. We brought greetings from ENC and our families at each. The services were always followed by a meal. Such generosity!



Kasulu Cathedral

After such an exhausting time we spent 24 hours in a hotel by Lake Tanganyika with zebra, giraffe, antelope, monkeys, pelicans etc. in the grounds; a wonderful short rest before our journey home.

* A generous donation has since been made to the sewing project, enabling several machines to be bought.



The new sewing machines

Music Project



In the last Newsletter in Autumn 2025, the Revd Canon Dr Rebecca Lloyd, Canon Chancellor and Director of Learning and Participation, Gloucester Cathedral, described a memorable visit to DWT in June with Bishop Rachel. The main purpose of the visit was to participate in the first ordination of women in the diocese, but they also saw the early stages of a youth music project at Kasulu cathedral.

Canon Rebecca hoped that Gloucester cathedral would be able to give some support to the project, and this has been provided. The music department offered the retiring collection from its concert of Britten's Ceremony of Carols on 7 December. A total of £627 was raised, enabling several instruments to be bought. The school now has its first students, and more are expected in the autumn.

As anyone who has been to a church service in DWT knows, music and singing are a very important part of worship! Moreover, being in a choir or playing an instrument is often the route to faith for young people, thus enriching current congregations and helping to plant new churches.



Some of the new instruments

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers for the Partnership:

- Bishop Emmanuel and his leadership of DWT
- The students of Lake Tanganyika Theological College as they take their exams and as they come to the end of the academic year on 5th June; especially those being ordained this summer
- The connections between churches and schools

Thank you.

And football...

It may be the time of year of exams and of new beginnings, but relaxation is important too.

In May 2025, the visiting team to DWT took with them a football as a gift to students of LTTTC. It was very gratefully received as apparently the College had a football team but no football. Becca, Adrian and Fiona took another football with them in February.

Revd Alberto Koluza, head of LTTTC (on left in the bottom photo) recently sent these photos of a match between first- and third-year students. As the photos show, a good time was had by all, with the winning team being awarded a crate of soda, and the losing team being given mandazi (fried dough treats).

The final score was 3-2 to the third years.



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