

# NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 25th April 2024



*Lamb of God - Coptic Icon*

**Dear Everyone** – Greetings to you all and hoping all is well.

**Church Family News:** How good to see those of you, who have been visiting your homes and families in Nigeria for a while, now beginning to return. Welcome back Connie, looking so well and also Florence who has been back for a couple of weeks. It is good to see Modupe, after mourning her brother's death – we thought of her and her family while she was away. Soon others will return and we will be a full church family again.

**Congratulations to Fiona and Ernest** on the birth of Isaiah, brother to Arielle. Nephew to Kelechi and grandson for Festus who must all be overjoyed. Wonderful news.

**The Good Shepherd:** On Sunday the children gave us a drawing of a sheep on which to write our names and think of, "Jesus the Good Shepherd", which was the theme.



Kamran preached on what being a good shepherd could mean and asked us to think about that for ourselves. He read from John 19:11-18 in which Jesus said "I am the good shepherd" and we read together the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm thinking how we are helped and can help others to be good shepherds. When the children came back after Sunday School, instead of telling us what they had learnt, they turned the tables and asked us what it was we had learnt from listening to Kamran's sermon! From the responses, it was of great richness and many thoughts. Above is a picture in which you can write your names and thoughts if you were not there. Thank you children, maybe you should do more of that and keep us alert!

**Earth Day:** Below, Jenny has written a piece about "Earth Day", which is an annual event. This year it is on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. "Earth Day" is there to remind us of the importance of environmental conservation, which frankly, at the moment hits other countries far more than our own, as Canon Hilda Kabir's article below touches upon. We are asked to demonstrate support for environmental protection and think of all those places badly

hit by weather variation, that leads to floods, droughts, famine, land destruction and displacement of whole groups of people.

**Intercessions:** Below are the intercessions that Jenny prayed on Sunday on the same theme.

Thank you too, Jenny, for the photographs of the flowers you have sent reminding us of the beauty, colour and freshness of Spring which lifts our spirits and bring us joy.



**Visit from Revd Eliza Zickmane, Lutheran Pastor from Riga:** Some of you have met Eliza before. She is a Lutheran Pastor, who was originally at St Anne's in the City before she went back to Latvia to become the Chaplain to St Saviour's Church in Riga in the Diocese in Europe. St Saviour's is an Anglican church. She was invited to be the chaplain there as the Latvian Lutherans, do not ordain women (other Lutheran countries do). She does a great deal of work with the many refugees from Ukraine which is on the borders and has quite a story to tell about their experiences and traumas. She works with the Latvian women. The church family at St Saviour's, which is not so different from our own, cares for the homeless and dispossessed. They have a soup kitchen and provide clothing and resources for those in need. For many years Eliza and I served as trustees of the Anglican- Lutheran Society. I have been out to Riga on a number of occasions to visit her and her congregation as well as being invited to talk to conferences held about how we managed to ordain women in this country. There are many who are unhappy about the situation of women not being ordained. Eliza stayed with me over the weekend and has now gone to Tallin to represent the Diocese of Europe for the installation of three Lutheran bishops there.



Eliza especially wanted me to say how warm, welcoming and friendly she found everyone and to thank you. She loved the service and the children's role in it, as well as having time to talk to everyone. She has taken lots of ideas back with her. She invited you to come to Riga and visit her and her congregation and enjoy that beautiful city.



**Article from The Revd Canon Hilda Kabir:** Some of you may remember Canon Hilda from Tanzania who stayed with me in 2018 after a conference held by the Anglican Lutheran Society in Durham. During her stay she attended services at Golders Green and was made very welcome by our congregation in the way you usually do. Before Hilda left to return to Tanzania, Rose and friends hosted a dinner for her to wish her a safe journey back. Later a collection was made for the college, of which she had been made principal, as the resources there were very low and she was just beginning to build it up and put her aims and ideas in to action. The students and Hilda were very grateful. We have been friends ever since, often communicating with each other. I recently asked Hilda if she would write an update on how the College and her work were progressing as she has been there for some while now. It seems from what she has written, the college is growing and expanding in all directions and flourishing under her leadership and vision, including embedding theological training for the priesthood into practical ways of working with conditions of poverty, promoting sustainability and effective economical management. I thought you might like to read what she has sent me showing all that is taking place. Hilda, a Priest of the Anglican Church of Tanzania Diocese of Central Tanganyika, was ordained as a deacon in 2003 and priested in 2004, and in 2015 made a Canon. The Diocese of Central Tanganyika is the first to ordain women into the priesthood in the Anglican Church of Tanzania. She was one of the first women to be ordained in 2004 and to lead a theological college. She always gives thanks for the visionary leadership of the Late Bishop Godfrey Mdimi Mhogolo, who believed it was right for women to be ordained. She is a woman of deep faith and spirituality, Much of the work that takes place is aptly relevant for the present “Earth Day” and Jenny’s article. Her story of its progress is below. I hope you enjoy it.

**Learning Together: Lent Course.** Please do come to the continuation of what was our Lent course on. Those who attended suggested we could continue to meet fortnightly, on Thursdays at 6.30pm and focus on Paul’s letter to the Romans. We would take a chapter of the letter, learn more about the background of the time and consider what Paul is saying and how it applies to us today by asking, “what are we drawing from his words in our own lives and issues being faced?”. **The next session is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm.** Do come and join in for an hour. If you haven’t been before don’t let that deter you. It is a small friendly discussion group – with sandwiches and coffee as some of you may be on your way home from work!

**Travel Documentary Series on Nigeria:** Have you started viewing Michael Palin’s travel documentary on Nigeria on Chanel 5 at 9,00pm. This will go on for several weeks. It will be interesting to hear what you think of it.

**The Toddler Group:** The Toddler group has started again. As Ifey and Modupe are visiting their families in Nigeria we will be very short of help to run the group. If you feel you can step in and do this for the time they are away, please let Kamran or Tracey know on 020 8455 1873.

**APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting):** **A reminder to please put this important date in your diaries and come to the APCM on this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April.** This will take place after the service. There will be an opportunity to look back on all the events and gatherings of the last year, read the report and ask questions. Please do remember there is a **Bring and Share lunch** on that day before the APCM. The APCM is an important occasion to learn about what happens in our church life and worship.

**MAY 19<sup>th</sup> Bring and Share Lunch:** Please note that the **Bring and Share Lunch will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> May** and not the end of the month.

**Wednesday Morning Coffee: from 10.30am-12noon.** Our time of gentle exercise is going well (you can do exercises sitting down!) followed by coffee, cake and a chat – and it is fun - so do come and join in. This is followed by a short communion service at 12noon.

**Local Elections on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** To remind you again it is important that as many people as possible exercise their right to vote on this day. You will have already been notified of where you will vote. What a number of people are not fully aware of is that you now need to provide evidence of who you are before you can vote. If anyone is not aware of this, they will be ineligible to vote and deprived of their right to take part in the democratic process. At the end of the newsletter is a list of acceptable Identification

Documents (IDs). Please let anyone you know, who might not be aware of what they need or might have problems finding the right ID, so they can take it with them to the polling booth. I wonder how many young people/students, those who are elderly with sight, mobility or any other issues, know about this who need information and support. **Don't miss your chance to vote.** The website to find out more is: <https://www.gov.uk> **There is a check list at the bottom of this newsletter.**

Much love and good wishes - Sally



### Intercessions from Sunday 21 April 2024 - Jenny

#### A prayer for our earth

This prayer by Pope Francis appeared at the end of his 2015 encyclical 'Laudato Si'. It is for all who believe in God who is the all-powerful Creator.

All powerful God,  
you are present in the universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with your peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty,  
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,  
for justice, love and peace.

The situation in the Middle East is fragile and frightening. War continues between Israel and Hamas, with its catastrophic impact on the 2 million Palestinians trapped in Gaza. Violence by settlers in the occupied West Bank is worse than it has been for a long time. Open conflict across the wider region is spreading. We have to keep on praying.

**These prayers were written by Christians in Palestine.** It is a privilege to use their words. See <http://actpalestineforum.org/> for more information.

God of justice, bless those who work for peace through justice.  
Strengthen their resolve in the face of seemingly endless violence.

Guide the leaders of the peoples of the Middle East to know your will and to support a just peace for all of your children.

God of love, lifting up the holy land for all humankind, breathe love and compassion into our prayers with a desire for nothing other than peace:

peace in our hearts, peace for all creation, and especially peace in the land that is called Holy.

God of mercy, even as we long to understand that which is often beyond our comprehension, we lay before you the hearts, minds and bodies of all those suffering from conflict in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel, and from the ongoing occupation.

Shower upon all the people of this holy land the spirit of justice and reconciliation.

God of the nations, give to all our people the blessings of well-being, freedom, and harmony, and, above all things, give us faith in you that we may be strengthened to care for all those in need until the coming of your son, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

**This is a prayer from Christian Aid.**

We pray for the torn and divided peoples of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq; for refugees and uprooted families; for all living in camps and for those who assist them, and for all who have been bereaved, injured and traumatized.

Especially at this time, we pray for all who suffer in the midst of renewed conflict and attack. We pray for Israelis living with the threat of rocket fire, for Palestinians in the West Bank subjected to the violation of their civil liberties and human rights and living under the constraints of military occupation and settler harassment. We pray for the people of Gaza, living under blockade and repeated military bombardment, adding fear to the misery of poverty and want.

In particular we pray for children and young people caught up in terror beyond their understanding or control. We pray for those who have been killed, maimed, bereaved; those who have had their future torn away from them; those whose lives are bleak, lacking opportunity, mobility and hope.

We repent of our complicity in silence, our closing our eyes to the needs and wellbeing of the children and our failure to reject the ways of violence, threat and injustice.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. **Amen**

Both these prayers are taken from the words of an ecumenical prayer vigil, held monthly, which can be found on Christian Aid's website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/pray/ecumenical-prayer-vigil-peace-gaza>



## Earth Day, 22 April 2024



As Jenny mentioned in her prayers on Sunday, Monday was Earth Day. This is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG and is a movement of over one billion people in more than 193 countries.

The official theme for 2024 is "Planet vs. Plastics." EARTHDAY.ORG say it 'is unwavering in our commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of **ALL** plastics by 2040. Our theme, **Planet vs. Plastics**, calls to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics, urgently push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution, and demand an end to fast fashion. Join us as we build a plastic-free planet for generations to come!'

There's a lot more about the Earth Day movement, and this year's theme, on their website: [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org). If you follow this link <https://www.earthday.org/campaign/end-plastic-pollution/> you'll come to a series of free factsheets which explain why plastic is such a massive problem. These are on subjects such as single use plastics, what happens when plastics get in the ocean, and the health risks to humans including, worryingly, babies). If you don't have access to the internet Jenny would be very happy to provide a paper copy (as long as you promise to recycle it when you've finished with it 😊).

There's plastic everywhere we look and the problem can seem so big that it's hard to know how to do anything about it. The Earth Day campaign is one way. All of us are consumers and part of our community and most of us are voters. Each of those roles gives us ways of making a positive difference through the choices we make, including as to what we buy. Even if what we do individually seems small, when it's combined with similar actions by so many people around the world the impact can't be ignored and things will change.

As we prayed on Sunday using the words of Pope Francis,

'.....Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty,  
not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.....'

**Cutting our use of plastics is a way of honouring and protecting God's creation, and being good stewards of what he's given it. Let's do it!!**



**DCT-MSALATO THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (MTC) OVER 60 YEARS IN EDUCATIONAL MISSION IN TANZANIA  
HOW I AND THE COLLEGE ARE DOING AND WHAT IS LIKE FOR EVERYONE IN THE COLLEGE!**



“The Rev Canon Hilda K. Kabia would like to begin her story by giving thanks to God for His love and care to her as a Person and to her family of Msalato Theological College (MTC). Canon Hilda would like to thank Sally Barnes her dear Sister in Christ Jesus too for asked her share about how she and the college are doing and what it is like for everyone in the college. Canon Hilda wish is physically to be with you to give a hug and share the story and answer the questions that can be asked and pray to each other for God’s honour and glory.

By the grace of God Canon Hilda is the current Principal (Dean) of Msalato Theological College (MTC), the first Female African Theologian to the position to which she came in after 54 years since the establishment of the college in 1961. Prior to that, Hilda worked as a Bible College Tutor, Dean of Students, Assistant Lecturer of St John’s University of Tanzania (SJUT) and its Msalato Center, and a Diocesan Chair Person of the House of the Clergy in the Diocesan Synod. For the last two Synods she was Secretary to Diocesan Synod of DCT, the first woman to hold that post.

Canon Hilda is leading a prayerful community. At the centre of the campus stands the college chapel, a visible reminder that our mission is to holistically educate and to foster the spiritual formation of leaders for the church in Tanzania and other parts of East Africa. This a reflection of Israelis experience of pitching the tent of meeting at the centre of the camp during the forty years of wandering in desert of a sign of God’s presence among His people.

Msalato Theological College is a religious college owned by the Anglican Church of Tanzania Diocese of Central Tanganyika. The Anglican Church of Tanzania of which the Diocese of Central Tanganyika belongs to is part of the world wide Anglican Communion, a member of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Christian Council of Tanzania, with its headquarters in Dodoma the Capital City of Tanzania. The Anglican Church of Tanzania has a history of two distinct church traditions: the evangelical (Low Church) and the Anglo-Catholic (High Church) traditions. This was the product of the work of two missionary societies in the

mid-nineteenth century – The Universities’ Mission to Central Africa (UMCA), and the Church Missionary Society (CMS). The Diocese of Central Tanganyika is **1** of **28** dioceses of the Anglican Church of Tanzania – **27** on the mainland and **1**, in the Zanzibar Islands.

The Diocese of Central Tanganyika of which Msalato Theological College belongs to was carved from the Diocese of Mombasa Kenya in 1926 and inaugurated as a Diocese in 1927. It was registered on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1955 under the Societies Ordinance of Tanganyika Act, 'Cap. 375'. The Rt Rev Dr Dickson D. Chilongani is the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. The Diocese is situated in Dodoma, the Capital City of Tanzania. It is believed that DCT is the largest Anglican Diocese in Tanzania as well as in the Anglican Communion World-Wide. It has 285 Parishes, 55 Sub Parishes with an estimated total of over 600,000 Christians. The Lords Great Commission, '*... go and make disciples of all nations ... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ... Matthew 28:16-20*' is at the heart of the Diocese's Mission. Recently, over 13,000 people were evangelized and baptized. The influx of different people coming into the capital city from different parts of the country also contributes to the growing number of Christians in DCT.

Leadership in the Parishes and Sub - Parishes of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika is provided by Priests, Catechists and Lay Readers who are mainly a product of Msalato Theological College which has a well established teaching and non-teaching staff. We have a total number of 13 tutors and 11 non teaching staff. I and my fellow staff work collaboratively on academic issues, college development, worship, community engagement, retreat and issues around students.

As it is mentioned above, Msalato Theological College started in 1961 by the late Bishop Alfred Stanway, then the Bishop of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. The site on which the college is situated is ten kilometers from the centre of Dodoma along the Dodoma - Arusha Road. Msalato Theological College started as Msalato Bible School training the laity as catechists and evangelists. By then it had a capacity of 25 residential students whose fees contribution TShs (5.00) only. Now the college has the capacity to enrol between 300 to 400 residential students. The minimum college fee is currently 1,920,000/= per student per academic year. This leaves room to enroll between 3000 - 4000 nonresidential students per year.

The College is thriving by God's grace despite a number of challenges that are inevitable. Currently, the courses offered include: Diploma and BA Degree in Applied Theology for 3 years and an integrated program called Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP), this course is a 2-year programme aimed at equipping Church leaders with holistic knowledge for Church-driven community and economic transformation. The course is offered in a form of indoor training and field practice. Msalato Theological College celebrated its 16 Graduation on 16 February 2024. A total number of 169 MTC Students Graduated: 14 BA in Applied Theology of the Anglican Church of Tanzania Diocese of Central Tanganyika and 155 Church and Community Mobilization Process of the Global University for Long-life Learning (GULL) USA.

The current number of students is 159 (69 Theologians, under residential Theological Programs) and 90 Community Development students undertaking their professional courses in Church and Community Mobilization Process. Majority of students undertaking this professional course are priests and licensed lay-ministers who are normally coming to the college for 7-12 weeks of indoor training then going back to their respective parishes for practical part of the program. Msalato Theological College has been receiving students from local dioceses as well as from outside the country. Presently we have students from different Regions of Tanzania include Dodoma, Dar Es Salaam, Zanzibar, Shinyanga, Kagera, Singida, Tabora, Kigoma etc. These come from different Christians Denominations within the mentioned regions such as Anglican, Lutheran, Moravian, Tanzania Assemblies of God, Pentecost, Africa Inland Church etc.

Theologically, the college is best known for applied theology. Contrary to other established Christian Denomination theological institutions in the country that are teaching systematic theology – the founders of Msalato Theological College wanted a theology that is locally rooted, a theology that is relevant to our local churches and one that empowers the service of both women and men. Building on that commitment, the Msalato Theological College has been empowering and nurturing young women to theological



education, to ordination and to ministry afterwards. Up to now, about 63 female priests have been nurtured and trained at Msalato Theological College. Some of those female priests hold their Diplomas and BA Degrees from the college and they are serving the Church in different capacities.

We offer applied theology and we strongly believe in the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:9). Thus, the Msalato Theological College aim is to train and nurture women and men called either to pastoral or lay ministry both within and outside the country. Our curriculum is holistically integrated as it prepares our graduates to become 'changed change agents' for integral mission, spiritual growth and socio-economic transformation in the society.

That way, Msalato Theological College has been able to contribute to poverty reduction and innovation in our local parishes – as most of its graduates have been leading from the front. They have among other things, established small investment projects in their parishes as practical means of communicating Christ to the needy through actions. The work has never been easy nor without critics but by the grace of God we are keeping on moving forward.

Our ongoing commitment, as a college, is to train those who are called and dignify their spiritual – theological abilities by building and enabling their learning environment, and it is this mission that we are open for partnership with many friends of Christ Jesus across the globe with similar interests so that we can collectively invest in the future of God's church here in Tanzania and elsewhere. Each academic year we struggle to secure at least 15 Scholarship for our female applicants and at least 15 male applicants but we are still unable to succeed in this target. Our call is for more people join us for this mission of God for His own honour and glory.

Your prayers to Msalato will be highly appreciated because under residential theological programs the current ratio of Priests to Christians in DCT is **1** Priest to more than **2000** Christians. The current number of students is too small to meet the needs of leadership personnel in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika and in Tanzania as a country. There is need to improve the annual enrolment of students as well as broaden the number of staff and courses offered at MTC. The ratio of Priest to Christians is projected to become Priest to 1000 Christians by 2028. That is why MTCs drive and move towards its vision of being **Msalato Theological and Polytechnic Institute (MTPI)** important for the needed improvement.

Our future plan is to continue to be a learning institution that contributes to sustainable development of the church and her mission according to God's plan. Among the drive and move towards its vision of being Msalato Theological and Polytechnic Institute MTPI include the recent ordination of 13 Graduates of Academic Year 2022 – 2023 within the Anglican Church of Tanzania Diocese of Central Tanganyika. This consisted of BA in Applied Theology 5 men, Diploma in Applied Theology 6 (4 Male, 2 Female), and Diploma in Church and Community Mobilization Process (CCMP) '1'. The ordination was held at *Mtakatifu Andrea Nala* Parish in the Dodoma City.



The group with the required qualifications for the ministry has joined the Existing Clergy House of DCT who also mainly is a product of Msalato Theological College.

The reality is that the recent number of ordained clergy is too small compared to the big need of qualified leadership personnel in the church. The college will never give up the drive towards its vision of being Msalato Theological and Polytechnic Institute MTPI to improve the situation.

The recent 16<sup>th</sup> Graduation of Msalato Theological College of the Anglican Diocese of Central Tanganyika is another valuable mark of college towards its goal and vision.



The graduation held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at *Mlimwa* Parish in Dodoma City where 169 Students Graduated: 6 BA in Applied Theology of the Anglican Church of Tanzania Diocese of Central Tanganyika, 8 Diploma in Applied Theology of the Anglican Church of Tanzania Diocese of Central Tanganyika, and 155: 72 Certificate, 69 Diploma, 11 BA, and 3 MA in Church and Community Mobilization Process of the Global University for Long-life Learning (GULL) USA.

Our is on developing a training that would cater holistically on the production of ministers with a high quality of education in order that they can serve the ministry effectively in their context or local areas. The college is working hard to invest in Applied Theology, Approaches of Church and Community Mobilization Process like Conservation Agriculture (CA) or Farming in Gods Way, Self Help Groups (SHP), and in equipping the students with different accessible skills such as animal husbandry, gardening (fruits and vegetable production) etc. Equipped with such applied theology, students in the field will holistically preach the gospel and will be able generate accessible income in their respected churches, personal and families for their suitable development and welfare. Thus the college runs small demonstration projects for Students Field Work and in turn small College Income Generation purposes. We are running dairy husbandry although we lost the calf!



We are running dairy husbandry



Farming Sun Flower



Environmental Care: Tree nursery for the immediate community

Msalato Theological College is also working on securing funds for the construction of the college commercial fence. These initiatives are aimed to mitigating financial shortage and improving the college sustainability, The proposed commercial fence will also improve the college impact to the community around as for decades, the community around the college has appreciated the ministry and spiritual support from the college community. Through parish attachments faith communities around the college have been enjoying our maximum participation in the service and ministry to their local churches.

### FUTURE PLANS

Further to the MTCs achievement stories as presented above, it has also succeeded in establishing a digital platform ‘**Msalato Theological College Digital Platform**’ accessed on <https://msalatododoma-online.org> for the purpose of being more Connected Globally, and Initiatives for Online Studies and Digital Centre Studies. In line with all this, MTC continues to implement the three - year goals as passed by the 21<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Synod held on 29<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021. The goals include:

1. a. To improve and strengthen relationships between it and her in and outside the country donors and friends.
- b. To improve and strengthen current courses and programs.
2. To introduce new courses and increase student enrolments and number of staff. This will maximize utilization of its potential in terms of buildings, land and space. We will also need to improve our sourcing of funds for financial sustainability. Curricular and courses have so far been procured from the relevant sources.
3. It is our wish that in ten years' time Msalato Theological College should become an independent full time university in the country. As already mentioned before the college started as a Bible School and has grown to its current status, there should be no problem with it moving on to become a university if all goes well.
4. It is desired that the Church and Community Mobilization Process program should continue to be taught at the college in both ways, the indoor classes and with connected churches in the country. This is because of its grassroots focus on poverty alleviation at all levels of the church and community as part of the churches mission. Different International Organizations with a shared interest in this area will continue to be our close partners. Almost all Diocese of Central Tanganyika Clergy who studied at Msalato Theological College before the establishment of Church and Community Mobilization Process Courses in 2016 are in need of the course to improve performance in their local churches.
5. To continue working towards making Msalato Theological College economically attractive to new partnerships, projects, and other investments. This may include improvements of our current buildings and grounds.
6. Improving the library by stocking it with contemporary literature and software equipment for effective functioning of the Library is essential.

Your prayers and support to the work of God here at Msalato Theological College is appreciated and valued so much. In God's Mission"

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### **How We Are**

We send all those who are sick our love. Please continue to pray for all who have been unwell that they gain in strength and good health as well as those who are grieving because of loss of a loved one.

We continue to pray for a return to health to those who are unwell and that God's healing hands may be upon them.

We keep in our prayers **David Agbim, Chuba Agbim, Eunice Adiele, Gideon Onwutalu, Annie Bwanaope and Rose Ochwada**. We hold them in our hearts that they may be filled with God's healing love.

Please pray for a full return to health for **Tony**. We pray that God's healing spirit may come upon him and help him make a good recovery.

Please continue to let us know of family members and friends who are sick and would welcome our prayers, either by WhatsApp, email, [Kamran@gg-pc.co.uk](mailto:Kamran@gg-pc.co.uk) or by phone, **020 8455 1873**

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## Prayers with Kamran

From Mondays to Thursdays, Kamran will be in church at 9.00am for a short time of prayer with anyone who would like to join him. Kamran will also be in church each day for those who would like to visit and talk with him. Please consider making an appointment to ensure that he will be available to meet with you;

### Topic: Church Wardens' Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8585545365?pwd=em85aDF5ZmJ5ZkVlb0xDaDhY2paUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 554 5365

Passcode: J4FbKf

**Reader:**

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## Voting preparations for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### What types of ID are acceptable?

Voters are required to show one form of photo ID at the polls, and it does not need to be in date so long as it is recognisable as the person at the ballot box.

However, it must be the original version – not a photocopy – and the name on the ID should be the same as it appears on the electoral register.

Acceptable forms of voter ID are:

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country (including an Irish Passport Card)
- Full or provisional driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state
- A Blue Badge
- Any identity card bearing the Pass (Proof of Age Standards Scheme) hologram



Any of the following travel passes:

- Older person's bus pass funded by the Government
- Disabled person's bus pass funded by the Government
- Oyster 60+ card funded by the Government
- Freedom pass
- Scottish national entitlement card issued for the purpose of concessionary travel (including a 60+, disabled or under 22s bus pass)
- 60 and over Welsh concessionary travel card
- Disabled person's Welsh concessionary travel card
- Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Registered blind SmartPass or blind person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- War disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Half fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

**Any of these government-issued documents:**

- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Electoral identity card issued in Northern Ireland
- Voter authority certificate
- Anonymous elector's document

## GGPC Rota April 24 – May 24

Date	Bible Passage	Readers	Intercessor	Refreshments	Eucharistic Minister	AV Desk	Duty Managers	Service leader
28/04/24	Acts 8:26-40	Poppy	Sally	Cynthia/Chinwe	Ifeyinwe/Onyeka	Ruth	Chinwe	Alexis
<b>Bring &amp; Share</b>	John 15:1-8							
05/05/24	Acts 10:44-48	Kai	Alexis	Ezim	Nwadi/Nehar	Shaniv	Alexis	
	John 15:9-17							
09/05/2024	Acts 1:1-11	Keith	Nehar	Naila	Naila/Nehar	Shaniv		Alexis
<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	Luke 24:44-53							
12/05/24	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Kool	Nwadi	Bilan	Daniel/Ezim	Onyeka	Florance	
	John 17:6-19							
19/05/24	Acts 2:1-21	Nwennaka	Tony	Florance	Sally/Tony	Dozie	Tim	Jenny
<b>Day of Pentecost Bring &amp; Share</b>	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15							
26/05/24	Romans 5:1-5	Ash	Sally	Cynthia/Chinwe	Tim/Naila	Ruth	Chinwe	
	John 16:12-15							
02/06/24	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Andrew	Nwando	Silvia	Ifeyinwe/Onyeka	Shaniv	Alexis	Nehar
	Mark 2:23-3:6							
09/06/24	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:	Khan	Rose	Nehar	Nwadi/Nehar	Onyeka	Florance	
	Mark 3:20-35							