

HASLINGFIELD AND ITS LINKS WITH MALAWI

The parish of All Saints' Haslingfield, near Cambridge, has a memorial window to Bishop Charles Mackenzie, first bishop to the tribes around Lake Nyasa, who in 1855 responded to David Livingstone's appeal in Cambridge to go to Africa to help combat the slave trade.

He made his base at Magomero, and sowed seeds of educational and missionary work in what is now Malawi, although he himself died of malaria at an early stage.

Through MACS, Haslingfield, together with Great and Little Eversden in the same group of parishes, has been able to assist in the renovation of outbuildings and a classroom at the Mackenzie School in Magomero.

Last year a fund-raising walk was arranged to Haslingfield from Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge where Charles Mackenzie was based before he went to Africa, and from where he walked to Haslingfield and back regularly on Sundays to help with services and Sunday School.

'In the steps of the Bishop' will take place this year on Saturday 25 September starting at 10.30 am with refreshments at the end of the walk. Details and sponsor forms from Harold and José Hopkins at <hopkins@drawstop.plus.com>.



