

Sunday 1 February Evening service with prayer for healing, 6.30 pm
Monday 2 February Information meeting on visit to Ukraine in July, 8 pm
Monday 2 February Men's Fellowship: David Page on local commons & wildlife
Wednesday 4 February Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch
Thursday 5 February Anchor: Ann Fernihough on Life on the Cambridge Estate
Saturday 7 February Concert in church with Steven Isserlis (cello), 8 pm (£14)
Thursday 12 February Consultation about 2005 Diocesan budget, in church at 8 pm
Saturday 14 February Borneo revisited, with Julian and Heather (see page 10)
Monday 16-19 February Holiday Club for Primary school age children
Saturday 21 February This month's Parish Walk
Saturday 21 February Concert in church with Steven Osborne (piano), 8 pm (£12)
Wednesday 25 February Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at 11 am, with lunch after
Monday 1 March Men's Fellowship Ladies Night: Joan Williams, photographer
Thursday 4 March Anchor: Margaret and Liz on Becoming a Pastoral Assistant
Saturday 6 March Supper for those who attend the 8 am service, 8 pm
Friday 12-14 March 2004 Parish Weekend away at High Leigh
Wednesday 21 April Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Saturday 15 May Supper for those who attend the 6.30 pm service, 8 pm

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

	8 am	10 am	6.30 pm
1st Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Holy Communion Ord. 1
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	All Age Service	Evening Prayer
4th Sunday	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion Ord. 1	Evening Prayer

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monthly on a Wednesday (see diary above): Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 2 pm: Toddlers' Praise (in the Church Hall)
Every Wednesday, at 7 am: Prayers for 30 minutes (in the Quiet Room)
Every Thursday, at 3.45 pm: Intercessions (in the Quiet Room)

Monthly on a Thursday, at 11.45 am at Wingham Court: Holy Communion
4th Thursday in month at 11.30 am at the Day Centre: Holy Communion

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BIRTH OF A NEW MISSION FORCE

Holy Trinity's plan to send a team of volunteers to Ukraine this summer is a significant new initiative for the church. While our support for mission elsewhere has been well-established, the idea of church members getting their own hands dirty on an organised venture represents a fresh departure in mission.

The background is discussed elsewhere in this issue of *Insight*, and details of the visit will be explored at a meeting for those interested on 2nd February. How we can best help will depend on the skills and interests of those who join the team, and, once that is known, a preliminary visit will identify how our contribution can be used most effectively.

The church is offering a working holiday which can be expected to benefit others and also all those who participate in it

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Borneo revisited - come and see!

Last summer Julian, Heather, Susannah and Jamie Henderson went on the trip of a lifetime to Borneo in Malaysia. Their visit had been planned for a number of years. With A levels and GCSEs just concluded, it seemed a good moment for Heather to take the family back to where her parents had worked as a young couple fifty years earlier and where she was born and had spent the first ten years of her life.

Heather's parents, Bill and Shirley Lees, will join her and Julian for an evening in which together they will tell something of the story of the work in Borneo and show pictures of the trip last summer. It is in the Church Hall at 8 pm on 14th February.

Everyone is welcome. Please sign the clip board in the foyer, so we can have an accurate idea of who is planning to come.

CONCERTS IN HOLY TRINITY

This month sees two concerts being staged in the church by the Oxshott and Cobham Music Society.

On Saturday 7th February at 8 pm the celebrated cellist Steven Isserlis, accompanied on the piano by Ana-Maria Vera, will be giving a recital including music by Chopin, Mendelssohn, Schumann and Rossini. Tickets at the door will cost £14.

On Saturday 21st February at 8 pm the rising star pianist Steven Osborne will be playing Brahms, Schubert and Liszt. Tickets at the door will cost £12.

Looking forward to next month, **on Saturday 13th March at 8 pm** the London Concertante will be performing string music including Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* and Barber's *Adagio*.

Weekend at High Leigh

Regular readers will need no further reminder of the Parish Weekend on 12-14th March. But this is to warn you that only a few places remain and that if you have been putting off booking you should delay no longer!

If you are interested but could not free yourself for the whole weekend, there is the possibility of your being accepted as a Day Visitor on Saturday 13th March. If that would suit you, please phone Catherine Winchcombe@912171

"Desert Detectives"

That will be the theme of the Holiday Club for Primary age children (Years 1 - 6) during this month's Half Term. It will run from 9.30 am till 12.30 pm on Monday to Thursday 16th - 19th February. All children in that age group will be very welcome, for a cost of just £1 a day.

Adult helpers of various kinds will also be warmly welcomed, and David King would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to help. on 470703.

Fellowship for men...

This month's speaker at the Men's Fellowship, on Monday 2nd February at 7.45 for 8 pm, will be David Page from Elmbridge Borough Council, giving an illustrated talk on our local open spaces.

...for men and women...

In March, the Men's Fellowship is inviting ladies to join them for an illustrated talk by Joan Williams, who for many years was a stills and portrait photographer with BBC Television. Her talk "Stars in close-up" is on Monday 1st March at 7.45 for 8 pm.

..... and for women

The Anchor Group will be welcoming Ann Fernihough from St Peter's Norbiton on Thursday 5th February. She will be speaking on "Life on the Cambridge Estate". At 7.30 for 8 pm.

Christmas Charity Shrove Tuesday book launch

Holy Trinity's Christmas appeal in aid of Tearfund raised £1959 including tax recovered as a result of Gift Aid.

Collections after the Christingle services on Christmas Eve - which attracted the largest congregations ever, almost 800 adults and children - allowed us to send £694 to the Children's Society.

The Christmas postal service run by Claygate Scouts saw the delivery by them of about 4,900 Christmas cards around the village. The proceeds enabled them to contribute £250 to a project established by Surrey Scout Council to provide an electrical supply and installation for Karvule Parents School for the Deaf in Palissa District, Uganda.

Alpha

Twenty people had signed up for the new Alpha course which started on Wednesday 21st January, as a result of the exploratory supper the previous week. Holy Trinity's intention is to continue to hold the ten-week course twice a year.

As our cartoon below may remind you, Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day - falls this month, on 24th February. We are offering you a special event, with pancakes!

Until about two years ago Paddy Beresford was the Senior Minister of Esher Green Baptist Church. On being diagnosed with ME, he resigned and moved to Herefordshire, where he has recuperated, made a good recovery, started to help in a number of churches and written a book.

He is visiting Holy Trinity on 24th February to launch his book on the theme of hospitality. Everyone is welcome to an informal service in the church at 8 pm, at which Paddy will speak about his book, and then to pancakes in the church hall and book buying/signing in the foyer.

Do come and enjoy some Holy Trinity hospitality!!

Ash Wednesday

Shrove Tuesday prepares us for Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent.

We shall celebrate this with a service of Holy Communion at 11 am on Wednesday 25th February at which everyone will be welcome. As is now usual with our midweek services, this will be followed by a light lunch in the foyer for all who wish to stay.

This midweek service at the end of February means that there will be no Wednesday Holy Communion at the beginning of March.



LET US PRAY!

Time spent in prayer to God ought always to be a priority for the Christian. However, it is too easy to crowd it out of the diary with other things. So, we need to be resolute in setting time aside to be with God. The great Christians of the past have always been people of prayer and we do well to learn from their example.

This month let's remember to pray for:

The Holiday Club at half term.

Pray for a good number of bookings, for good preparation by the leaders, and for fun, safety and fresh spiritual understanding for the children.

The Parish Weekend Away.

Pray for Catherine and Julia, who are planning the arrangements, such as accommodation, finance and programme, for Bob Key, our speaker, and the leaders of the children's activities, for all who are attending to grow in faith and love for God.

Jigsaw's OFSTED.

As OFSTED inspect our Church Playgroup in February, pray for the Jigsaw staff and the Jigsaw Advisory Group to remain calm and efficient, for the children to have a great term and for an encouraging result to the inspection.

General Synod, 9th to 13th Feb.

Pray for this central overseeing body of the Church of England as it meets in London this month, for wisdom, clarity of purpose and priorities, and a healthy biblical perspective on the matters on its agenda. Pray for Julian as he attends a General Synod session for the first

Young People today

As most members of the church will be aware, Asa has been indisposed since Christmas, and his regular article is missing for that reason. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The bells are ringing....

Sandra Winter was an excellent choice to entertain those who came to the New Year Social organised by the Men's Fellowship. An expert not only in performing with handbells but in talking about them, she was informative and entertaining

We learnt that those renowned for making church bells, such as the Whitechapel Foundry, also made handbells - and just how expensive they could be. We learnt about the differences between English and American handbells, the different materials and modes of construction, and a great deal more.

Sandra interspersed her talk, with performances, and ended up by handing out bells (well, the "paintscraper" variety) and "scores" so that we could all play *My bonny lies over the ocean* - and very credibly too, though we say it ourselves.

Before we settled down to listen to Sandra, we had enjoyed the buffet and wine, and one of Ken Hibberd's "getting to know you" quizzes, won by Helen Melliar-Smith. It was a shame that many were prevented from being there because of seasonal "under the weather" syndrome; they missed a very enjoyable evening.

"Chocolat" for Lent

Some may have read the book, others may have seen the film. An intriguing Lent course looks at the issues raised by the book and offers a chance to discuss them. Churches Together in Esher and Claygate are running a few groups for those interested from our different churches. Linda Morgan will be running one of the groups and anyone not in an existing Home Group or interested in doing this Lent Course in addition to their Home Group should have a word with her (01372 462911). The Course will start in the week beginning 1st March and will be during an evening.

What does the Diocese do with our money?

The Guildford Diocese is in the process of preparing its budget for 2005. It is working on the assumption, agreed by the Bishop's Council last year, that a six per cent increase should be the right level.

A consultation is planned, as part of which there will be a meeting in Holy Trinity at 8 pm on Thursday 12 February. Representatives from other churches in the Archdeaconry will be invited, and anyone from our church who would be interested to contribute to the

Financing the Church of England is becoming more of a problem, particularly as the Church Commissioners have felt obliged steadily to transfer more of the financial burdens on to the parishes (that means you!) - and the process has still further to go. In the Guildford Diocese, 92% of the church's ministry is now financed by voluntary giving. This year the diocese needs to ask its parishes for £8.2 million, though they are quick to stress that most of that comes back to us because it is they who meet the costs of clergy. In 1972, the parishes paid nothing

towards clergy, but this year clergy stipends, pensions and national insurance in our diocese total £4.6 million - and clergy housing is on top of that. We are fortunate that in an area of relative affluence, finding our parish share does not involve the difficulties that some churches experience. But in terms of giving levels as a proportion of income, the Guildford Diocese ranks 24th out of 42, with an average of 2.7%, compared for example with Southwell at 4.1%.

What's your experience of worship?

In the spring of 2001, a major survey, called the *Church Life Profile*, was conducted in churches of different denominations around the country. Questionnaires were completed by almost 108,000 adult (aged 15 or over) churchgoers. One of the questions explored their experience of worship.

They were asked "**How often do you experience the following during church services here?**", and the results are given below.

Where does your experience fit in?

Percentages experiencing	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely/ Never
A sense of God's presence	25	41	30	4
Inspiration	9	35	52	5
Boredom	1	3	39	57
Awe or mystery	3	13	57	27
Joy	14	42	41	4
Frustration	1	4	43	52
Spontaneity	5	18	53	24
Growth in understanding of God	16	46	35	3

I was struck recently by a sentence I read in a novel, in which a Hindu was making an observation of Christians. He said: 'Christianity is a religion in a rush'. I know what he meant. There are two equal opposite dangers for Christianity. On the one hand, it is possible to become so busy and preoccupied that there is no time just to be. An activist approach engages with the needs and opportunities and is always on the go and in a rush. On the other hand, it is possible to be quite the opposite, to be so relaxed and laid-back that nothing ever really gets achieved. There can be so much peace and serenity, that it resembles sleep and inertia.

The answer is to avoid these extremes and find the halfway house, a balance between action and stillness, between doing and being. Some of us by temperament are more programmed to one than the other and we do well to spot what we need to do to be more balanced.

The active person needs to be more disciplined about setting time aside to pray and meditate on the Bible, moments when they get out of the fast lane into the slow lane or the service station, to reflect quietly alone with God and out of the glare of the gaze of others. Lent, starting on 25th February, can be a good annual time to slow down a bit.

The more reflective person needs to be more disciplined about doing things, about serving God in His church and the world. This can be quite an effort, but will be richly rewarding, and Lent for this person might be a time to offer to help in church life in a new way, to get out of the service station and onto the motorway and speed up a bit!

The watching world needs to see a church that is both active and making a difference in a community, and yet at the same time having space to just be still and to give time where it is needed. Sometimes people worry about asking to see me, because they think I am too busy. My usual reply is to say that, if I am too busy to make time for someone who wants to chat, then I am too busy. What can be more important than engaging with another person who wants to talk?

I would hope that members of Holy Trinity would find these balances between talking and listening, doing and being, serving and praying. One of the keys to that kind of balance is having a time of personal Bible-reading and prayer each day, what in the old days was called a Quiet Time. Whatever its length and whenever it occurs these moments or minutes can set the framework for our lives, ensuring each day is lived in step with Jesus, according to His Word, and with His perspective to the fore.

With all best wishes and my prayers,



From the Parish Registers

We welcome into the
family of the Church:

Phoebe Mae Buckland
(baptised on 4th January)

We offer sympathy to the
relatives and friends of:

Kathleen Alice Morgan
(24th December)
Elaine Wiltshire
(26th December)
James Brown
(26th December)
(John) Stanley William Guilding
(31st December)



Parish Personalities

David Wakefield faces up to this month's Insight Inquisition.

Where were you brought up?
Leamington Spa, Barrow in Furness and
Petersham, Surrey.

How long have you lived in Claygate?
For ten years.

What do you like most about it?
The oak trees against the sky which
symbolise Surrey for me.

*And if there was one thing you could
change? I'd relay the A3 with chopped
rubber tyres mixed with the tarmac.*

Where would you locate your ideal home?
Ashija, a beautiful port below Mount
Rokko in Japan.

*What is the least welcome part of your
daily round? Testing my back, after
getting up, which decides the tempo of
my day.*

*Which personal trait do you struggle most
to overcome? Knowing best - which is a
legacy of teaching.*

What food are you most partial to?
Liquorice, sushi, liquorice, cauliflower
cheese, liquorice

And leave on the side of your plate?
I enjoy onions, but draw the line at tripe!

What do you watch on television?
Dramas, sport, Channel 4 news (& Radio
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What would your desert island book be?
"The Snowgoose" by Paul Gallico.

What is your favourite music?
R Strauss' *Four Last Songs*, Japanese
Shaku-hachi, Britten, Byrd and Bix
Beiderbecke.

And your favourite hymn?

A Moment to Meditate

"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

Acts, chap. 9, verse 4

The Bible tells the story of Paul's conversion no fewer than three times. All three versions appear in the book of Acts, since in his letters Paul himself alludes to the event only in a less specific way. The accounts in Acts - in chapters 9, 22 and 26 - include one as part of Luke's narrative telling the story of the early church; then Luke includes it again as part of his reporting of what Paul twice told others.

Isn't this repetition a trifle unnecessary? After all, we have been given only two versions of the birth of Jesus. But it is difficult to think of a more significant event for the development of Christianity than what happened when Saul of Tarsus was travelling the road to Damascus.

Saul was a leader of the campaign against the followers of Jesus, whom as a devout Jew, a Pharisee indeed, he saw as heretics muddying the pure waters of Judaism. In this he was energetic and ruthless, "breathing murderous threats", verse 1 of chapter 9 tells us.. He was carrying to Damascus written authority from the High Priest to arrest any Christians and carry them back to Jerusalem where they faced the death penalty (see Acts 26.10).

It was this man who as he travelled was suddenly brought to his knees by a blinding light and the voice of Jesus asking Saul why he was persecuting him. For Paul (as he became), this was an appearance of Jesus as real as that to the disciples in the upper room, and the last of all such appearances - "Last of all he appeared to me also" (1 Cor 15.8).

There could be no arguing with such an experience. Paul could no longer deny the claims of Jesus, on him personally and on the world. From the most implacable

persecutor of Christians, Paul became the most eloquent and indefatigable of evangelists for Christ. For sceptics of the time (and those of today in equal measure) this remarkable conversion was compelling evidence of the truth of what was being urged by the followers of Jesus. For how had Paul so dramatically changed if not by the direct intervention of Jesus as reported? And how could that have happened if Jesus lacked the divine powers that were being claimed?

The rest of Paul's life attests to the same truth. This was not just a question of Jesus' followers being saved from persecution but of God's capturing for his service a man who would be uniquely capable of making a tremendous impact on mankind's knowledge and understanding of what God had done, and wished to do, for the sake of the people he loved.

Even today, what happened on the Damascus road speaks to us of God's love and his desire to see us all embraced within his family.

Ancient history

Now, there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ.

And the tribe of Christians so named from him are not extinct at this day.

Josephus,

A holiday with a purpose

How do you feel about the chance to take a break with more of a valuable purpose than simply lying in the sun? You might make a real contribution to the wellbeing of others and find great reward for yourself. Holy Trinity's plan to send a team to the Ukraine in July will be the subject of a meeting in the church at 8 pm on Monday 2nd February for all those who might be interested.

Getting involved in mission offers many challenges. An American pastor who has become a specialist in it writes:

I'm the first to admit that I seldom feel 'ready' for one of these trips. My life is packed with church and family obligations. I am always too busy. The travel is not easy on the mind or the body. Over the years I have lost my luggage, my passport, several exotic meals and my sanity (almost). Still, I've not regretted a single trip. The rewards are undeniable and often indescribable. My heart is always moved.

Holy Trinity's trip to Ukraine this summer is an initiative of the church's Missionary Team acting on a suggestion of Andrew Tarcy, who has been to the area before. With Andrew, Sylvia Andrews, Emma Carter and Roger

healthcare professionals would be very welcome. The aim is to be a helpful Christian presence, and we expect to hold mission activities through the local churches, including activities for children. Above all, those who participate will need to be flexible and willing to serve at any task.

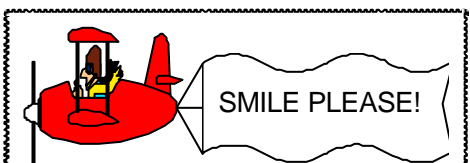
For those who volunteer, this will be a working holiday. Young people between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, provided they are accompanied by a parent and can serve independently, will be welcome. The holiday can be extended in more traditional form if volunteers wish, by adding a few days in Budapest, the flight destination, or elsewhere in Eastern Europe. The overall cost, without insurance, will be £450.

Those who are interested are urged to attend the meeting on 2nd February, as the deadline for applications is the 11th.

Neil McKinnon

Neil is an 18-year old from Claygate who became a Christian a year ago and whom Holy Trinity have been sponsoring - like Greg Stallard last year - on the "Get Connected" Christian leadership course at St Saviour's Guildford.

Part of the course involves service overseas, and at the end of March Neil will be going to India for two months to work with the Delhi Brotherhood, founded in 1877 by English priests from Cambridge, among the slum-dwellers of that city. If you feel you would like to help defray the expenses of this trip, please speak to Stu; but in any case, Neil would appreciate your prayers.



Sorry!

A man got up in the middle of the Vicar's sermon and walked out. His very embarrassed wife approached the Vicar afterwards. "I hope you didn't think that he disagreed with anything you said, Vicar. It's just that he has this tendency to walk in his sleep."

Building a new mission school in Zimbabwe

Daramombe lies somewhere around 120 miles from the city of Harare, and is in the Diocese of Harare.

I was a member of the Bishop of Harare's Council, and during the course of conversation one afternoon the subject of Daramombe came up. Daramombe had been a church school but during the terrorist war in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, the school and church had been destroyed. It was very remote and could only be reached by driving many miles along a dirt road.

Following my meeting with the Bishop, he and I went down to Daramombe to have a look. We found the whole place a wreck. Although there were some pupils at the school, a great deal of work was needed to make it properly habitable. The few boys at the school had classrooms and sleeping accommodation which had no doors, no windows, no lighting and very basic toilet facilities: it was a disgrace.

"Well, Arthur, what do you think we should do with it?", the Bishop asked me. My response was that we should knock the whole lot down and then rebuild it. "But that will cost money", said Peter Hatendi. In that case, I replied, we should get the money, but our most urgent priority was to make the existing buildings fit for the boys to live in for the interim period. We needed to start by building a new dining room, and getting some power to the place to give the boys light to see by. Every evening they had to sit and read by candlelight, and there was no hot water for bathing.

We allocated some money from the Diocesan funds to build the dining block, and I hunted around for and bought a portable generator (ex-army type). We found a site for this and we then had to cable up. I supplied the armoured cable and sent some of my staff down to lay the cable. Then I went down and made all the connections and taught the boys and the teachers how to operate the generator.

Communion among the ruins

I then turned to the job of raising money for a rebuilding project. During that process, the Bishop and I made several visits to Daramombe. One occasion was the beginning of Lent, so the Bishop decided to hold a communion service in the remains of the church. This church had one end wall in the east and the rest was wide open; the views were absolutely wonderful. In order to hold a communion service, we had first to organise some basic facilities: the altar was created from two forty four gallon drums and an old wooden door. As I held the Bishop's licence I was

While a resident of Zimbabwe in the 1980s, Arthur Mallam was involved in the redevelopment of a mission station and school at Daramombe. In this article, he tells the story of the project and how it was financed.

required to help with the communion service, but by now word had got around and we had some six hundred people around us all wanting to take communion, and we did run out of wine. When the service was finished we made up some ashes and the Bishop signed everyone with the sign of the cross using the ash.

We remained convinced that we must rebuild Daramombe so that we had not only the school but a mission station, a clinic and a school for the blind. But where was the money to come from? By my calculations we would need something like four million Zimbabwe dollars to complete the project. It was clear that the money we could raise locally would not take us far and that we needed to find sources of money further afield.

Seeking funds across the Atlantic

In the knowledge that the Diocese of Harare had a link with the Diocese of Massachusetts, I decided that my wife and I would go over to the United States to see if we could raise some money there. We paid our own fare and set off for the States, where it had been arranged - since Zimbabwe regulations prevented us from taking more than a minimal amount of money out of the country - that we would be given hospitality. When we got to New York, however, it was a Saturday and we could find nobody to meet us. It transpired that the cable we had paid to be sent over was in fact never transmitted. The result was that we spent the weekend in a poor class motel arranged by the airline, without food or drink. We couldn't have a bath as no bath plug was available, but there was plenty of television - all bad!

Monday morning came and we made contact with our Diocesan hosts by phone and arranged to find our way to Fifth Avenue. We found the right bus but we couldn't pay the fare because one had to have the correct change; a very kind lady paid the fare for us.

We were given accommodation and taken down to a bank and then presented with \$400 to cover our expenses. We were taken around New York and given a fantastic time, even taken to the UN building. After five days we left for Boston, where we were welcomed by the Massachusetts Diocese and presented with a further \$100, from the visiting missionary fund. We went over to Nantucket for a week of rest, and this was such a treat, we had very little rest.

However, it was time to get down to raising some funds, and for that purpose we returned to New York where we secured agreement that the Diocese would provide sufficient funding to get the project into its first stages.

We returned to Zimbabwe and settled down to work again. In the course of the next few weeks a trust was established to handle the rebuilding, of which I was appointed to be treasurer. These early days carried their problems: about this time we had some accounts come in without enough in the bank to pay them, so I put five thousand dollars into the account to take care of these payments.

Back to America for a final push

But more substantial funding was needed if the project was to proceed. The Bishop had a contact in Washington who was a Congressman and, as I had to go to the States on business, I decided to kill two birds with one stone and go to see the Congressman and seek his assistance. He was able to provide me with introductions to two multi-national corporations and we came away from them with two very large donations, sufficient to secure the completion of the Daramombe project.

Back home, however, difficulties were cropping up. We were having trouble getting the power line in to the Daramombe area and each time we approached the supply company the price went up. After much fighting with government ministers, we were at last able to get the supply brought in and this enabled us to complete the project.

We now had a very well built and organised mission station, secondary school, a school for the blind and a clinic. The project was opened by President Robert Mugabe some three years after we started, and it became a highly valued resource for the area.