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He Lives in You

Disney re-released my favourite film of all time in July. If you haven't yet been to see Disney's live action remake of The Lion King, I thoroughly recommend it. Since I first saw it, in the original animation, to the West End stage version and now this remake, the story never fails to inspire and encourage me.

Simba, at an early age, is shown his potential and gets excited about the vocation he will one day inherit as King. Simba then has his future brutally taken from him by his uncle out of his own selfish desire to rule. Simba is told that the evil present is his fault.

It's only after a time of forgetting and re-learning that Simba realises he doesn't have to let his past govern his future. Rafiki, the wise old monkey, says "Oh yes, the past can hurt. But from the way I see it, you can either run from it, or learn from it." For all of us, we can allow the past to hold us down, keep us back and stop us from being who God created us to be and

doing what God has called us to do.

The story of the Lion King retells in a wonderful way the power that sin has over us but also the beauty of the power of God to restore, renew and repurpose all of us no matter how badly things have gone wrong.

Through the cross of Christ, that act of brutal punishment over 2000 years ago, God intervenes in all our lives and does 2 remarkable things.

First, he takes the evil, brokenness and pain in and around our lives and says 'This is no longer yours, I forgive you, I heal you, I love you' Secondly, he chooses not to be a distant God, a king separated from his subjects, but he chooses to come and live within us. The power and presence of God lives within each one of us, to inspire us daily in the purposes that God has laid upon our lives but also so that wherever we may go, however far we may feel we have fallen from God at times, he is still there.

Mufasa to Simba puts it this way;

'Simba you have forgotten me. You have forgotten who you are and so forgotten me. Look inside yourself Simba, you are more than what you have become, you must take your place in the circle of life. Remember who you are...remember'

The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to Ephesians 'I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.' (Ephesians 3:16-19)

Remember God lives in you, you have the same power that defeated evil living in you, and with him you can make a difference to the world and people around you.

The Big Tea Party

The sixth annual Big Bramhall Tea Party was another resounding success thanks to the goodwill of our kind-hearted community. We hosted the event which welcomed more than 300 of Bramhall's older residents, who were treated to an afternoon of sunshine, music and delicious food.

Revd Calum said "It's an incredible occasion welcoming people who may sometimes be overlooked and showing them how loved and valued they are in the community."

Wendy Green, the founder of I Love Bramhall and I Love Cheadle Hulme said "Seeing everybody walk through the door each year to enjoy another afternoon of fun, food and friendship always inspires me to put the tea party on again next year. Warmest thanks goes out to all the local businesses and individuals who help to capture the essence of the community in this lovely event."

CONGRATULATIONS



Andrew and Charlotte Kopciowski were married on Saturday 15th June.



Charlotte who was baptised on 16th June



Harry who was baptised on 30th June



Leo who was baptised on 21st July



Relaunching in September

From September we are relaunching what was the time for meditation that stopped last year.

It will be a simple half hour of space and quietness.

We hope this will provide a space that will encourage and compliment people's prayer lives.

Each session will try to cater for the experienced and the beginner providing both guidance and plenty of space and silence.

**Starting:
10th September**

Mindful Space

2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH
7PM - 7.30PM

Space to be still, to think, and to be



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George Mbesigwe visited us in July 2018 and has been one of our main contacts in the Diocese of Newala. Immediately after his return to Tanzania George was promoted and given a new posting in the Ministry of Education. We thought it would be interesting to quiz George a year later about how things were working out in his new role.

What is your new job, and what responsibilities do you have?

I am now the District Primary Education Officer for Manyoni District in Singida Region. Previously, I was an Education Officer responsible for school budgeting and inspecting schools in Tunduru District much, much nearer Newala. Now I am the district representative of the Ministry in all matters

of primary education(and pre-primary), supervising the implementation of government policy, seeking to develop primary education provision and quality, overseeing, appraising and supporting all primary teachers (70 head teachers and nearly 700 teachers) as well as support staff, and, of course, managing and monitoring budgets. I'm also responsible for adult education. It's a big job!

Where are you based now?

Manyoni Town is the capital of Manyoni District which is in Singida Region right in the centre of Tanzania to the west of Dodoma(Tanzania's inland political capital) and Dar Es Salaam on the coast. Manyoni is 1,267 kilometres from Mtwara and covers over 14,000 square kilometres, more than a quarter of Singida Region. Half the District is designated Game Reserves(Runwa, Muhesi and Kizigo), only about 850km² is arable land, double that for animal grazing and nearly 4000km² is forest. Manyoni is also the headquarters of the Anglican Diocese of the Rift Valley. When I arrived here the Bishop made me an Elder of a Cathedral Parish.

What's happening to your family now you are working so far away from home in Mtwara?

My wife, Godliver, is still at Mtwara and will stay there for a time until I find a possibility for her to join me here. Godliver is a teacher in Majengo Parish Kindergarden (a RC Parish), and also runs a small catering business, supplying food to seminars, weddings ceremonies and the like.

Beatrice, our eldest daughter (19), is at boarding school doing what you call A levels in Chemistry, Biology and Geography. She will transfer to Maria de Mattais High School in Dodoma this month as it is only 126kms from Manyoni. Her ambition is to become a doctor.

Switbert (16) is also at boarding school, run by Benedictine Fathers and doing his national exams ('O' Levels) in November. He is very bright and aims to be an engineer.

Michael (8) has joined me in Manyoni, and attends an English medium primary school. He is very interested in Fine Art, and spends a lot of time after school and at weekends drawing cartoons and other pictures.

Our youngest, Joyce (4), attends the nursery where her mother works. Like Michael, she is very fond of drawing - and singing.

How do you think Tanzania has been progressing recently, economically, politically and spiritually?

Tanzania is currently developing very fast. The government has improved in good governance- tax collection, rule of law, accountability of government officials, anti- corruption action, and discipline in using national resources for the benefit of the nation. Economically, we are progressing a new standard gauge rail track from Dar to Mwanza, the Stiegler's Gorge Hydroelectric Dam, improvements in social projects in education, health, and water across the country. GDP annual growth rate advanced 7.1% year on year since 2015.

In 2017, 72% of Tanzanians said corruption had decreased "somewhat" or "a lot" over the preceding year, compared with only 13% saying that in 2013! Similarly, 71% said the government is fighting corruption "fairly well" or "very well" in 2017, compared to 37% in 2014.

In Newala, the Diocese grows stronger, celebrating its tenth anniversary in September. Many new churches have been built as has our new Cathedral. We have more priests, and with your help from Bramhall we have served the community in health provision, water supplies, and school porridge.

What do you think the future holds for you and your family?

I have eleven more years to work before retirement and in that time my post may move anywhere! My future plan is to go back to Newala to live with the community I love so much. I hope to help Newala Diocese which lacks sufficient human resources, and to help my wife run her business. Above all, I hope to educate my children, and fulfil everyone's dream.



Left to right: George, Michael, Beatrice, Switbrod, Joyce, Goodliver.

UPCOMING DATES



STRAWBERRY TEA

AUGUST
11
2019

2.30PM | SUNDAY

ST MICHAELS
VICARAGE

**CHURCH:
NOT AS YOU KNOW IT**



8th September 10th November
13th October 8th December
4pm to 6pm

Jess and Calum are holding an open garden/house (weather dependent) on Sunday 11th August from 2:30 to 5:00pm. Come along and enjoy good company and strawberries & cream. There's no charge but donations to charity will be welcomed.

Sunday 29th September
Patronal Feast

Sunday 13th October
Newala Sunday

Sunday 20th October
Harvest Thanksgiving

Tuesday 29th October
7.30pm—Incense Service for feast of Saints Simon and Jude

Sunday 3rd November
6.30pm—Service of Light and Commemoration

Sunday 24th November
10am—Service of Confirmation

Sunday 1st December—Advent Sunday
6.30pm—Advent Carols

4th—9th February 2020
Wonderland Festival 2020

Sunday 12th April 2020
Easter Sunday 2020

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

Sunday 8th September
11.45—Admission to Holy Communion *for those aged 7–12*

Sunday 22nd September
11.45—Preparation 1—This is our Faith: What we believe


Sunday 29th September
11.45—Preparation 2—The Church of England

If you are interested in being confirmed or your child admitted to communion these sessions would be helpful for you. Speak to Calum for more details.

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