

**TRINITY MISSION PARTNERS SURVEY**

In September 2022, we invited the TRINITY church family to participate in a Mission Partners Survey as we seek fresh vision for how, as church, we'd like to support our mission partners both at home and overseas. Thank you to all those who responded and for all the feedback and comments. It has taken a while to process all the responses, and to discuss these with the Mission Committee as well as with Anita and Paul. We are now drafting a document that will enable us to move forward with a fresh vision in 2023 ensuring we reflect the Gospel call for mission. We will share more about this in the coming months.

**ROB HOY'S VISIT TO RWANDA AND UGANDA IN FEBRUARY**

After an incredible response to our Harvest Appeal to support a water project run by Rob Hoy, he is going to Rwanda & Uganda with Simon Bacon to start putting the £10,000 (inc. gift aid) to work. Please be praying for this work.

Rob writes..... After a gap of 3 years (triggered by you know what!) I'm returning to Rwanda with Simon Bacon on 15<sup>th</sup> February for a visit in 3 parts.

For the first 2 weeks I will be working in Byumba Diocese, as a guest of Bishop Emmanuel Ngendahayo, teaching 20 students how to build 'ferrocement' rainwater storage tanks. These tanks are constructed using sand, cement and thin 'chicken' wire. They are cheaper than plastic tanks and easier to repair if damaged although the skills to build them need to be learned.

The photo shows tank construction under way during the last training course in Cyangugu in February 2019.

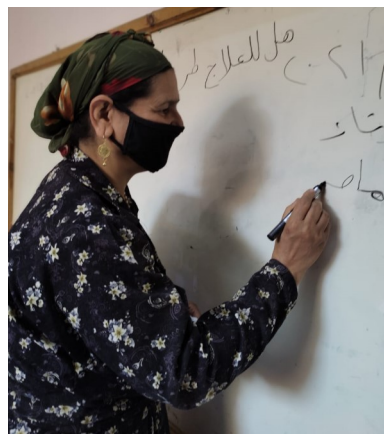
We will then be joined by Gill and John Griffith, developer of the Grifaid water filter before travelling down to Cyangugu Diocese on the border with the DRC for a week. There we will visit communities with water filters, widows and friends from the DRC.

Finally we will spend 5 days in Uganda visiting more beneficiaries of Grifaid filters, checking they are using and maintaining the filters correctly, until we return to the UK on 12<sup>th</sup> March.



**REVISITING EGYPT - Christine**

It's 5 years since I returned to live in UK after serving in Egypt for 30 years, and because of Covid my 3-week visit in November was only the second time I've visited Egypt since then. It was good to see friends and former colleagues and neighbours and to share something of their joys and sorrows: praying with the pastor's wife suffering from severe cancer, and with a recently bereaved (non-Christian) friend, but also visiting a newly married friend and her husband, and rejoicing in news of births. Egypt was affected by Covid, and is currently suffering from much higher inflation than UK. Egyptian churches and Christian ministries have of course been impacted by both, but I saw and heard very encouraging news of ministry activities, of people coming to Christ and lives being transformed. I was able to join members of my Cairo church for a day of fellowship, teaching and prayer; and it was good to visit Think and Do's community centre in a populous area of Cairo, and to see the developments in agriculture at its "Oasis" centre, and the improved facilities for conferences, large prayer gatherings and vocational training held there. And the way that Egyptian Christians are praying for their nation, and in some cases witnessing to their neighbours at significant personal cost, would put many of us in UK to shame.



**Please pray for:**

- The Egyptian Church, key to Christian witness in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Think and Do staff as they seek to promote spiritual, social and economic transformation in people's lives. Pictures show a life school student and a woman's micro enterprise.



## IS YOUR GARDEN WILDLIFE FRIENDLY?

January is the perfect month to start thinking about making your garden or outside space more friendly for wildlife. You can help animals and birds make it through the winter and plan ahead for the spring and summer.



Here are our Top Ten Tasks for your wildlife garden in January:

1. Hang bird feeder and put out food on the ground and bird table <https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover/in-your-garden/article/25>
2. Make sure your bird bath is topped up with fresh water and not frozen. Birds need fresh drinking and bathing water even in cold weather, to keep feathers in top condition.
3. Regularly clean bird feeders, bird tables & bird bath to prevent build-up of pathogens & mould.
4. Dig a pond or create a bog garden <https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover/in-your-garden/ponds>
5. Trim back shrubs and trees once all their berries and fruit have been eaten.
6. Plant a deciduous tree that produces berries or fruit if you have the space – try Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) – blackbirds love it!
7. Make a log or rock pile to create areas of shelter for wildlife <https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover/in-your-garden/article/129>
8. Build a compost bin <https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover/in-your-garden/article/19>
9. Plan a wild flower meadow for spring sowing or planting <https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover/in-your-garden/article/28>
10. Buy or build a bee nesting box in your garden <https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover/in-your-garden/article/40> <https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover/in-your-garden/article/40>



### St John's Churchyard Working Party Sat 14th Jan



Please join us for a workout in the churchyard and the St John's front garden, to help keep our church environment healthy and beautiful. Drinks and snack provided. Bring garden tools if you have, or you can borrow on arrival. Any time from 10am to around 1pm. All welcome.

### Old Spectacles?

Did you know your old spectacles can be a precious resource for those in poorer countries? When you change glasses, leave your old ones in the clothes recycling boxes in TRINITY Southover porch, or take to Leightons Opticians in Cliffe High Street, or Boots, who will ensure they are sent to others with a need. Specsavers, Vision Express, and Boots Opticians, among others, work with charities to provide optical training and sight care to people in developing countries.

### GIVING TO TRINITY

You can give to support the mission of TRINITY in a variety of ways. If you are a regular member or consider TRINITY your church, the best way to give is through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

Please visit our website for more details <https://trinitylewes.org/about/giving/> For any queries about setting up regular giving with the PGS, please get in touch with their support team: Phone: 0333 002 1260; Email: [info@parishgiving.org.uk](mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk); Our church name is TRINITY Church Lewes and our PGS parish code 100610471.

You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites, and you can give cash or cheques to the clergy or post cheques to the office. If you are able to gift-aid your donation, we can claim back 25% of your giving as no extra cost to you. Please email ([finance@trinitylewes.org](mailto:finance@trinitylewes.org)) and our treasurer will be able to give you the forms to do this.



### RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 27th-29th Jan 2023

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Join this important annual survey of garden bird populations to help monitor wildlife and bird status throughout the UK. Count the number of birds and record each species seen in your garden (or local park or churchyard!) during one hour any time from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. If you don't have access to the above website for recording purposes, contact any of the Creation Care team who will send your record to the RSPB for you.



### RESOURCES FOR RUGEZI WETLANDS IN RWANDA

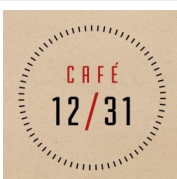
We are delighted that £100 raised at a Christmas fayre before the pandemic for the Rugezi Wetlands near Byumba in Rwanda has now been spent on resources. Christians in the region have requested wildlife books for schools, to help the children and parents conserve plus understand the biodiversity of this beautiful area. Rob Hoy has kindly offered to deliver them during his forthcoming trip. Thank you all. David and Annette

### OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS NEED

Tinned meats, tinned fruit, tinned veg, cereals, long life (UHT) milk, toiletries



Items may be brought to church on Sundays or left in the porch at TRINITY St John's or TRINITY Southover.



Café 12/31 is open for food and drink

Tuesday to Friday  
10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday  
9:00am - 1:00pm

### TRINITY Southover is open for prayer

Monday & Wednesday  
12:00 noon - 3:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
9:30am - 3:30pm  
Southover High Street, BN7 1JH

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