

HOPE4MALAWI

Students finishing secondary education in Malawi face many challenges. Few can access tertiary education because of a lack of available places. Work opportunities in rural communities are scarce. Most try to make a living by subsistence farming and running a small business, which a secondary education helps with, but because they lack the relevant skills and knowledge, many can't break out of poverty.

Hope4Malawi is excited that in September it will launch a new youth development programme for school leavers to address this issue. The year long programme of skills development, work experience and business support aims to enable students to manage their land more productively and to find meaningful work, which helps them escape poverty and have a better future.

We will continue our support of primary and secondary partner schools and sponsoring more than 80 students at secondary school and university.

A key element is faith and character growth, so our programme includes Christian discipleship,



relationship and life skills. Vocational training is provided in IT, business, money management, organic farming, textiles, house building and bike maintenance.

The programme will run from our amazing new skills centre. Last year the administration, teaching block and café were built, and we are

currently adding a computer suite, workshops, and worship space alongside. All looks set to be ready to welcome the first cohort of students in September!

Our skills centre vision comes from Isaiah 61: *The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives.*

It's exciting to see God preparing the Hope students and our other sponsored students who are finishing school this year. Through our Christian union, many of them already have faith in Jesus, and excitingly two others recently committed to following Jesus.

Sara & Mark Goodman

Sunday 12 May

Psalms: Being Authentic with God - Giving

At St Paul's...

10am THE TEN - David Senior

11:30am REFLECTIVE COMMUNION

6pm THE SIX - Sam Goodman

At St Barnabas...

10:15am Service - Harry Lamaison

Sunday 19 May

Psalms: Being Authentic with God - Pentecost

At St Paul's...

10am THE TEN - Nico Ohlsson

6pm UNITED AT SIX - David Wright

At St Barnabas...

10:15am Service - David Senior

Prayer at St PB - for details and Zoom connections, go to [Weekday Prayer](#)

Morning Prayer

10-10:30am Mon, Wed & Fri

Prophetic Prayer

8pm Tuesday 14 May

Evening Prayer

8:30-9pm Thursdays

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Those couples taking part in our Marriage Course, that they would cherish one another, communicate well, and grow strong relationships which are rooted in Your love.
- Mission Partner Hope4Malawi, for wisdom and resource as they prepare to launch a new youth development programme which will help school leavers find work, escape poverty and have a better future.
- People affected by the devastating floods in Kenya, whose homes have been displaced or who have lost loved ones.

Prayer is available during our Sunday services and our monthly prayer meetings

PROPHETIC PRAYER

Tuesday 14 May 8pm at St Paul's. God wants to speak His words of love and light into our lives. Join us for an evening of worship and prayer, as we take time to be still and listen to the Lord.

SOUP LUNCH

Wednesday 15 May 12-2pm at St Barnabas. Enjoy a soup lunch with hot drinks, bread and fruit. There will also be a Bring and Buy sale. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid. £7 per person, no need to book.

MID WEEK FOCUS

Wednesday 15 May 2:30pm at St Paul's. Come for tea, cake, a chat and exercises with Margaret £3. Sign up: gill.mckie@gmail.com / 01372 273245

REFLECTIVE COMMUNION

Wednesday 22 May 11am at St Paul's. A simple communion service with traditional liturgy and organ-led worship.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Wednesday 5 June 11:30am at St Paul's. Revd Cannon John Salter, who knows Israel well and has led numerous trips to the Holy Land, will speak on 'God and Gaza' followed by a tasty lunch. Sign up online: saintpauls.co.uk/foodforthought

BIG CHURCH DAY IN

Saturday 22 June 10am-2:30pm at St Paul's. A day to worship, reflect and be together as a community with your church family. The theme of the Big Church Day In is **Listening to God**. We're excited to announce that our guest speaker is **Bill Cahusac**, a pastor of Emmaus Church, Guildford.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to be with Jesus together! Sign up: saintpauls.co.uk/dayin

APCM

Wednesday 22 May 7:45pm at St Paul's. All are invited to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), to reflect on the last year and hear our vision for the rest of 2024. If you have any questions that you wish to ask at the APCM, please email Tracey Ross traceyr@saintpauls.co.uk

The Agenda, 2023 Church Accounts and Annual Review are available on the St PB website: saintpauls.co.uk/APCM

If you have any questions about the 2023 Church Accounts, please contact Treasurer Jeremy Randall before the meeting: jeremyp.randall57@gmail.com

ST PB ELECTORAL ROLL

The **revised** Parish Electoral Roll is now on display in the Welcome Area at St Paul's and at St Barnabas. Please note that the Electoral Roll is now closed to new entries until after the APCM on 22 May.

CAP APPEAL

Epsom and Ewell CAP Debt Centre has a client whose son is starting at Glyn School in September and they would love to be able to help with uniform. Could you fund a new blazer for the boy, and are there any families who could help with second hand sports kit/aprons/anything else a Year 7 boy would need? Please contact Lucy: lucybahiti@capuk.org

ECO CHURCH AWARD

We are excited to announce that St Paul's has achieved an Eco Church Bronze Award, which our Eco Church team has been working towards over the last year. The scheme celebrates the ways that church communities have been engaging with caring for the earth as a key part of our faith.

We'd love to have more people from both St Paul's and St Barnabas join the Eco Church team. Contact Jo Wright: wright_jo@hotmail.co.uk

GIVING TO ST PAUL'S & ST BARNABAS

God's work at both churches is funded by our church family and we encourage planned giving. Information on how to give regularly is available online at saintpauls.co.uk/donate (Charity No 1128212) or stbarnabas-epsom.org.uk/giving