

## **May 2015 Update from Masvingo**

### **Arthur Shearly Cripps Shrine**

Bishop Christopher is to speak at the special celebration on June 18<sup>th</sup> and it's good to reflect that, as the pilgrims gather, the borehole which Southwark funded last year will be supplying them with clean fresh water.

### **St Bernard Mission, Chimvuri**

Good progress is being made in building a clinic and housing for nursing staff from materials delivered in 2014. Once this is finished, work will start on a maternity wing, as recommended by Ministry of Health, and some of the materials for this are already on site. Bishop Godfrey will visit the Mission at the end of May to review progress.

### **The Transfiguration Skills Centre, Chidzikwe**

Solar panels and batteries have already been installed to improve the lighting system, and a quotation has been requested from the Rural Electrification Agency to connect to the mains electricity which is about 400 metres from the Centre.

New facilities for egg-laying chickens have been completed, and delivery of the birds is anticipated. Other poultry and piggery projects are going well. A good maize crop is growing here and a bumper harvest expected. One staff house is being built and has reached roof level.

### **St Michael's Primary School, Shurugwi**

Having fallen into a dilapidated state, the school is being reroofed. Steel support trusses and iron sheets for cladding the roof have been bought for the Church, and work was started in early March.

### **Daramombe Mission**

The much-needed Tuck Shop has been finished and opened for business in February.

The digging of foundations has started on a new project to expand the boarding facilities, with a loan from United Society. The building is scheduled to be completed by December, and will generate income for the Diocese.

### **St John's Church, Buhera**

On the advice of an engineer, steel trusses have been bought and are being fitted to this large building.

## **Holy Trinity, Munyimi**

Some re-roofing and carpentry work was completed by early March.

## **Ordinations**

Two Deacons and four Priests were ordained on 23 May. Please pray for them and their work.

## **Mizeki Festival**

Many will be making a pilgrimage to the shrine of Bernard Mizeki at Marondera for the weekend of 19-21 June. The preacher will be the retired Bishop Sengulani from Mozambique, and the celebrant, Bishop Godfrey, asks for prayers that the reverence of the shrine will be respected by the pilgrims, and that they will never forget the example of Bernard Mizeki, and strive to maintain the spirit of self-sacrifice and service, the keynote of his life.

**Bishop Godfrey** is planning to visit Southwark in November. His latest e-mail to us was delayed for two days by a power cut which he describes as “one of the challenges we are facing as a country”. He has been praying for us in the UK during the course of the election of our new government; in return, let us pray for the success of the many projects described above in which Zimbabweans are striving to improve their lives.

## **Prayer for Zimbabwe**

God bless Zimbabwe, protect her children, transform her leaders, heal her communities and grant her peace. Amen

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