

Summer delight



AT his organ recital in August in aid of the Link, John Bryden again entertained us wonderfully with, in his words, 'a light-hearted programme' for the summer including Scottish folk songs, the theme from Saint-Saen's Organ Symphony, 'Gabriel's Oboe' from 'The Mission', Handel's Water Music and Elgar's 'Nimrod'. All the pieces were delivered with the expertise and highest order of musicianship, which we have come to expect. Thank you so much John, we thoroughly enjoyed your

playing. Thank you too to the audience who kindly donated the amazing amount of around £650 towards the cost of £870 for this year's uniforms and shoes for Special Needs' children in Nachingwea, which are being made by the ladies who received tailoring training with our support last year. We also have three people interested in sponsoring one of our A Level girls.

Those of you who have been following the Nachingwea Link for some time may remember that we used to contribute to girls' secondary education. We were delighted when the Tanzanian government made education free. Now however, thanks partly to Kevin's English classes which we also support as all secondary education is given in English, girls are wishing to study for A Levels.

Sadly there are no schools in Nachingwea who offer these so the girls have to travel to other areas, where they must pay for health insurance and uniforms but some parents cannot afford this. If anyone would like to

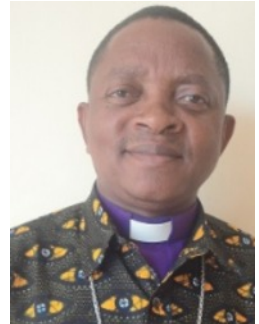


sponsor a girl for two years at £75 per annum, please email nachingwealink@standrewstapleford.org The girls will be very grateful.

Diocese in 'Good harmony'

On 12 August the committee had a very useful Zoom meeting with Bishop James of Masasi and his wife Mama Veronica who are in England for the Bishops' conference.

Bishop James said that the Masasi Diocese was 'in good harmony' and is making plans to celebrate their centenary in 2026. His main centenary goal is to train more priests as there are 450 parishes in the diocese but only 50 priests. He would like to boost this to 100 priests.



His other dream is to complete a girls' secondary boarding school in Namasakata, on land formerly acquired by Bishop Trevor Huddleston to set up a school for boys. The boys' school is now at Rondo. This would give girls a secure place to learn. Four classrooms and two houses for teachers have already been built and two dormitories are still to be completed.

Bishop James sends his thanks and good wishes to all those who support the Link. **Mary Cooper**

Next date for your diary

WE know we're in the middle of a heat wave and the last thing you're thinking about is Christmas but can we ask you to put 3 December in your diary as the date for the annual Nachingwea Christmas Fair.

Last year was very successful and we'd like to repeat it this year - it's an ideal place to buy that unusual present and support a good cause.

More details nearer the time.