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CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, NAIROBI  
APPLN FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION & UPKEEP

Reports receipt of application and enquire if it would be in order to make a Govt contribution towards cost of building.

Mr. [unclear] Mr. Hewins

The modern policy of the C.O. is opposed to religious subscriptions of any kind, but the paper below (Gov 12823) shows two cases in which Govt Grants (Gambia) have been given for church building.

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But these were quite exceptional & there is no indication in the minutes of a desire to depart from the ordinary policy in ordinary cases.

(1) the Anglican church on special grounds in 1907  
(2) the Roman Catholic Church because of the treatment given to the Anglicans.

I see no special grounds in this case, and - as you know from the paper I have sent on - the financial outlook for the Protectorate Govt is very gloomy. Refuse on the grounds that

Next subsequent Paper.

In connexion with Mr. Hearn's minute

and Mr. Bathurst's attached note, I put up several papers, most of which are concerned with ecclesiastical grants in general, and not particularly with church building. See especially S. G. Fiddes' minute on Res. 327 of 1907, setting out the attitude of successive Gats to the question; also a memo by Mr. Hearn on CO 46334/106 S. H. on the extent to which Gats assistance is given to religious denominations in the different West African Colonies.

See also the following particular cases, as to building: -

1) Res. 9631/07 Gambia. Grant of £250 approved, if voted by Leg. Council, as a contribution towards the payment of the debt on St. Mary's Church, Bathurst (i.e. on the building), on condition that same amount was subscribed privately before grant was made. The amount was voted.

There is  
329/07 case  
668.

2) Res. 1262/13.14 Gambia. Two cases of Gats grants for church building referred to in Mr. Bathurst's minute.

a) Res. 1663/08 S. Coast. Question of assisting in building a church at Sekondi left to the Leg. Council, who decided that no grant of money should be made in connection to the gift of a site.

✓ 4) Res. 29327/07 Uganda. Site granted for new Anglican church at Entebbe. Assistance in construction of church from Gats funds refused. In that paper Lord Lygon minute: "It is impossible to embark on building grants for churches."

Another case, grant of £100 for building of church at ...

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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September 22nd, 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I recently received an application on behalf of the Committee of St. Stephen's Church Nairobi, for a grant from public funds towards the completion and upkeep of the new Church of England, Church of All Saints, now in course of erection in Nairobi. This claim for assistance was supported on the grounds that the new Church would represent the National Church in the capital of the Protectorate being used for services of a ceremonial nature such as special anniversaries, memorial services etc., in place of the existing building which is inadequate for such requirements.

2. The present church, St. Stephen's, is the property of the Church Missionary Society and it is used by the European Community by the courtesy of that Society and at some inconvenience to them. The Church of All Saints is to be of stone and of a size and dignity in accordance with its position as the representative of the National Church.

3.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
WALTER LONG, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

10, WHITE ST.

3. I asked for, and obtained, a concise statement of the proposals regarding the new church and I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of an Appeal which was issued in December 1916 by the Church Committee with a view to obtaining funds.

4. Every endeavour has been made by the Committee since the opening of the Building Fund in 1908 to raise the necessary funds, but their efforts received a set-back owing to the outbreak of war and the heavy calls which have been made on the congregation on account of the numerous charitable funds in connection therewith. The present position is as follows:-

Amount required to complete the first portion of the Church	£3,500.
Amount subscribed	£2,700.
Amount still required for the first portion.	£ 800.

5. The Church Committee represented that, in many other Crown Colonies e.g. Nigeria, and Orange River Colony, financial assistance had been rendered by the Government in support of the Church of England, but I have no information on the subject.

6. I should, therefore, be glad to know whether it would be in order to make a Government contribution towards the cost of the building.

I have the honour to be,  
 Sir,  
 Your humble, obedient servant.

*[Signature]*  
 ACTING GOVERNOR.



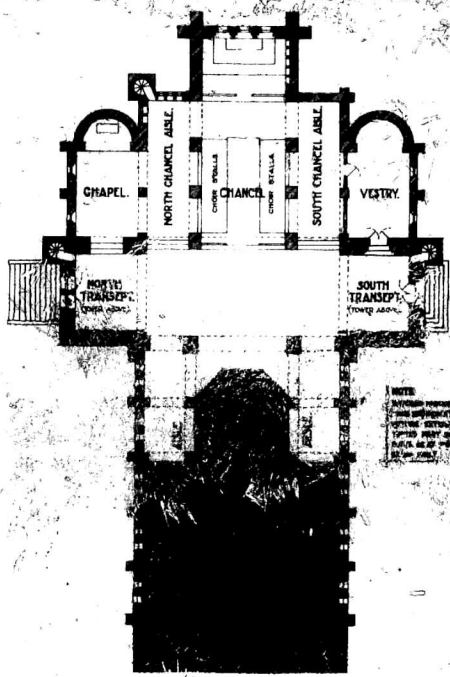
New Church of All Saints

NAIROBI.



AN APPEAL.

# NEW CHURCH OF "ALL SAINTS" NAIROBI.



DEAR SIR OR MADAM.

We are venturing to send out this appeal in the hope of gaining not only your careful and prayerful interest and sympathy, but also your generous financial support. A short survey of the facts of the case will show you that this great scheme for the new Church of All Saints is no hasty project, but the outcome of many years of thought and consideration for the needs of the European community of Nairobi and its district, both now and in the future. Nor do we think you will feel the expenditure of so much money on building work, even during this present time of stress, unjustified in view of the urgency of the case and the peculiar position in which the European church people are placed.

Consider the history of the movement. As far back as 1906 it was seen to be necessary for various reasons to make provision for a new church for Europeans. Nothing further was however done till in 1908, opinion having meantime strengthened considerably, local architects were invited to submit designs. One of these, with an estimated seating accommodation for 250, was selected, and a definite start was made to collect funds.

Three years later, 1911-12 a new situation was reached, when in view of the probable great increase in the population of the town and the possibility of Nairobi being selected as the Cathedral centre of the diocese, it was considered unwise to proceed with the erection of the suggested stone church which was not capable of extension. Mr Temple Moore, the eminent Church Architect, was therefore asked to prepare plans for a church of much larger proportions, worthy of the position of Nairobi in B.E.A. worthy, if needs should so turn out, to receive the Episcopal throne and to become the chief church of the diocese.

In 1914 a Public Meeting was held, at which His Excellency the Governor, Sir H. Conway Belfield, presided, supported by the Archbishop of Capetown, when it was decided that the erection of this church was absolutely essential and that a serious appeal for funds should be made.

An excellent site in 6th Avenue was granted for this church on condition that the 1st portion of the church, costing not less than £2500 be erected before 1917.

All arrangements for the Appeal were made, and certain generous donations were received, when the War broke out, and in view, then, of the many financial calls of immediate urgency nothing further could be done.

Now again, however, since 1915 our hands have been forced, so that we must proceed with the work, war or no war. An arrangement had been made with the Church Missionary Society before the outbreak of war that they would take over the Saint Stephen's building for native use for a sum of about £260, the site having been already transferred to them on the grant of the 6th Avenue site to us. This sum was to be paid half at the laying of the Foundation Stone and the remainder on our vacation of the present church.

It was thought more best that the new church would be available for use some two years ago, and it was on that understanding that the C. M. S. agreed to the purchase. The war intervened and our plans were frustrated. But meantime the C. M. S. work among the natives has been increasing so rapidly that they are hard put to it to find accommodation for their congregations, and the Society is being seriously harassed by the development of its work by our failure, unavoidable as it was up till now, to fulfil our part of the arrangement. The church is required more and more for native use, and the difficulties inherent in its joint use, as at present, make it not only a matter of convenience or preference, but rather a matter

of the utmost necessity for such use to cease and for us to have our own building, if there is to be any adequate increase and expansion of church life in the town.

The work has therefore had to be pressed forward with such funds as are in hand. Tenders for the erection of the 1st portion (3 Bays of the Nave) to accommodate 250 persons, were invited and an agreement finally entered into with Mr. Montague to take the work in hand at rates similar to those prevailing before the war. This work is rapidly advancing and we are informed that this portion might be ready for use in about 9 months if only the money were forthcoming, but it must be clearly understood that the contract provides for the building to continue only so long as the requisite funds are in hand. We are therefore urgently in need of about £1000 to complete this portion, and it is for this £1000 that we are now appealing to your good will.

It is proposed to erect one of the windows or some other essential part of the building, in memory of the local heroes who have lost their lives in fighting for their country, with a tablet mentioning each by name.

The Building Committee have considered all sorts of ways for collecting this sum during the next year, and is of opinion that indirect methods, bazaars &c., are not feasible at the present time, and that direct giving is not only easier, but more profitable. We suggest that if every individual were to undertake a contribution of some sum per month for the next 12 months, we should not only get all the money required, but it would make the burden of it less heavy to bear and bring the scheme within the reach of all, however strictly limited their means. No sum is too small, and none can be too great.

There are collecting boxes always at the Church doors for contributions at all times; but it is only by guarantees of regular payments that we shall be able to keep the work in hand. We ask therefore that each person will sign the appended form stating the amount of their contribution and forward it to any of the



undersigned. The contributions of children may be treated separately and be put to the furnishing of the Font and its surroundings.

The venture is possible, but it will be a serious effort. It can only succeed if we are all united and intensely earnest. We issue this appeal confident that we shall not be disappointed in our expectation of the most loyal and generous support.

- A. THORNTON DOWN, Chaplain,
- E. K. FIGGIS, } Church Wardens.
- GEO. W. CEARN, }
- G. A. JAMES, } Hon. Treasurer.
- C. RAND OVERY } Hon. Secretary.
- } Building Com.

December 11th 1916.

*Kindly fill in this form and hand or post to the Chaplain or to the Hon. Treasurer*

**To the Treasurer, New Church Building Fund.**

*I (or we) promise to contribute to the above mentioned Fund the sum of Rs.....before the 31st of January 1917.*

*Signed.....*

*Address.....*

**To the Treasurer, New Church Building Fund.**

*I (or we) promise to contribute to the above mentioned Fund the sum of Rs.....monthly (or weekly) for .....months*

*Signed.....*

*Address.....*

**NB** For the convenience of donors envelopes will be supplied for the purpose of making these contributions easily. The amounts can then be enclosed in them and placed in the Church offertory at any of the services.

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Downing Street,

18 December, 1917.

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PAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

NO: 947

The O.A.G.

Sir,

**MINUTE.**

- Mr. Jewell, 13.12.17.
- Mr. Robinson, 13/12.
- Mr. Bottomley 13.12.17
- Mr. Griddle
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Road. 14/12.
- Sir G. Fiddes. (away)
- Mr. Hewins. 25. 12/12/17
- Mr. Long.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 544 of the 22nd of September, submitting an application on behalf of the Committee of St. Stephens Church, Nairobi, for a grant from public funds towards the completion and upkeep of the new church building now in course of erection in Nairobi.

Please see Mr. Jewell's statement.  
W.C.B.

*There seems to be no  
note as to the  
date of presentation  
to the  
O.A.G.*

2. I need scarcely say that I fully sympathise with the object of the appeal, but it would be contrary to the policy of past Secretaries of State to make a grant of this kind, and I regret therefore that I am unable to sanction any contribution