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Kenyan Papers and Collections of the Venerable George Patrick (Paddy) Benson (1949-)

**About 350 items, including administrative and theological papers of
the Diocese of Mount Kenya East, recordings of sermons of
Bishop David Gitari and Kenyan publications, 1979-2013**

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George Patrick Benson (born 1949) was educated at Bemrose Grammar School, Derby, and read Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) at Christ Church, Oxford, graduating BA in 1970. He subsequently read for a BD at London University in 1977 before attending All Nations Christian College 1977-78. He was sponsored by the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society (BCMS, since 1992 *Crosslinks*) to work in Kenya, arriving there at the end of August 1978, and after initial language training at the Church of the Province of Kenya (CPK), now Language School, Nairobi, moved to the Diocese of Mount Kenya East, then recently created and with a particularly dynamic bishop in Dr David Gitari (subsequently, after Mr Benson's departure, Bishop of Kirinyaga 1990-97 and Archbishop of Kenya 1997-2002). He took up there the post of Tutor and Director of studies at St Andrew's Institute for Theology and Development, Kabare (http://www.ackenya.org/institutions/st_andrews.html), a bible college for clergy training only recently created by Gitari, and stayed there until 1986. From January 1986 to August 1989 he returned to the Diocese headquarters at Embu, as Publications Secretary and Acting Director of Communications. He was thus one of a handful of churchmen and perhaps uniquely a westerner who occupied a privileged position close to Bishop Gitari during a period of high drama in relations between the Bishop and the government of Daniel arap Moi. His service in Kenya, as recalled by Archdeacon Benson in 2016, is appended to this introduction.

Mr Benson then returned to U.K. to train for ministry at St John's College Nottingham. He was ordained in 1991 but continued his interests in Kenya with research, being awarded an M.Phil. by the Open University in 1994 for a thesis on 'Church Confrontations with the state during Kenya's Nyayo Era 1982-1991: Causes and Effects', part of which published as 'Ideological Politics versus Biblical Hermeneutics: Kenya's Protestant Churches & the Nyayo State' in *Religion and Politics in East Africa* ed. H.B. Hansen and M.Twaddle (1995). During this period he held parish and other

positions in the Diocese of Chester 1991-2011, including as Hon. Canon Chester Cathedral 2009-11. In 2009 he contributed a chapter, 'Faith Engaging Politics: The Preaching of the Kingdom of God', to Ben Knighton's *Religion and Politics in Kenya: Essays in Honor of a Meddlesome Priest* [Bishop David Gitari; CCCW Library 322.1 KNI] reflecting on the role of religion in Kenya as informed in particular by his experiences there in 1978-89. Since 2011 he has been Archdeacon of Hereford.

Mr Benson married Eleanor Silver (MA (Oxon, History), school teacher, prior to departure to Kenya. Tutor and Librarian at St Andrew's Institute 1978-89; resumed teaching on return to U.K., retiring as Head Teacher of St Hilda's High School, Sefton Park, Liverpool in 2016.

The papers catalogued here relate almost exclusively to Archdeacon Benson's time in Kenya. They include copies of some of the main administrative records of Mount Kenya East for his period working for it, including the voluminous formal records of synod with much statistical information on the one hand, and informal newsletter publications on the other. A accumulation of a number of theological papers from Benson's time at St Andrew's Institute, Kabare, are perhaps even more valuable for the insight into local issues at the interface of Christian teaching and African traditional culture. Notable are the quantity of papers produced for CPK (now ACK, Anglican Church of Kenya) theological consultations and for the NCCK's (National Christian Council of Kenya, chaired by Gitari) initiative in producing a template for good government in 1981-3, *A Christian View of Politics in Kenya. Love, Peace and Unity*, in all of which David Gitari played a prominent part.

Lastly in this section an outstanding archive treasure is the series of recordings of sermons and other addresses by David Gitari, mainly from Benson's time as Acting Director of Communications. Whilst the quality of many of the recordings is poor and some exist only in Swahili, Kikuyu or Kiembu without translation, they provide literally an authentic voice of the era in Kenyan history. Conscious of their value, the depositor has also safeguarded the preservation of the recording by having them digitised and thus enabled ready access without further cost.

It would be a dull person who did not reflect on being a witness to these troubled times in Kenya and the challenge of an M.Phil. thesis probably provided some justification for preserving accumulated press cuttings, whether casually obtained in Kabare or more in the course of duties in the Communications office in Embu, and for building on these with photocopies from the Nairobi *Weekly Review* and other publications news media in the U.K. Plainly too, an interest in Kenyan Church affairs did not evaporate with new duties in the older diocese of Chester, as is reflected in a further flurry of publications kept for 1996-7 and of the obituary of his old boss David Gitari in 2013.

Some supplementary papers and recordings were subsequently presented in 2018-19. Though not yet catalogued a separate summary list of these is available.

In summary, the catalogue below is thus in four sections:

- [BEN 1](#) ***Papers arising directly from formal appointments, mainly theological, internal church affairs***
- [BEN 2](#) ***Collections on Kenyan political affairs collected as background material for thesis etc.***
- [BEN 3](#) ***G.P. Benson: personal records***
- [BEN 4](#) ***Miscellaneous Publications treated as Archives***

APPENDIX

Recollections of service in Kenya by the Venerable Archdeacon G.P. Benson

Extracted from an email of 24 May 2016 to CCCW Archivist

Concerning our time in Kenya: We (and our friends Rob and Sue Martin - Rob retired as Bishop of Marsabit last month) arrived in Nairobi at the end of August 1978 - after the death and just before the funeral of Jomo Kenyatta. Our parents were nervous about us flying into what might have been an unstable country. It subsequently emerged that they had reason for their anxiety, though none of that was apparent at the time. We now know that there was an abortive attempt to prevent Moi from succeeding as President. Four years later we were in Nairobi at the time of the attempted coup by the Kenya Air Force. The day after the attempt I had to go to town to renew my car insurance; I passed a body lying in the street. (At the insurance office, only the manager and I were present; he got me to type out my own insurance certificate.) Back to our arrival in 1978: After three months' study of Swahili at the CPK [now ACK] language school, we went to Embu the headquarters of the Diocese of Mt Kenya East. DMKE was then three years old and was the largest and poorest diocese in Kenya but - in David Gitari - had the most dynamic bishop.

+DG had established a Bible school for clergy training: first in his office with him as the sole teacher; and then at Kabare near Kerugoya in Kirinyaga District. Revd Stephen Houghton a BCMS missionary working in Marsabit was transferred South to train the clergy. (Stephen was not happy about this move.) On Eleanor and my arrival at Kabare in January 1979, Stephen returned to Marsabit and we took on the teaching: I taught Biblical studies; Eleanor taught church history and doctrine. The local vicar Marclus Itumu came in to teach pastoralia (his son John Itumu is now a vicar in Gloucester). We had about a dozen students. Eleanor and I had a wooden house; the students had a second wooden house. The classroom, library (immensely upgraded by Eleanor) and chapel were in the Old Mission House - a stone building which had been the home of CMS missionaries in the earlier years of the century. We were however the first white people that many of the children had ever seen. For the history of Kabare mission - learn Kikuyu and read the Kiririkano book! We did our Kikuyu study in another three-month stint at the language school after returning from our first spell of home leave in 1983.

The whole area, I now realise, was still deeply affected by the Emergency which had been at its height only a quarter of a century earlier (that seemed like a long time to me then; less so now). I knew people with both the physical and the mental scars of the conflict. The church was deeply influenced by the East African Revival movement, which had mobilized Christians to stand firm and testify to the love of Christ even at the cost of their own lives. The Revival Fellowship meeting was an important midweek gathering; and no-one could have been ordained without at least a pastiche of a Revival testimony. However it was clear that a new generation regarded the Revival as rather passe and for old people; and the Brethren struggled to find a new language in which to communicate the old truths. Our teaching attempted to prepare clergy who would minister to old and young alike.

After a year or so, Revd Gideon Ireri returned from studies in the UK and became the Principal of what was by now St Andrew's Institute for Mission and Evangelism,

Kabare. I became Director of Academic Studies; Eleanor was Librarian. (Gideon subsequently became the first Bishop of Mbeere, south of Embu). The first group of students completed their studies and were ordained; a second, larger group was enrolled. We began to offer the Nairobi Certificate of Religious Studies as part of our course: roughly the equivalent of A level, and considerably above the academic entry attainment of most of our students.

The Anglican Church was growing explosively at this time: an annual 10% growth, versus a population growth of 4%. This number is not plucked out of the air: the diocese had a statistician, Dr (now Revd Dr) Emil Chandran, a CMS mission partner from S India, who tracked church growth. In addition to training clergy (never enough) the diocese had a TEE programme, led for a time by Revd Symon Beesley [CMS], on which I also taught.

During our time in Kabare, the college expanded mightily. Stone-built staff housing, a student dormitory and new classrooms were added. I did a lot of the basic work connecting the water supply - discovering new gifts in plumbing. The college began to train community health workers and secretarial students alongside the ordinands. +DG's vision drove the expansion; funding was received from a variety of overseas partners. (The college today also has chapel, library, and dining hall.)

+DG also worked hard to raise the level of theological training. When we were first in the diocese, the bishop and I were the only two people with degrees in theology. By the time we left in 1989, there were close to a dozen theology graduates. Those who teach at Kabare today have further degrees. The bishop also developed theological networks both in Kenya, in Africa, and internationally. Conferences were organized and attended, drawing together mission-minded theologians to address pressing issues in the life of the church. (In the background, we were sometimes able to assist. Eleanor wrote a paper for +DG which became the basis of a submission he made to ARCIC; partly as a result of which he was invited to sit on ARCIC II.) +DG was influential at the Lambeth conference of 1988 where he succeeded in reversing the decision of Lambeth a century earlier to exclude all polygamists from receiving Holy Communion.

The 1980s were the period of increasingly repressive one-party government by KANU under President Moi. A small handful of church leaders, of whom +DG was one, were almost the only people who dared publicly to criticise the government or draw attention to its lapses. After home leave in 1987 we returned not to Kabare but to Embu, where I became Publications Secretary, assisting the bishop in preparing material for the press. Subsequently I became the acting Director of Communications. In view of +DG's prominent national position this was an interesting role to have. I was interviewed by the Kenyan Special Branch on one occasion. (I was also approached by British intelligence to be an informant. I declined.)

There is of course much more that could be said about eleven years in Kenya. We had three children, who were largely home-educated by Eleanor. Increasingly I felt called to ordination myself; and in 1989 we returned to the UK so that I could begin ordination training while Eleanor resumed her career as a school teacher (in Summer 2016 she retires as head of a C of E secondary school in Liverpool).

CATALOGUE

- BEN 1/** *Papers arising directly from formal appointments, mainly theological, internal church affairs*
- BEN 1/1** Diocese of Mt. Kenya East synod papers for 5th-8th synods. See also the account of the first five years of the Diocese produced in 1980 (BEN 4/6) 1983-90
- BEN 1/1/1.** *Diocese of Mt Kenya East Marches On. Fifth Ordinary Session of the Synod 13th-16th December 1983. Preparatory Documents 1982-1983* 1983
 Agenda for the synod at St Mark's College, Kigari, including Bishop's Charge, list of participants, reports of Boards and Committees and appendixes of statistics, parish reports, CPK canons of 6th Provincial Synod, minutes of previous diocesan synod 1981. Illustrated.
- BEN 1/1/2.** *Diocese of Mt Kenya East Marches On. Sixth Ordinary Session of the Synod 7th-11th April 1986. Preparatory Documents 1984-1985* 1986
 Agenda for the synod at St Andrew's, Kabare., including Bishop's Charge, list of participants, , minutes of previous diocesan synod 1983, reports of Boards and Committees and appendixes including of staff establishment, archdeaconry reports, diocesan constitution, draft constitutions for archdeaconry and ruridecanal councils, and address of Bishop David Gitari 'Ten Great Years 1975-1985' analysing balance of clergy trained etc by origin. Includes illustrations of launch of Diocese by Archbishop Coggan in 1975 and or Bishop and Mrs Gitari meeting Pope Some manuscript notes by GPB at back
- BEN 1/1/3.** *Diocese of Mt Kenya East Marches On. Five Years Development Plan (Priorities 1986-1990)* 1986
 This contains the results of the Archdeaconry, Deanery and various boards and committees' Partners-in-Mission Consultations with identified priorities for 1986-90 tabled for discussion at the Sixth Synod (Agenda item 18, Document 41)
- BEN 1/1/4.** *Diocese of Mt Kenya East Marches On. Seventh Ordinary Session of the Synod 18th-22nd April 1988. Preparatory Documents* 1988
 Agenda and reports (markedly more economically produced than those for previous synods) for synod at Kabare, including Bishop's Charge, list of participants, , minutes of previous diocesan synod 1986, reports of Boards and Committees and appendixes including of staff establishment and finance report. Parish reports for this synod published separately.
- BEN 1/1/5.** *Diocese of Mt Kenya East Marches On. Parish Reports for Seventh Ordinary Session of Diocesan Synod. Kabare, 18th-22nd April 1988* 1990

- BEN 1/1/6.** *Diocese of Mt Kenya East. Fifteen Great Years 1975-1990. The End of the Beginning. Preparatory Documents for the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Synod 2nd-4th May 1990* Agenda and reports of synod at Kabare, including list of participants, minutes of previous diocesan synod 1988 and reports of Special Synod at St Paul's Cathedral, Embu, 1989, report of Boards and Committees and appendixes including finance report and list of clergy, missionaries (p.352) and other employees of the Diocese 1975-90. 1990
- BEN 1/1/7.** Further papers for eighth synod including Bishop's Charge, resolutions for adoption and Commission report into division of assets and liabilities between new dioceses of Embu and Kirinyaga, proposed to replace Mount Kenya East. 1990
- BEN 1/2** Church of the Province of Kenya Justice and Peace Commission Pastoral Letter, signed by Archbishop Manasses Kuria and Bishop Henry Okullu (Chairman of Commission) and David Gitari (Chairman, PBTE). 1992
English and Swahili
- BEN 1/3** Diocesan and student, etc., newsletters, comprising: 1982-1994
- BEN 1/3/1-3.** *Bishop's Monthly Newsletter* [Bishop David Gitari, Bishop of Mount Kenya East Feb. - April 1983
February issue reports Bishop's visit to Singapore, Australia and New Zealand and has appendix on visit by J.K. Gathaka to Diocese of Bukavu, Zaire. *March* issue reports Education Sunday with summary information of schools.
3 items
- BEN 1/3/2.** *St Andrew's Institute for Mission and Evangelism Kabare Students' Body Magazine no. 1* Sept. 1982
- BEN 1/3/3 .** *The Voice: St Andrew's Institute for Mission and Evangelism Kabare Students' Body Magazine No. 1 (or 7?)* 1989
Apparently successor to previous item
- BEN 1/3/4.** *[St Andrew's Institute] Newsletter June 1989* 1989
Articles thanking Paddy and Eleanor Benson for their work and wishing them farewell
- BEN 1/3/5.** *Kabare News 1992 Graduation Edition* (first ordination of women in the Diocese) Late 1992
- BEN 1/3/6-3.** *Utheri[Diocese of Mount Kenya East]nos. 2-3, 5* April 1989-
No. 5 includes photograph of Paddy and Eleanor Benson and family, and typescript note from 'Peter' promising more news of the diocese Jan. 1990

3 items

BEN 1/3/7/1-3. *Byfaith* [Diocese of Mount Kenya East] nos. 1-3 Aug. 1989-

No.1 reports departures of Assistant Bishop Robert Beak and Paddy and Eleanor Benson. No. 2 includes article on service of Titus Ngotho in Isiolo during famine 1987-89 Jan. 1990

3 items

BEN 1/3/8. *News Update* [newsletter of Diocese of Kirinyaga (reports sermon by Bishop Gitari, criticising President Moi's government)] Dec. 1993

BEN 1/3/9. *Guide Me* [newsletter of Diocese of Embu] July 1994

BEN 1/3/10. *Beyond* [‘*The Christian Leadership Magazine*’, published by National Council of Churches of Kenya:

- 1 Vol.3 no.8 inc. article ‘Polygamy: Is it Christian?’ by Samuel Ayany – cf his article in *Weekly Review* 29 July 1988 in BEN 2/2/4. Aug.1987
- 2 Vol.4, no. 1 Jan. 1988
- 3 Vol.4, no. 2 Feb. 1988
- 4 Vol.4, no. 3 Mar. 1988
- 5 Vol.4, no. 4 (photocopy). Election Special, attacking system of queue-voting, including pastoral letter from Kenya Catholic Bishops. Mar.1988

The issue led to the proscription of the journal (see below, BEN 1/6/8, 2/2/4)

BEN 1/4	Papers on theological and theological education issues, especially mission, polygamy, Anglican relations with other churches), theological education	1979-89
BEN 1/4/1.	Retreat Lectures delivered for the ordinands at St Andrew's Institute for Mission and Evangelism by Revd. Peter Njenga	Dec 1979
BEN 1/4/2.	File of papers labelled on spine 'Mombasa 1981' [i.e Provincial Board of Theological Education [First] Theological Consultation, 18-22 May 1981], with some later additions, containing, from back:	1981-1984
	'Christian View of Marriage and Sex' by Revd. S.N. Muthunga	1981
	8 pp., duplicated	
	'Liturgy of the Church in a Changing Society' by Revd. S.N. Muthunga 'corrected copy'	1981
	11 pp., duplicated	
	A response to 'Liturgy of the Church in a Changing Society' by Keith Anderson	1981
	6 pp., duplicated	
	'Sacramental Practices in the Church Today' by Lukas Wanjie	1981
	11 pp., duplicated	
	'A Paper on Possible Approach to Theological Education Today' by N. Kiranga Gatimu	1981
	25 pp., duplicated	
	'Report of the KACTOM Consultation on Ministry ... February 1979' by Z.N. Otieno	1979
	'Changing Ideas on Mission' by N. Kiranga Gatimu	1981
	5 pp., duplicated	
	'Infant Baptism and Unwed Mothers' Children' [draft of recommendations in following item]	1981
	Opening Speech on theme of Mission in the Changing Society, by Revd. Crispus D. Nzano, Bishop of Mombasa	1981
	'The Place of the Church in Contemporary Kenya' attributed in pen to Peter Njenga	1981
	12 pp., duplicated	
	'Commentary on three New Testament passages relevant to women's ministry in the church' and 'Women in Ordained Ministry Today – a Reply'	1981

by G.P. Benson
 10+3 pp., duplicated
 Ms notes by GPB for same
 ‘Women in Ordained Ministry Today’ by Revd. 1981
 J. Gatungu Githiga
 6 pp., duplicated
 ‘The Church in the New Testament’ by G.P. Jan.
 Benson, for Second Provincial Theological 1984
Consultation
 ‘Anglican/Orthodox Relations and the Filioque 17 Sept
 Clause’ [by G.P. Benson] 1982

BEN 1/4/3. Bishop David Gitari, *Church and Polygamy.* May 1981
An Address to CPK theologians at Mombasa. Proposes
 revision in canons more accommodating to African cultural
 tradition including admission to eucharist etc. (duplicated)

BEN 1/4/4. CPK Provincial Board of Theological 1981
 Education, *Recommendations on the Mission of the Church*
in the Changing Society PBTE Conference Mombasa, 18-
22 May 1981.
 Treats wide range of issues including Christian Marriage,
 Polygamy, Baptism of unwed mothers’ children, place of
 the Bishop, showing voting on issues. With appendix of
 participants

BEN 1/4/5. File containing a series of papers for Diocese 1981
 of Mount Kenya East *Partners in Mission* Consultation,
 with (loose) programme of Consultation and main meeting
 at St Andrew’s Institute , 8-15 June 1981
 Main content is a ‘Draft Priorities’ paper, financial
 statistics, and report for Sagana Parish

BEN 1/4/6. Diocese of Mount Kenya East, ‘1981 [Nov.]
 Presentation of The Diocese of Mount Kenya East to the 1981
 Church of the Province of Kenya *Partners in Mission*
 Consultation’
 A very full survey of the diocese, its work since
 establishment in 1975 and future plans, with appendix of
 parish statistics

BEN 1/4/7. CPK, *Speaking the Truth in Love. A Report of* 1982
the C.P.K. Second Round of Partners in Mission

Consultation held in 1981, compiled by Rt.Rev. David Gitari, provincial co-ordinator

This report presents an overall view of the state of the CPK arranged by diocese, in each case with summary statistics, etc., with the recommendations of external partners drawn from churches in other Commonwealth countries, Ireland, the U.S.A. and other African countries. At front a map showing dioceses in Kenya and photographs of the participants

Loose inside: programme of Provincial Church Workers Conference, Kabarak High School, 19-23 April 1982

BEN 1/4/8. A series of papers formerly in a packet (now split up) labelled “Mainly run-up to Love Peace + Unity” [i.e. the publication by National Christian Council of Kenya of *A Christian View of Politics in Kenya. Love, Peace and Unity*, for which see below, BEN 4/7] comprising: 1981-82

BEN 1/4/8/1. Mixed typescript and manuscript (GPB) notes from Bible and drafts of paper ‘Peace’: A Christian Approach to the Nyayo Term’ [1981]

18 fos., stapled together + 1 fo. loose

BEN 1/4/8/2. ‘Peace: A Christian Approach to the meaning of the term in Nyayo Philosophy’ and ‘Further thoughts on ‘Peace’ in Nyayo Philosophy’ [1981]

In part a fair copy of previous item. Signed by GPB at f.14

24 fos., carbon copy of typescript removed from a ring-binder

BEN 1/4/8/3. Diocese of Mount Kenya East, St Andrew’s Theological Fraternity (D. Gitari, G.P. Benson and N. Gatimu), ‘Peace: A Christian Approach to the meaning of the term in Nyayo Philosophy – First Draft’ 21 Oct. 1981

14 pp., duplicated

BEN 1/4/8/4. D. Gitari and St Andrews Theological Fraternity, ‘The Biblical Concept of the Term ‘Peace’ and its application in contemporary Kenya’. Appears to draw heavily on previous item, [1981]

41 pp., carbon copy of typescript

BEN 1/4/8/5. D. Gitari, and N. Gatimu for St Andrews Theological Fraternity, ‘Peace. Biblical Concept of the Term Peace and its [1981]

- application to contemporary Kenya’
 17 pp., duplicated. Apparently a condensed version of previous item
- BEN 1/4/8/6.** St Andrew’s Theological Fraternity, ‘Concept of “Peace” in Nyayo Philosophy and its implications. Kenya’s Political Economy and Social Well-being’ 30 Oct 1982
- Reviews impact of colonialism and Kenyatta’s ‘economic Bible’, Sessional Paper 10 - African Socialism and its Application to planning in Kenya’, economic structures, education.
 11 pp., duplicated
- BEN 1/4/8/7.** National Christian Council of Kenya, Consultation on Peace, Love and Unity November 1982, ‘Application of the term ‘Peace’ in the Kenya we want’, by David Gitari 9 Nov. 1982
- Appears to owe something to previous item, drawing on sections on family life and education
 9 pp., duplicated
- BEN 1/4/8/8.** National Christian Council of Kenya, Consultation on Peace, Love and Unity November 1982, ‘Love’ (draft- not for publication) by Rt Revd. John Gatu [Moderator, Presbyterian Church of East Africa] Nov. 1982
- 17 pp., duplicated
- BEN 1/4/8/9.** ‘Peace, Love and UNITY’. A draft paper on Unity, [by Revd Dr Henry Okullu [Bishop of Maseno South], but the last of eight items summarising added in pen by GPB.
- 11 fos., photocopy of typescript, the first page very faded and barely legible.
- BEN 1/4/8/9.** National Christian Council of Kenya, Consultation on Peace, Love and Unity November 1982, ‘Unity’ (draft- not for publication) by Rt Revd Henry Okullu Nov. 1982
- Apparently finished version of previous item.
 10 pp., duplicated
- BEN 1/4/8/10.** National Christian Council of Kenya, ‘The Church Witness’ by Revd. [c.1981-2]

Dr. Timothy M. Njoya

4 pp., duplicated

BEN 1/4/8/11. National Christian Council [c.1981-2]
of Kenya,, 'Consultation on the Nyayo
Philosophy Synthesis' by Revd. M. Zablon
Nthamburi *alias* 'Love, Peace and Unity –
A Synthesis

8 pp., duplicated

BEN 1/4/9. File of theological papers, probably all for 1981-84
theological seminars

Consultation on the Problem arising from Land 1981
– cases and oathing, as it affects Christians 24th
July, 1981 at Diocesan Office' by Revd. Gideon
Ileri

Deals with problems of traditional means of
taking oaths for Christians. Prepared for first
Diocesan Theological Seminar convened by
Bishop Gitari at St Andrew's Institute 8-13
September 1981

14 pp., duplicated

'On the Question of the *Filioque* by Prof. V.V. 1984
Bolotov', extracted from his *Theses on the
Filioque* (St Petersburg 1914) by Canon Hugh
Wybrew 17 August 1983, reproduced for CPK
Jan. 1984

8 pp., duplicated

'Participation in the Grace of the Holy Trinity:
(f) Implications and Conclusions' by John
Romandes

Apparently extracted from a series of
theological study course papers

9 pp., duplicated

'The Church and its Mission. A Paper for 1984
Second Provincial Theological Consultation at
Mombasa, Jan-Feb 1984' by Revd. Andrew
Kirk

Deals especially with Trinitarian nature of
church in mission

BEN 1/4/10. Church of the Province of Kenya Provincial 1984
Board of Theological Education 'Let the Church be the
Church' [recommendations of a Consultation (or
Conference) held at Mombasa 1984]

- BEN 1/4/11.** Minutes of first meeting of Mount Kenya East Theological Graduates at St Andrew's Institute, Kabare (duplicated) 1982
- BEN 1/4/12.** Comments on Final Report of Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission. Apparently a draft by G.P. Benson [cf next item, para.2.2], from perspective of Anglican church in Kenya (CPK) (typescript, 11pp.) c.1982-3
- BEN 1/4/13.** Letters from Maurice Sinclair, Principal, Crowther Hall, seeking information for a book on World Mission, *Ripening Harvest, Gathering Storm* [published 1988, CCCW Library copy: 266 SIN], with carbon copy of G.P. Benson's submission describing his view of the church in Kenya, its challenges and opportunities April-May 1986
- BEN 1/4/14.** CPK Provincial Board of Theological Education, *The Recommended Common Syllabus for C.P.K. Bible Institutes*. Duplicated. Produced by St Andrew's Institute, Kabare. Arranged by Department (Biblical Studies, Theology & Philosophy, Church History, Religion & Society, Pastoral Theology, Languages) 1984
- BEN 1/4/15.** CPK Provincial Board of Theological Education, *Liberating the Church for Mission. Recommendations of Third PBTE Theological Consultation, St Andrew's Institute, Kabare, 13-17 October 1986*. Treats wide range of issues including Ministry of Evangelists, Anglicanism and Indigenization, the Charismatic Movement, Ordination of Women, relations with Roman Catholic Church and African Independent Churches and Bishop David Jenkins' views on the Resurrection 1986
- BEN 1/4/16.** Lecture notes on "Render unto Caesar..." given by David Gitari at University of Nairobi Christian Students Leadership Centre 1987
- BEN 1/4/17.** The Church of the Province of Kenya (CPK) Partners in Mission Consultation: Statistical Profile 1988
Describes growth 1985-88

- BEN 1/4/18.** Photocopy of letter from Dr Roger Sawyer, Bembridge (Isle of Wight) to Bishop Gitari on Female Genital Mutilation, arguing for more explicit condemnation by the Church (photocopy) 1988
- BEN 1/4/19.** A paper, marked '2nd draft' entitled 'The Contribution of Women to the Renewal of the Church, so that Men and Women may enter more fully into Freedom'. Author is chairperson of Mothers' Union in Diocese of Mount Kenya East. Discusses influence of Revival on Anglican church, issues of marriage and polygamy. (typescript). Late 1980s
- BEN 1/4/20.** Copy of letter by Bishop Gitari to President Moi describing his activities on visit to Canada and seeking to reassure him he had not been involved in anything that could be regarded seditious. Cf. below, BEN 2/2. 1989
- BEN 1/4/21.** Amended draft of press release reporting shock expressed by ARCIC at attack on Bishop Gitari's home, signed by David Gitari 1989
- BEN 1/4/22.** Diocese of Mount Kenya East directory ('Staff Establishment') (duplicated) 1989
- BEN 1/4/23.** Chronological list n.d., 1975-89, of Diocese of Mount Kenya East materials available, for 'Research Project' [? on David Gitari] (computer print-out, 4pp.) 1989
- BEN 1/4/24.** CPK Alternative service of Holy Communion Computer print-out c.1980s
- BEN 1/4/25.** Offprint, 'Biological Influence of Infant Death on Fertility' by P.E. Chandran of Provincial Unit of Research, C.P.K., presented by author, with newscutting of article by Emil Chandran 'How to avoid children's deaths', from *Daily Nation* 8 July 1989 1989
- BEN 1/4/26.** Notes by G.P. Benson on 'Teaching Ministry in D[iocese of] M[ount] K[enya] E[ast]' (pages numbered 1-4, 17, 20 only) with notes, apparently, of interviews with 'Jessie' and Joyce Kamini on TEEP [Theological Education by Extension Programme] and Sunday Schools (manuscript) Jan. 1989

- BEN 1/4/27.** Report on lay training programme (for lay readers and evangelists) developed by Zachary P. Ngarambe (duplicated) Feb. 1989
- BEN 1/4/28.** Notes by G.P. Benson of questions for interviewing someone [A.K. Muge?] who had been in Tanzania and position of Church and State (not certainly related (ms) ?April 1990
- BEN 1/4/29.** Letter from Bishop Gitari to Benson thanking him for news of grant by SPCK for computer, which he hopes to return with after visit to Wales in August. Also enclosing Bishop's Charge from recent synod. May 1990
- BEN 1/4/30.** News and prayer letter from Norman and Janelle Gorrie (CMS Australia) at St Stephen's Training Centre, Marsabit. Work of the Centre, family news. (Typescript with ms additions) Feb. 1991
- BEN 1/4/31.** Mkunga H.P. Mtingele, *The Christian Response to Polygamy in Africa*. Examines current state of debate and Bishop Gitari's theology. (photocopy of typescript DTS dissertation, spiral bound) 1991
- BEN 1/4/32.** St Andrew's College of Theology and Development Prospectus 1995
- BEN 1/4/33.** Site plan of proposed 'St Andrew's School for Mission and Evangelism' by Andrew Parsons, diocesan architect, with note by G.P. Benson 2014 that what was built was rather different 'c.1979/80'
85 x 64 cm., folded
- BEN 1/5** Nairobi University Certificate in Religious Studies (Theological Education by Extension (TEE)) study materials by Canon Keith B. Anderson. 1984
- An author's preface in each volume explains the development of the materials from TEE course set up in Diocese of Nakuru in 1975 to the Certificate programme in the Diocese of Mount Kenya East. With forewords by Bishop David Gitari
- 1 [unused number in case Book 1 comes to light]
 - 2 Book 2 *The Theology of the Bible*; 1983
 - 3 Book 3 *Old Testament and New Testament*; 1984
 - 4 Book 4 *Church History and Theology* 1984

BEN 1/6 Recordings of sermons and addresses by Rt Revd. Dr. David Gitari, and of interviews with or about him. This is a collection of copies by G.P. Benson, hence aberrations in chronological sequence, apparently building on copies that he may have recorded himself in Diocesan Communications office (see items 13, 22, 25). They are all magnetic tape cassettes in the usual plastic boxes, labelled in pen and nos 1-26 numbered with *Dynotape*. The numbering has been continued for the remaining cassettes in the order in which they occur on a list received with them (BEN/1/6/34), including 30-31 (which were labelled A and B), and two at the end that are not on the list. Digital copies created by the donor of nos 1-31 were received on a memory stick, whence transferred 7 March 2016 to server at Abdul/CCCW/Archives PHILIP/Sound Archives/Acc 2015/12. The memory stick now serves for use copy in the CCCW reading room. There is currently no digital version available for nos. 32-33.

Information on content and sound quality is largely derived from the list of recordings made by Archdeacon Benson (BEN/1/6/34). Some is plainly indifferent, presumably due in part to overwriting existing music or other recordings and perhaps difficulty in obtaining quality material in Kenya.

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| 1 | Keynote address to NCK National Pastors' Conference: 'Let the Church Be the Church', on Acts 2.42-7 | 12/22 August
1986 |
| | English with Swahili translation | |
| | Gap where tape turned. | |
| 2 | Sermon at Confirmation Service, Kigali; launch of 'Let the People Speak', on Saul and Barnabas (Acts 15) | 13 March 1988 |
| | English with Kikuyu/Kiambu translation | |
| 3 | Address at laying foundation stone to church of Christ the King, Karima | 2 August 1987 |
| | Kikuyu | |
| 4 | Sermon on Unity of Religious and Political Leaders at Consecration of church of Good Shepherd, Gatunguru. States expectation of controversy | 21 September
1986 |
| | English, with Kikuyu translation | |
| | Sermon at Consecration of Ena Church on Philippians 1.12ff | 1985 |
| 5 | Sermon at Consecration of St Barnabas Gachatha. On Barnabas | 8 February
1987 |
| | Kikuyu | |
| | Incomplete. Tape ran out before end. | |

- Sermon at Consecration of St Stephen's, Kagaari. On Stephen 23 November 1986
English, with Kikuyu translation
- 6** Sermon during induction of Ven. Titus Ngotho, on Gerasene demoniac. 20 September 1987
Mentions existence of a video recording
Swahili
- Sermon at Consecration of St Peter's Gaciongo Kikuyu 27 September 1987
Incomplete. Tape ran out before end.
- 7** Address at laying foundation stone of St Monica Nyangati. Matthew 7.7-12 2 November 1986
Kikuyu. Poor quality recording
- Address at laying foundation stone of church of Good Samaritan, Kamugunda, on The Good Samaritan 16 November 1986
Kikuyu. Poor quality recording
- 8** *Voice of Kenya* and *BBC News* after queue voting, reporting arrest of Bedan Mbugua and banning of *Beyond* 24 March 1988
Swahili, English. Poor quality recording
- 9** Sermon at thanksgiving service in St Paul's Embu, following attack on house. 8 May 1988
English, with Kiambu translation
- 10** Address at laying foundation stone of St Faith's Ugweri (Ena) 4 September 1988
Kikuyu
- Sermon at funeral of thee murdered men, Kiandangae, on Colossians 3 28 January 1989
Kikuyu
- 11** Sermon at Consecration of Emmanuel Church, Kigaa. On washing feet. 12 March 1989
Kikuyu
- Sermon at wedding of Revd John and Mrs Pauline Karanja in Murang'a. n.d.
Kikuyu greeting, then English
- 12** Sermon at Pre-election service at St Mary's Kiine. Matthew 9.35-38. Also Romans 8.31-39 and Exodus 18 21 February 1988
Kikuyu

- Sermon at Confirmation Service, Kiaga Parish
Kikuyu 21 January
1989
- 13** Sermon at laying foundation stone, Gichichi. On
'Rejoice Always'
Kikuyu January 1989
- Sermon at ordination service, St Paul's Embu.
On the Good Shepherd. 11 Dec. 1989
- Swahili greeting, then English
'MP3 OK, but on tape first minutes blended with
classical music.'
Tape box labelled 'Diocese of Mt. Kenya East
Communications and on edge 'DMKE'
- 14** Sermon at confirmation service, St Peter's,
Gitare (Kanja). 1 Corinthians. 12 February
1989
- Kikuyu
Sermon at St Peter's, Githure. Philippians 4. January 1989
- 15** Address at opening of St Stephen's Centre
Marsabit. Stephen. 11 June 1989
- English, translated into Boran
Tape turned after 30 mins. End lost.
- 16** Address at 11th anniversary of Diocese of Mount
Kenya East. 1 Timothy 3.14-15. 6 July 1986
- Sermon on Education Sunday. Matthew 20.20-
28. 16 March 1986
- English, translated into Kikuyu
- 17** Address at Kirinyaga Convention. John 14.6. 18-21 August
(continued in no.20 below) 1988
- 18** Sermon at consecration of church of Good
Samaritan, Kamugunda. The Good Samaritan 15 November
1987
- Kikuyu
Sermon starts after hymn
- Sermon at consecration of church of St John;s
Kiandumu. St. John. 1 March 1987
- Kikuyu
Sermon starts after hymn
- 19** Telephone conversation between a BBC
journalist and David Gitari on queue-voting
- Closing session of National Pastor's Conference
on theme of 'Let the Church be the Church',
introduced by David Gitari. Address by V-P

- Mwai Kibaki
 DG English, MK and others Swahili
 Poor quality recording
- 20** Sermon at Kirinyaga Convention. John 14.6 18-21 August
 (continuation of no.17 above) 1989
 Kikuyu
 End missing
 Sermon at Kanyuambora Confirmation. 2 11 April 1989
 Timothy 4. 6-8
 Kikuyu
- 21** Sermon at consecration service at Nguka. 1 27 November
 Corinthians 1. Unity and Truth 1988
 Sermon at confirmation service at St John's 5 March 1989
 Kiburu. John 8.32. Truth and Freedom
 Kikuyu
- 22** Address on Approaches to Evangelism in Africa
 English
 5-second gap when turned
 Box labelled as no.13
- 23** Sermon at confirmation service, St Joseph's, 15 April 1989
 Kaithege. 2 Tim. 1.1-7
 Sermon at Moyale, addressed to civil servants. 10 June 1989
 Matthew 5.13-16
 Swahili and some English
- 24** Sermon at St Thomas Kerugoya. Matthew 5.9. 9 April 1989
 Blessed are the peacemakers (preached in a
 feverish atmosphere)
 English, translated into Kikuyu
- 25** Address at Clergy Chapter, Kabare 11 November
 1988
 Date on tape corrected from 11 December to 11
 November, on box from 11 December to 28
 December
 English
 Box labelled as no.13
- 26** Sermon at confirmation service, St Stephen's 29 January
 Karumande. 1 Thess.5.12-15 1988
 Kikuyu
 Poor sound quality

- 27 Sermon at Trinity church, Mutuma. 1 Kings 21.1-21: 'Was there no Naboth to say no?'. Published in *In Season and Out of Season*.
Sound quality mediocre. 19 May 1991
- 28 David Gitari, interviewed at Oxford by G.P. Benson. Recollections. Recalls sermon on Esther in 1984-5. 5 June 1990
- 29 Bishop Bob Beak*, interviewed by G.P. Benson for M.Phil.research 21 April 1990
*Rt.Rev. Robert Michael Beak, OBE. BCMS 1955-6, Kenya 1956-69; Assistant Bishop to David Gitari, Marsabit, 1984-9
- 30 Turkana liturgies. Begins with traditional prayer adapted into Christian liturgy. Introduced by Ven. Titus Ngotho March 1989
Boxed originally labelled with *Dynotape* 'A'
- 31 Address at presentation to Frank Chikane of South Africa at Two-Thirds World Conference, Kabare 1987
Incomplete
Box labelled as no.13 and with *Dynotape* 'B'
- 32 Broadcast talk at Pentecost by Graham Kings, BBC Radio 4 'Seeds of Faith' 30 May 1993
- 33 Broadcast Anglican Communion from BBC Radio 3. David Edwards 17 April 1991
Broadcast programme from BBC Radio 4, 'File on Four' on Kenya 22 September 1993
- 34 List of recordings by G.P. Benson [?2015]

- BEN 2** *Collections on Kenyan political affairs collected as background material for thesis etc.*
- BEN 2/1** Newscuttings from Kenyan press, mainly from wallet folders (now discarded on preservation grounds, but keeping label information) of political and church matters. The cuttings to 1989 probably collected contemporaneously and may derive from Mt Kenya East diocesan press office, but later ones and extracts from Nairobi *Weekly Review* probably extracted as source material for G.P. Benson's M.Phil. thesis 1978-89
- BEN 2/1/1.** Newscuttings from East African press, including *Daily Nation*, *The Standard* and *Target* loose and removed on preservation grounds from a scrap book of political and other news (some curiously trivial) including death and funeral of President Jomo Kenyatta, succession of President Daniel arap Moi, his appointments and future of Kenya generally, death of Pope John Paul I, road accident involving Bishop David Gitari when visiting Tanzania. Sept-Oct 1978
- (34 items)
- BEN 2/1/2.** Photocopies of newscuttings from *Kenya Times*, *Daily Nation*, *The Standard*, and *The Weekly Review* reporting reaction by President Moi and others to sermon by Bishop David Gitari criticising suppression of Kenyan Planters Co-operative Union [for small coffee producers] and making membership of KANU a condition of voter registration without sufficient public debate, making analogy with King Darius's dismissal of Daniel (Daniel c.6), with manuscript in Swahili June – July 1987
- (27 items, most with *sellotape* stains where apparently removed from an album)
- BEN 2/1/3.** Newscuttings from *Kenya Times*, *Daily Nation*, *The Standard*, 1987-early 1988 including call by Bishop Gitari for reconciliation among church leaders, suspension of Nahashon Njuno from KANU, voter registration, AIDS, dispute over plot for Diocese of Eldoret, burial of S.M. Otieno by Bishop Henry Okullu and his dispute with Provost of All Saints Cathedral Nairobi, Revd Peter Njenga, for refusing funeral which he eventually conducted himself at St Stephen's Cathedral Kisumu. 1987-88
- (about 40 items)
- BEN 2/1/4.** Newscuttings from *Kenya Times*, *Nation* and *Standard* of criticism of Bishop Muge for criticising Kenyan human rights record April 1987
- (5 sheets from a ring file).
- BEN 2/1/5.** Newscuttings from *Kenya Times*, *Daily Nation*, *The Standard*, mainly of reports of intimidation of Bishop Gitari (heckling of sermons by KANU youthwingers and threats) and raid on his house, political and church reaction March-May 1989

thereto. Also: report of evangelical meeting ('Chefs who give spiritual lunch'); development of St. John's church, Kiambaa, Kiambu including memorials for Chief Kionange, Canon Nguru and Bishop Kariuki; alleged plot to deprive Bishop Okullu of chairmanship of NCCCK; Bishop Muge's account of his and Gitari's meetings in Canada with Mwakenya men (opponents of Moi regime) and Gitari's letter about same (3 items, see BEN 1/4/20); calls for greater support of church for state; banning of journal *Financial Review*; cartoons of political situations (two are photocopies) (about 50 items)

- BEN 2/2** Pages torn from or photocopies from the Nairobi political journal *The Weekly Review* and other news media mainly on church-state relations, most formerly in wallet folders from which removed on conservation grounds. These appear to have been wholly created after G.P. Benson's return from Kenya in connection with his thesis. Some photocopies have stamp of library of University of Oxford Institute of Commonwealth Studies (Rhodes House). See also BEN/4/19 1982-90
- BEN 2/2/1.** Cuttings from *Guardian Weekly* (international edition) on Kenyan affairs, including attempted coup, dismissal of George Githii as editor of *The Standard* following publication of editorial (here reproduced) calling for release of persons detained without trial, and abortive military coup of August 1982 1982
(5 items)
- BEN 2/2/2.** Photocopies of cutting from *International Herald Tribune* and of articles from *Nairobi Weekly Review* about Oginga Odinga's visit to UK and challenge to President Moi by forming new party in opposition to KANU, detention of members of radical group, creation of one-party state by law, dismissal of George Githii (as previous item) and his defence May-July 1982
(9 items)
- BEN 2/2/3.** Pages from *Nairobi Weekly Review* 24 August 1984 and 14 December 1984 on inquiry into Charles Njonjo (see above BEN 2/4/2) and his political future 1984
(2 items)
- BEN 2/2/4.** Pages and photocopies of pages of *Nairobi Weekly Review* on Christianity and polygamy, political and economic matters especially in Embu and Kirinyaga Districts including interventions by Bishops Muge and Gitari, and proscription of NCCCK publication *Beyond*. 1987-88
(12 items)
- BEN 2/2/5.** Pages and photocopies of pages of *Nairobi Weekly Review* mainly on church-state relations, especially controversy between Bishop Muge and Kipyator Biwott, Minister for Energy, between Bishop Gitari and KANU Feb.-May 1989

- Kirinyaga Branch, the Bishops' interview with Mwakenya men in Toronto and unity within CPK as a whole
(8 items)
- BEN 2/2/6.** Photocopies of much of *The Weekly Review 4 May 1990* focusing on Bishop Okullu's call for multi-party system including by Bishop Okullu 4 May 1990
- BEN 2/3** Folder of newscuttings from UK press about Kenyan political affairs including obituaries of Bishop Alexander Muge (1990) and feature articles on Richard Leakey ('Kenya's Saviour or white mischief-maker?' from *The Independent* (1995), and on teenager circumcision practised by Bukusu people of western Kenya from *Nairobi Nation* (1990) 1990-95
- BEN 2/4** Published papers about various significant political events and causes célèbres: 1982-90
- BEN 2/4/1.** *Viva* [magazine supportive of President Moi's government and KANU] August 1982 'Hours of Chaos and the Aftermath' 1982
- Reports of attempted coup and associated looting in Nairobi with soothing government message that 'President Moi Firmly in Control'
- BEN 2/4/2.** Kenyan Government *Report of Judicial Commission under Commissions of Inquiry Act, cap. 102, appointed to inquire into allegations involving Charles Mugane Njonjo (former Minister for Constitutional Affairs and Member of Parliament for Kikuyu Constituency), accused of conspiracy and fomenting disturbances of August 1982* 1984
- See Throup and Hornsby, *Multi-party Politics in Kenya*, pp.32-3.
- BEN 2/4/3.** *S.M. Otieno. Keny's Unique Burial Saga* (Nation Newspapers) [1987]
- A reprint of the news story that ran through multiple editions of *The Nation* about burial rights case of Silvanus Oteino (d. December 1986), an administrator and criminal lawyer whose wife Wambui's plans for burying him, initially upheld in the courts, were ultimately frustrated by judgement of Court of Appeal in favour of primacy of application of Luo customary law giving his Umira Kager clan right to determine where and how he is buried. The case was perceived by Mrs Oteino's side as a defeat for women's rights.
- BEN 2/4/4.** *Nairobi Law Monthly 24 September 1990* 1990
- Cover story on death of Bishop Alexander Muge ('My Innocent Blood will Always Haunt Them') in questionable road traffic accident

BEN 2/4	BEN 2/4/5. <i>Nairobi Law Monthly</i> 25, September 1990 (<i>extra edition</i>)	1990	1982-90
	<i>Contd.</i> Cover story on proceedings of KANU Review Committee questioning primacy of KANU as single authorised political party. Includes representations by Catholic Diocese of Murang'a ('our country has become a police state ... bribery and corruption are the name of the game') and [Anglican] Diocese of Eldoret by Bishop Muge (cf previous item, with editor's note that he had 'died in a tragic and mysterious road accident a few days after presenting his memorandum', making clear the paper's support for reform (indeed the editor sought to bring an action deeming the 1982 legislation making Kenya a single-party state invalid).		
BEN 2/5	Issues of <i>East African Standard, The People, Target</i> August 1996 covering church attacks and other tribulations for Moi's government		1996
	BEN 2/5/1. <i>Target</i> (published by NCCCK) no.450 with front-page articles 'Kuria adamant on defrocking Njoroge' and 'March on Christian soldiers ...' continued inside as 'Clergy put Moi's regime under siege', on joint Catholic-CPK call for end to one-party rule	16 Aug 1996	
	BEN 2/5/2. <i>The People</i> no.183 with front-page article on 'Land Politics set to rock Rift Valley' and commentary (p.4) advising Moi to listen to Church leaders	23 August 1996	
	BEN 2/5/3. <i>East African Standard</i> .no.25590 Includes feature article 'Secular Issues are Part of Religion' on new Vatican ambassador to Kenya Archbishop Giovanni Tonucci (but reporting his view that Kenya has good political leadership and compares well with countries with authoritarian regimes	28 August 1996	
BEN 2/6	Printed copies from internet editions of press reports of political and church affairs in Kenya		1997
	1 'Kenyan Churches press for electoral reforms', from <i>Africa News Online</i>	26 May 1997	
	2 'Another University Closure'(students sent home after rioting) from <i>Weekly Review</i>	11 July 1997	
	3 'Reign of Terror' on government suppression of political rallies, from <i>The Economic Review</i>	14 July 1997	
	4 'Moi, Church, in talks on reform', from <i>Nation Interactive</i>	16 July 1997	
	5 'Kenya Tension Eases as Moi meets religious leaders' from <i>Africa News Online</i>	16 July 1997	
BEN 2/7	Printed copy of email forwarding link to <i>The Times</i> (London) 14 October obituary of Archbishop David Gitari (d.30 September 2013)		2013
BEN 2/8	A note on the General Election 2013 perhaps by G.P. Benson (typescript)		[2013]

- BEN 3** *G.P. Benson: personal records*
- BEN 3/1.** Certificates to Patrick and Eleanor Benson for ‘ten years’ [sic – the Bensons were actually only in Kenya from 1978] faithful service’ to Diocese of Mt. Kenya East as part of ten-year celebrations of diocese 1985
- BEN 3/2.** Proof copy of article on ‘Virgin Birth, Virgin Conception’ by G.P. Benson for publication in *Expository Times* c.1987
- BEN 3/3.** Certificate of completion of theology course for ordination and order of commissioning service at St John’s College Nottingham, with ember list of candidates containing brief biographical information and *Newsletter* 1991
- BEN 4** *Miscellaneous Publications treated as Archives*
- Associated Publications [We have added to the Archive pamphlet publications that are closely related to the papers and are intended primarily for local readership as well as those that are ‘grey literature’, ephemeral in purpose and without bibliographical apparatus. Other more substantial publications donated at the same time have been added to CCCW Library. Some of the former were processed for library when it appeared this would be a donation of wholly published material so have been stamped and have had labels added]*
- BEN 4/1** *The Mombasa Mission, East Africa, with an account of the Church Missionary Society’s Work among the Freed Slaves of the Frere Town* 1885
- A 24-page pamphlet with engravings of Frere Town and C.M.S. buildings, the Taita Mission reprinted from *The Missionary Gleaner* and emaciated slaves rescued from an Arab dhow
- BEN 4/2** Photocopy extracts of chapters on ‘Religion’, ‘African Nationalist Movement’ etc., from C Gertzel, *Government and Politics in Kenya* [published Nairobi 1969; full copy available in African Studies Library], pp.103-67 (African Nationalist Movement), 196-7 (Kenyatta’s letter to *Manchester Guardian* in 1930), 267-79 (back-benchers in a 2-party system), 280-303 (debates in parliament concerning police station incident at Makupa 1965), 354-9 (political neutrality and the press), 364-7 (provincial administration). 376-81 (debate in parliament of appointments and role of Kenya chiefs) 1969
- BEN 4/3** J. Henry Okullu (Bishop of Maseno South), *The Family in Social Change* (Presbyterian Church of East Africa, 56 pp., Uzima Press) 1974
- By Bishop of Maseno South. Includes chapters on Sex in Marriage, Alcohol and ‘Harambee’ [‘pulling together’, nation-building]
- BEN 4/4** J. Henry Okullu (Bishop of Maseno South), *Church and Marriage in East Africa* (80pp., Uzima Press) 1976
- By Bishop of Maseno South. Includes chapters on Sex and Marriage, Abortion, Contraceptives and Polygamy, challenging accepted precepts, with appendix of CPK canons on Law of Marriage

- BEN 4/5** 'Let Us Talk About' pamphlets (Uzima Press, Nairobi)
- BEN 4/5/1.** 1 *The Birth of Christ* by H.S. Etemesi 1978
16pp. Questions African adoption of western traditional celebration
- BEN 4/5/2.** 3 *Baptism in Contemporary Africa* by S. Muthungu 1979
26pp. Discusses the different traditions of infant and adult baptism and how these relate to African thinking on the family
- BEN 4/6** [? Revd. Jephthahah K. Gathaka, Diocesan Administrative Secretary], *God with us. Fifth Anniversary. Diocese of Mt. Kenya East Marches On. 20th July 1975-20th July 1980* (82pp., Diocese of Mount Kenya East) 1980
A record of the work of the Diocese of Mount Kenya East, with a directory of the diocese and table of significant dates 1844-1980 in history of the Church in Kenya, Diocese and life of Bishop Gitari. Illustrated, including picture of Paddy and Eleanor Benson (p.25).
- BEN 4/7** [John C. Kamau and David M Gitari (eds)], *A Christian View of Politics in Kenya. Love, Peace and Unity* (74pp., National Christian Council of Kenya) 1983
For genesis of this book see above, BEN 1/4/8
- BEN 4/8** Peter Larom, with George Enyagu and Michael Hunter, *Pastor. A Practical Guide for Church Leaders* (244pp., Uzima Press Ltd, Nairobi, and Centenary Publishing House, Kampala) 1983
A text book for churches particularly in East Africa including formulae for registers etc
- BEN 4/9** J. Gatungu Githiga, *The Spirit in the Black Soul. African Christian Theology* (28pp., Evangel Publishing House) 1984
By Head of Department of Pastoral Theology Department of St Paul's United Theological College, Limuru. Adopts the position of a fictional Padre Penda to use African traditional storytelling as means of explaining the Holy Spirit.
- BEN 4/10** Yash Tandon and Arnold Raphael, *The New Position of East Africa's Asians: problems of a displaced minority* (20pp., Minority Rights Group Report 16, Second Edition, London) 1984
Describes history of minorities within former British East and Central African colonies, their fate following independence and worldwide diaspora
- BEN 4/11** *South Africa* [anti-apartheid pamphlet published by Labour Research Department [32pp., UK Labour Party] focussing on UK firms' interests and struggle of South African Congress of Trade Unions in South Africa and Namibia] 1984
- BEN 4/12** *Kabare Pastorate. Kiririkano Kia Miaka 75 1910-1985* (24pp., CPK) 1985
History of the pastorate commemorating 75 years, with lists and photographs of clergy and churches
[Kikuyu]

- BEN 4/13** David M. Gitari & G.P.Benson, *Witnessing to The Living God in Contemporary Africa. Findings and Papers of the Inaugural Meeting of Africa Theological Fraternity* (xiv+294pp., Africa Theological Fraternity) 1986
- Papers of the meeting held at St Andrew's College, Kabare. Contributions include those from clergy in Nigeria, Ghana, Zaire, Tanzania and 'India/England' besides (the majority) from Kenya. The last includes papers by Bishop Gitari (on the Church's Witness in Seeking Just Structure) and G.P.Benson (on 'Social and Political Structures'). For CCCW Library copy see 230.06 GIT.
- BEN 4/14** Revd. Dr. Timothy Njoya, *Out of Silence. A Collection of Sermons* (viii+122pp., *Beyond* magazine) 1987
- Product of a Presbyterian minister, an outspoken critic of the government who retired on grounds of conscience in April 1987.
- BEN 4/15** Graham Kings [Benson's successor at St Andrew's], 'Facing Mount Kenya: Reflections on the Bible and African Traditional Religion', offprint from *Anvil* [an Anglican Evangelical journal for theology and mission] vol 4 no.2, 127-43 1987
- BEN 4/16** *Transformation vol 5 no. 3* 1988
- Contains review of Bishop Gitari's *Let the Bishop Speak*
- BEN 4/17** Revd. Canon Ephantus Mwanki Josiah, *Female Circumcision* [c.1990] (vi+28pp., Diocese of Embu Dept of Communications)
- Thanks G.P. Benson for assistance. Discusses effect of impact of European and missionary teaching upon African tradition, and what the Bible has to say. Concludes that it is no longer a necessary tradition.
- BEN 4/18** Orders of Service, as follows:
- BEN 4/18/1.** Consecration of Rev. Robert Michael Cawthorn [Bob] Beak as Assistant Bishop of Mount Kenya East at St Andrew's Institute, Kabare. 198 1984-90
- See also GRK 9/8
- Includes at back a biographical sketch. This, mandate for consecration and programme of event in English, remainder in Kiswahili
- BEN 4/18/2.** Consecration of Canon Moses Njue as first Bishop of Embu 199
- Includes at back a biographical sketch. Includes five years 1985-89 attached to Evangelical Lutheran church in Stuttgart, becoming Director of Mission of the Diocese of Mount Kenya East
- BEN 4/18/3.** Thanksgiving for life of Alexander Kipsang' Muge, late Bishop of Eldoret 1990
- At front a short biography of the late Bishop. He was killed in

a road accident shortly after being threatened by the Minister of Labour. The funeral was attended by unseemly jostling of government KANU supporters and it proved impossible to suppress the notion he had been murdered. See Throup and Hornsby, pp.66-7.

BEN 4/19 *The Weekly Review* (political magazine published in Nairobi, with content on church affairs and contributions of clergy to the political scene) 1987-1989

G.P. Benson was apparently a subscriber both in Kenya and afterwards in U.K. and saved a somewhat broken run which was offered as part of the archive. He appears at one stage, presumably during work for his M.Phil., to have extracted pages of interest and destroyed the rest, but he needed to turn to Rhodes House Oxford for photocopies of some articles of interest (above, BEN 2/2). We have retained here those remaining issues for the main period of these papers, to end of 1989 but rejected later ones. A fuller run is available a short distance away at the Cambridge University Department of African Studies.

- 1 *The Weekly Review* includes reports of arrest of Gibson Kuria and removal of Presbyterian clergyman Rev Timothy Njoya to rural Nyeri 6 March 1987
- 2 *The Weekly Review* includes reports of detention of Gibson Kuria, underground Mwakenya movement 13 March 1987
- 3 *The Weekly Review* includes reports of S.M. Otieno case in Court of Appeal 20 March 1987
- 4 *The Weekly Review* includes reports of attack on Oginga Odinga and more re S.M. Otieno case 10 April 1987
- 5 *The Weekly Review* includes reports of election campaign, sermon by Bishop Muge questioning President Moi's policy 17 April 1987
- 6 *The Weekly Review* includes cover story on Bishop Muge asking 'What Next?' 24 April 1987
- 7 *The Weekly Review* includes report of queueing issue and position of Archbishop Kuria, allegedly imposed on CPK by the disgraced Charles Njonjo 1 May 1987
- 8 *The Weekly Review* includes reports on position of KANU 8 May 1987
- 9 *The Weekly Review* includes reports of election campaign and continuing S.M. Otieno case 13 May 1987
- 10 *The Weekly Review* includes extensive report of judgement in S.M. Otieno case and continuing dispute between Bishop Muge and Stanley Metto 22 May 1987
- 11 *The Weekly Review* includes report of burial of S.M. Otieno and questions whether Rev. Peter Njenga, provost of All Saints Cathedral, took sides 29 May 1987

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| 12 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of reshuffle in Moi's government | 5 June 1987 |
| 13 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes cover story on attack on Bishop David Gitari 'Bishop Under Fire' | 12 June 1987 |
| 14 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of suspensions from KANU | 19 June 1987 |
| 15 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> with further comment on 'Another 'subversive cleric'' [David Gitari] | 26 June 1987 |
| 16 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> with cover story on Gitari 'Storm in Nyeri' ('contentious sermon') | 3 July 1987 |
| 17 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes reports of attack on Isaiah Mathenge for supporting Gitari's Nyeri sermon | 10 July 1987 |
| 18 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes reports of <i>Amnesty International</i> critical report on Kenya and threat to Voluntry Agencies Development Assistance (VADA) | 24 July 1987 |
| 19 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of troubled election of Isaac Namango as bishop of new CPK diocese of Nambale | 7 Aug.1987 |
| 20 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of acquittal of persons charged with murder of son of Mayor of Machakos, | 14 Aug. 1987 |
| 21 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes articles touching on queuing debate and removal of Rev Timothy Njoya from Presbyterian church | 21Aug. 1987 |
| 22 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of President Moi defending queuing and release of western volunteer workers by Sudanese People's Liberation Army | 28 Aug. 1987 |
| 23 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of intervention of Roman Catholic Ndingi Mwana 'a Nzeki, Bishop of Nakuru, opposing queuing | 4 Sept. 1987 |
| 24 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes cover story article on Daniel arap Moi, 'Man at the Helm' and review of <i>Let the People Speak</i> by Bishop Gitari | 8 April 1988 |
| 25 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes renewed Church-State 'squabbles' with criticism by Bishop Gitari of KANU | 7 Oct. 1988 |
| 26 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of financial mismanagement in <i>Overcoming Faith Centre Church of Kenya</i> | 7 April 1989 |
| 27 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes cover story on release of detainees. | 9 June 1989 |

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| 28 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes cover story ‘A House Divided’ on dissension within CPK and attack on Archbishop Kuria; also reinstatement of Rev Timothy Njoya in Presbyterian Church | 30 June 1989 |
| 29 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of temporary solution to crisis at Katakwa church and pen portrait of Richard Leakey, wildlife conservationist | 7 July 1989 |
| 30 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of political changes affecting David Mwenje | 14 July 1989 |
| 31 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes continuing coverage of Katakwa secession controversy in CPK | 21 July 1989 |
| 32 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of bitter byelection | 28 July 1989 |
| 33 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report on difficulties in governing Nairobi | 11 Aug. 1989 |
| 34 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes cover story on ‘Churchmen’s Charges’ [by Bishops Alexander Muge and Henry Okullu] and report of CPK-Schools Controversy | 15 Sept. 1989 |
| 35 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes death of Evans Mrima, evangelist of Gospel Outreach fraternity | 22 Sept.1989 |
| 36 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes reports of political strife in Busia and ‘Remarkable Transformation’ effected by Richard Leakey in conservation | 29 Sept.1989 |
| 37 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> include reports of further byelections | 6 Oct.1989 |
| 38 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of possible reconciliation of James Nijuru towards Bishop David Gitari | 13 Oct. 1989 |
| 39 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of Julie Ward inquest, Kenyatta Day, conservation | 20 Oct. 1989 |
| 40 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes reports of further political manoeuvring | 27 Oct.1989 |
| 41 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of ‘Another pro-Gitari retraction’ | 3 Nov. 1989 |
| 42 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes dispute over property of proscribed Associated Christian Churches of Kenya between CPK (Bishop Muge) and African Inland Church (Bishop Ezekiel Birech) | 10 Nov. 1989 |
| 43 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of political turmoil in Nyeri and conclusion of Julie Ward inquest | 17 Nov.1989 |
| 44 | <i>The Weekly Review</i> includes reports of political affairs affecting Bishop Gitari in Kirinyaga | 24 Nov. 1989 |

	45	<i>The Weekly Review</i> includes reports of political affairs affecting Bishop Gitari in Kirinyaga and article on Kenya Wildlife Service under Richard Leakey	1 Dec. 1989	
	46	<i>The Weekly Review</i> includes reports of NCCCK (led by Bishop Okullu) renewed opposition to electoral changes and KANU	8 Dec. 1989	
	47	<i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of NCCCK debate (as previous), military display at Jamhuri Day	15 Dec. 1989	
	48	<i>The Weekly Review</i> includes report of political come-back by Julius Kiano, veteran nationalist	22 Dec. 1989	
BEN 4/20		Posters of Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society each with text 'I will build my Church'		1980s
	1	Punjabi/English service, Wolverhampton, England		1980s
	2	Church Youth Group, Nandi Hills, Kenya		1980s
	3	Baptism at Lake Titicaca, Bolivia		1980s
	4	Church of the Ascension, Alcacer do Sol, Portugal		1980s
BEN 4/21		Membership leaflet for Kenya Church Association		c.1980s-90s
BEN 4/22		J.J.K. Chesseret, 'Essence of Christian Liberation Theology in the Nandi Post-Colonial Context', University of Wales M.Phil. thesis (examiner's marked copy) [<i>N.B., currently closed to inspection, pending permission to use from author</i>]		1999-2001