



April 2025

## The parishioners of St Cross Church, Knutsford

funded the repair of 3 borehole pumps  
in rural Malawi in April 2025  
through their Lent Appeal,

together with  
*Wilmslow Wells for Africa  
and Aid Africa*

**WWA Projects 388/389**

WWA Donation £2,364

1,450 households

and a Primary School

(Approx 5,405 people,  
plus 1,862 schoolchildren)



*Borehole parts delivered to  
OHP site before distribution  
to village locations*

These 3 pumps all broke down in February 2025 – leaving over 7,000 people without local safe water.

On assessment, the Area Mechanic managed to repair them temporarily, just to help the local communities have at least some water, but effective maintenance and replacement of parts was successfully carried out in April 2025.

The project included the reconstruction of all the cement aprons, either due to extensive damage or to replace major parts.

### **Bongwe Village Pump–£623**

(470 user households, approx 1,880 people)



*Bongwe Village Pump before repair*

This pump is heavily used – not just by those in Bongwe Village but villagers from Mangulenje also use it during the dry season when their own source runs short.

When it broke down earlier in the year, it left hundreds of families in distress.

Initial repair helped in the short term, but the main service changed lives!



*Bongwe Village Pump after restoration*

### **Lolo 3 Pump–£744**

(640 user households, approx 2,200 people)



Lolo is a huge village in a popular central area, incorporating homes, markets, businesses, and health facilities, all served by 3 pumps. When this one broke down several months before, the other pumps around the village were overwhelmed and couldn't cope with the congestion and queues.

So thousands were relieved and thankful when this pump was restored back into use,

*The first safe water flowing again from Lolo 3 after repair*





## Luwani Primary School Pump—£907—over 3,000 users

(340 user households, approx 1,325 people, plus 1,862 school children)



This important pump serves a large Primary School –1,862 students aged from 6 to18 years. But alongside, it's also the main water source for 340 households, including staff families, so when it broke down in February, the whole area was affected.

It's a low-lying location prone to water-borne disease, so safe water is particularly important. The loss of this pump left villagers having to walk over a km to the next village many times a day for their family's water needs – especially difficult for the elderly, sick or frail, who were sometimes forced to use potentially polluted river water.



*Luwani pump working successfully*

Having assessed the condition of the pump and the distress of the villagers, the Area Mechanic was able to provide temporary repairs until the main work was successfully finished during the school's Easter holidays.



"I would like to report that borehole repair has now been completed successfully.

Borehole beneficiaries, including the chiefs, would like to give special thanks for the good work, they added that this project has come to their rescue, thanks for this ...."



**Borehole Parts:**  
(213 pieces)  
= £2,274

**Admin: Transport/  
Monitoring:**  
= £90

**Total Project:**  
= £2,364



*Repairing a pump is a major local event!*

*Thank you*

**St Cross Church**

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to give help & hope  
to some of the world's poorest

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