

Ending the year in style!

WE had two outstanding events in the last five weeks of 2021.

First we heard an inspirational organ recital and demonstration from John Bryden in St Andrew's Church. John not only showed how the organ worked and could be played with differing musical results but also played us some well-known and not so well-known pieces.

Thanks to John and all who attended for helping us to raise £270.



John Bryden in action (left) and explaining a finer point of the music

At the beginning of December we had the annual St Andrew's Stapleford-Nachingwea Christmas Fair, as we continued to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Link. This was another very successful event with a wide range of stalls, offering a variety of gifts, including Fair Trade items, woodturning and other crafts, Christmas cards, a tombola and raffle as well as refreshments. The morning proved to be a great community event with a lively buzz. Thank you to everyone who helped, - a magnificent effort! The total raised was £1945, plus gift aid.

All money raised will go towards the projects that we are supporting through St Andrew's Church Nachingwea, including in the areas of education, agricultural and technical development, health and medical care and in the church.



A lady on the VETA tailoring course receiving her sewing machine from Canon John Buriani



Ladies on the VETA catering course showing the fruits of their labour

Two such projects have come to fruition - provision of catering equipment for five ladies on a Vocational and Education Authority (VETA) catering course, to enable them to start up a business once qualified.

The other project provided sewing machines for five ladies on a VETA tailoring course, to enable them to start up a business once qualified. **Trish Maude**