



St Luke's Hospital Malosa Upper Shire Malawi

From Catherine Evan's visit to Malawi this spring, we learned much more of all their great needs – one of these concerns the maternity facilities at the Health Centres which are supported by St Luke's Hospital, in particular at Nkasala.

The Malawi Government is encouraging all women to go **for free** to hospitals and Health Centres to have their babies. This is positive but puts enormous strain on existing facilities.

Nkasala Health Centre in the Zomba District, (one of five Centres that come under St Luke's Hospital) has **one** bed in its maternity unit. There are 2-3 births daily, an average of 70 per month. Walking there is exhausting and sometimes mothers leave it late to get the help they need, with tragic consequences.

Nkasala Health Centre desperately needs at least one more bed, showers and a recovery room. This extension would cost around £25,000. We hope that if we can join forces with other parishes we can raise this money and improve the facilities for those who make the journey to the Centre.

Please remember their needs, pray for them and for us as we seek to work with other parishes to make a difference for the people of Malawi.

Please have a look at the pictures in the Corpus Christi Chapel in St Lawrence Church which Catherine took on her visit to St Luke's and which she spoke about at the 9.30 service on 26th June. They may seem pretty but there is desperate need. Catherine didn't feel able – understandably – to take photographs inside the hospital where the greatest needs are so evident.

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