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Newsletter

December Edition

from the Starfish UK & Malawi Teams.

Thank you from all of us at Starfish Malawi. Without your donations and prayers, our work would not be possible. We thank God every day for what He is doing in Malawi and here with us in the UK.

This month we would like to share the following stories with you.



One of our youngest supporters is awarded.

When **Cleopatra** received the Lundie Memorial Award for her service to Gillingham United Reformed Church at the age of four, she donated 50% of the award money to Starfish Malawi.

As a thank you from the children in Malawi she has been given a carved wooden elephant.

She is delighted with it and is holding it in this picture.



Everyone at Starfish appreciates Cleo's enthusiasm and passion for the work we do in Malawi.

When it rains it can pour!



Malawi is now in the rainy season.

The farmers are already planting their crops and now need sustained but not heavy rain to enable them to have a good harvest next year.

The 2023/2024 rainfall season is expected to be somewhat uncertain, according to the Malawi Meteorological Services, as they will be influenced by El Niño conditions.

Normal total rainfall amounts are expected over most areas of the country during the season but, in November it was below average, particularly in southern and northern Malawi.

In January 2024 it is likely to be above-normal and there is also a high chance of prolonged dry spells in the month of February 2024.

Spotlight on The Life Church craft shop



We wanted to say a huge thank you to Jenny Rhodes and her team at Tender Loving Craft. The shop sells lots of lovely craft and they donate a percentage of their sales to the work of Starfish Malawi. It is well worth a visit either on Saturdays, 10am -2pm, or Tuesdays, 12-2pm.

Full details about the shop can be found - <https://starfishmalawi.com/thelifechurch-craftshop>

Maternity Wing is nearing completion.

We are looking forward to having the construction of this facility finished.

There is still some work to do, especially installing a robust power supply but the electrical conduits and sockets are being fitted now.

The plumbing is completed, and the painting will be done soon.

This facility will be a major contribution to the good health of the community, as the expectant mothers will not need to travel so far to give birth.



2023 Christmas Gifts Appeal is live

You should have received the information about this appeal, but we wanted to stress that the situation in Malawi following the devaluation of the Kwacha is leading to many families becoming extremely concerned about how they will be able to afford basics for living.

If you are able to help by donating to the appeal, please do.



Christmas Gifts for Children and families in Malawi

Giving you an opportunity to give families in the villages
where we work, gifts of essential commodities to



You can make your donations through our Give Tap page at

<https://donate.givetap.co.uk/f/starfish-malawi/cga2023>

Donations can be made directly to our bank account,
using reference **CGA2023**.

Our account details are:
CAF Bank, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account number 00018762.

We are repeating our successful programme to supply children and families with basic essentials for their food and hygiene needs but this year we have added items that will help with education and family agriculture.

Please look out for an email arriving in your inbox at the end of November.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Autumn Appeal Update

Our sincere thanks to all who have donated to this appeal which has just closed.

It looks like we will have raised **nearly £3,000**, which is marvellous.

We have already begun purchasing and distributing the mosquito nets and toiletries.

These will be eagerly welcomed by the children and their families



A Date for your new 2024 diary!

Our Bewl Water Walk is planned for the **8th June 2024**.
Please save the date and invite as many people as you can to join us at Bewl next year.

More details will follow.

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