

Eunice, Margaret, Patrick and Jemimah have been ordained.
Richard and Stephen are our current ordinands in training.

How is this work funded?

Historically a small number of people have made regular contributions towards this work with the balance being paid from church funds. At present we are sending £1800 per annum to Kenya. We now have an offer of £1500 per annum for 3 years from church members. (2017-19) To sustain funding we need to initiate an annual fund-raising activity capable of raising £500 or more towards this well established ministry.

On **Saturday 28th October 2017** we are holding a Food for Thought supper at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

As this is a fund raising event, rather than buy in fish and chips we will offer a tasty 2 course meal that will have been produced 'in house'. Bring your own drinks of choice.

Fr Robert will talk about his experiences and Fr Jeremy will contribute some of the highlights from his 2013 visit.

There will be the obligatory raffle and probably a not so general knowledge round for the honour of winning to help keep your brains active. Any mobile devices used to research the answers will be confiscated and the table eliminated.

Tickets will cost £8.00 per head.

Please see Mike or Jan Moss to order tickets by 23 July. Pay £3 deposit now to secure a place, and £5.00 on the night. Do bring your friends.

If you are able to help with the catering, please let us know.

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What is the OAK Project?

OAK stands for Ordinands Appeal Kenya

How did the project start?

Read the following letter from Fr Robert Langton who is now semi-retired and living in Kenilworth.

'Roy Taylor, a frequent visitor to Kenya, East Africa invited me to accompany him on a three-week trip back in 2003.

Exciting for me! I would be returning after 33 years since I was last there - and that was as a young missionary, working with the Trinity Fellowship in the schools and colleges and villages for several years.

Fr. Norman - after anointing me and praying for me, asked me to find out how we at All Saints could be true 'partners in mission' to our brothers and sisters in Kenya. How could we best help and support the growing churches?

Roy and myself took part in some 33 services over our three week stay - receiving wonderful African hospitality from Bishop Samson and his dear family. But he did give us one day off and the use of his land rover and driver - to be on safari, looking for lions and elephant, giraffe and zebra etc, and there were many!

It was exciting for me to be back in Africa and to share the joy and exuberance of the Kenyan churches.

Those early years in the 1960s made a huge impact upon my life and surely influenced me. I asked the Bishop, how best we might help and support the future - thinking will it be books, bibles, bicycles or help building the new offices for the Diocese? Or what? After careful thought and prayer - Bishop Samson asked if we could help and support the Ordinands, struggling to find their fees for training in their home

country. Many families were too poor and unable to do this - even though the cost for studies and training in Kenya, is small compared to costs here. On my return home, and after a presentation to the congregation at All Saints - the PCC approved the plan and OAK was formed and began to support the Ordinands. It is really great and so encouraging that this financial and very radical support has continued ever since and is ongoing. We are helping to prepare the future young leaders of the church in Kenya.

I know that Bishop Samson has visited All Saints to thank you all and to keep you informed.

The need for more priests and pastors in the fast growing churches of Kenya is constant. Let us keep playing our part with this support and with our love and our prayers which I know are so deeply appreciated and valued.

'The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few' said Jesus. And from Acts 4 v 1 'All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.'

Every blessing to All Saints and to our friends in Kenya.

With love in Christ

Fr Robert

February 2017'

More Recent Contact

Fr Jeremy visited Kenya as part of his sabbatical in 2013. Many of you will have seen his presentation and heard of his inspiring time in the Diocese.

How many people have benefitted from our sponsorship?