

ZIMBABWE:
Finding Hope in a time of Economic and Political Crisis

Christopher Hingley works in Zimbabwe, where he has responsibility of giving young people a future and a hope through education, despite an unprecedented situation of severe political interference and economic catastrophe. Christopher was brought up in what was then called Rhodesia, and educated there and in England. Almost all his working life has been in Zimbabwe, where he has been involved in education and in the church. He is now Rector of the Petra Schools in Zimbabwe. Ordained in the Anglican Diocese of Matabeleland, Zimbabwe as priest in 1982. In 1984 Rev. Hingley received the Archbishop of Canterbury's Permission to minister in the U K, and worked at Wycliffe Hall, an Anglican Theological College in Oxford. Actively involved in Christians Together for Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe, Chris works with clergy and lay people in an inter-denominational context. He has obtained an MA (Hons) in Classics and Theology and Post Graduate Certificate in Education from Oxford University.

The talk to be given is not another tale of woe and gloom but Chris brings his and Petra School's determination as a school to do their best, and to do more than tread water and stay still.....in fact, to grow and develop despite the current crisis. The talk and workshop will be based on courage and hope, as he writes in an email that "everyday life is about finding food and cash, and it does not leave a lot of time for much else, except listening to God and learning to trust him."