

Dear Friends of CLinC,

## St Mark's & St Anne's Anglican Community Schools

There were over 600 pupils enrolled last term and, to fit all lessons in, both schools held two sessions each day— 8am-11am and 11am – 2pm.



There is no opportunity to hold a whole school assembly at St Mark's as the land alongside the school is now a building site. A new, larger church is being built and this may take some time!

St Anne's hold assemblies once a week for both sessions. They have the advantage of space in front of the new classrooms.

**Income.** The schools receive no grants from the Zambian government and depend entirely upon parental contributions and money from CLinC.

## Teachers' pay

CLinC sends contributions towards the teachers' pay, an average of £40 per month for each teacher, and the schools top this up from the parental contributions. All trained teachers now must have a teachers' license which costs around £80 and lasts for three years. This term we have sent money for all the eight trained teachers to acquire licenses.

**Feeding programme.** All children receive a hot, nutritious meal twice a week. With the rise in cost of food this is becoming more difficult. Additional feeding programme money has been sent for term 3.



## Teacher Training.

Eight of the ten teachers have now completed their training. Three have Primary degrees and five have Primary diplomas. The other two teachers depend on their own grade 12 qualifications, together with help and advice from trained teachers. Once they have completed two years at the schools, we will consider sponsoring them to attend a local college for teacher training.

## Looking ahead

1. The **cesspit** at St Anne's is desperately in need of emptying and, to make the pit latrines more accessible for the young children, three of them are having **'toilet pans'** fixed. Money to cover this has been sent with the term 3 allowances.
2. The **windows of the two classrooms** at St Anne's, built in 2021, still are unglazed and the classrooms unpainted.
3. St Mark's is very short of **teaching space** and there are long-term plans to convert the original church into two classrooms and a new office. The old office and a small room next to it will then be joined to form a reasonable sized classroom. This will require architect's plans and may not be possible until the new church is completed.
4. The **concreted area** between St Anne's school and church needs re-surfacing



with improved drainage. Water, from cooking, washing hands and plates, lies on the surface. In the rainy season this will encourage mosquitoes to breed. The children pictured here are the grade 8 pupils who left St Anne's last year. They came to greet us and are now continuing their education at Chipata School.

## 5. Link with St Andrew's School in Cromhall

During our visit in May, grade 6 and 7 pupils were encouraged to draw pictures and write letters to children at St Andrew's School in Cromhall.

Unfortunately, the school was unable to find time for us to go in and speak with the children last term, but we hope to do this after the school returns in September.



6. There is a shortage of desks at both schools and several desks require repairing. Children frequently sit 3 to a double desk and another child sits alongside on just a chair!



The good thing is, the children are in school and receiving a primary education. It is hard to turn away children who want to learn!

**Term 3** begins on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> and £4,400 is on the way to help with this.

#### **Recent Fundraising and events.**

1. Once again, our thanks go to **Cromhall Shop** for enabling us to sell jams and small crafts throughout the year.
2. Thanks also to **'Crafters'** in Wotton under Edge for allowing us to sell craft items to raise funds.
3. Thank you to **'Under the Edge Quilters'** for their support throughout another year.
4. Thank you to **Alice** who made and sold cakes in aid of CLinC and now has a penfriend at St Anne's School.
5. I was invited to **Kingswood WI** in early May to talk about the work of CLinC. Thank you for their donation and for allowing us to sell draw tickets for this year's Quilt Draw.
6. In July we held a **Summer Supper Evening** where we showed our most up to date pictures and video clips taken in May. This raised over £1,000 including donations. Thanks to all who helped to organise and run the evening.

## Future plans

1. **On Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will be having a stall at **Cromhall Flower Show** where we are also selling draw tickets for the quilt. The Draw will be on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at the 'Under the Edge Quilters' Christmas meeting.  
If any of you would like to buy tickets, or have books of draw tickets to sell, please let me know and I will get some to you. Every ticket sold raises another £1 for CLinC and hopefully spreads the word of what we are doing.
2. **On October 9<sup>th</sup>**, I will be the speaker at Chipping Sodbury MU, raising awareness and funds.
3. **Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** will be our **Christmas Craft fair** in Cromhall Village Hall. This is a month earlier than last year and hopefully will not clash with too many other events. We have room for another couple of craft tables. If you know of anyone who would like to attend, please give them my email address.
4. **On Nov 25<sup>th</sup>** we will once again have a table at the **Charities Fair** in Wotton-under-Edge.

Posters for these later events will be sent out nearer the day.

## THANK YOU AGAIN ..

..to those of you who have standing orders for monthly, quarterly or yearly donations. This does help us to plan ahead with confidence.

...to those of you who are able to Gift aid your donations. This brings in around £2,000 a year and costs you nothing to do. I have forms if you would like to Gift aid your donations.

...to those of you who send an annual sum for grade 8&9 pupils. The money this year has again provided children with uniforms, bags and books.

Thank you to all of you for your continued interest and support.

**Without you, we couldn't do it.**

Ann, on behalf of trustees of CLinC -August 2023