

Supporting South African children with food parcels, blankets and school uniforms

³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father;
take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you
since the creation of the world.
³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me.' *Matthew 25:34-36*

The latest quarterly donation of £6,000 to the Diocese of Mzimvubu arrived at an opportune time for the recipients, especially those children in school who received school uniforms. Tunics, trousers, jerseys, shirts and ties were received at the same time as shoes from the Social Development department.

"I've never worn a new jersey before," said one child,
"I always get old ones from other homes."

As well as school uniforms, the programme provides blankets alongside the food parcels, according to individual needs. Families in six Archdeaconries were helped – a total of 129 families.

- **Qumbu Archdeaconry** – there are many orphans and vulnerable children in this archdeaconry and the situation is bad. "We visit the homes of these children to assess the situation and engage with relevant stakeholders to ensure we develop a holistic approach".
- **Flagstaff Archdeaconry** – many of those families helped come from outside the Anglican Church and rejoice when they receive help.
- **Holy Cross Archdeaconry** – one parish has a school for physically challenged children, who are in particular need of help.
- **St Saviour's Cathedral** – this is an areas of food production, but because of climate change, heavy rain showers have washed away the crops, so hunger is the talk of the day this year.
- **Maluti Archdeaconry** – this is a cold region bordering Lesotho and surrounded by mountains. Here blankets were provided along with the food parcels.
- **Elundi Archdeaconry** – the Bishop, Diocesan Secretary and the Ward Councillor were present on the day that food parcels were handed over, when a new parish Rector was also licensed. There were also vegetables donated by some non-church women, strengthening the church initiative and the older girls received sanitary pads from a Good Samaritan.

"We can see the impact of these donations within the community
and are praying that it will continue."

Please continue to hold the Diocese of Mzimvubu in your prayers. You can find our prayer points here: <https://trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/social-action/truro-diocese-international-links/prayer-requests/>

The TDIL committee would like to thank our many donors who continue to give regularly to this project. If you would like to give towards the aid we send to this impoverished region, please contact the Finance department at finance@truro.anglican.org.

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