BEN

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

Presented by Archdeacon Benson, October 2014 and July 2015 (Acc. 2015/11)

Catalogued by Philip Saunders October-December 2016

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 be 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

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
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 missionarise 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


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.


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


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)


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.


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.

**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.**

**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).

English and Swahili

**BEN 1/3**

Diocesan and student, etc., newsletters, comprising:


*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


Late 1992

**BEN 1/3/6-3. Utheri[Diocese of Mount Kenya East]nos. 2-3, 5**

April 1989-Jan. 1990

No. 5 includes photograph of Paddy and Eleanor Benson and family, and typescript note from ‘Peter’ promising more news of the diocese
3 items

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


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

3 items

**BEN 1/3/8.** *News Update* [newsletter of Diocese of Kirinyaga]

Dec. 1993

(Reports sermon by Bishop Gitari, criticising President Moi’s government)

**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]:


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

BEN 1/4/1. Retreat Lectures delivered for the ordinands at St Andrew’s Institute for Mission and Evangelism by Revd. Peter Njenga

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:

‘Christian View of Marriage and Sex’ by Revd. S.N. Muthunga
8 pp., duplicated

‘Liturgy of the Church in a Changing Society’ by Revd. S.N. Muthunga ‘corrected copy’
11 pp., duplicated

A response to ‘Liturgy of the Church in a Changing Society’ by Keith Anderson
6 pp., duplicated

‘Sacramental Practices in the Church Today’ by Lukas Wanjie
11 pp., duplicated

‘A Paper on Possible Approach to Theological Education Today’ by N. Kiranga Gatimu
25 pp., duplicated

‘Report of the KACTOM Consultation on Ministry … February 1979’ by Z.N. Otieno

‘Changing Ideas on Mission’ by N. Kiranga Gatimu
5 pp., duplicated

‘Infant Baptism and Unwed Mothers’ Children’ [draft of recommendations in following item]

Opening Speech on theme of Mission in the Changing Society, by Revd. Crispus D. Nzano, Bishop of Mombasa

‘The Place of the Church in Contemporary Kenya’ attributed in pen to Peter Njenga
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’
by G.P. Benson
10+3 pp., duplicated
Ms notes by GPB for same
‘Women in Ordained Ministry Today’ by Revd. J. Gatungu Githiga
6 pp., duplicated
Jan. 1984
‘Anglican/Orthodox Relations and the Filioque Clause’ [by G.P. Benson]
17 Sept 1982

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


BEN 1/4/5. File containing a series of papers for Diocese 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 1981

A very full survey of the diocese, its work since establishment in 1975 and future plans, with appendix of parish statistics

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:

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’

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’

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


14 pp., duplicated


41 pp., carbon copy of typescript

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’


11 pp., duplicated


Appears to owe something to previous item, drawing on sections on family life and education

9 pp., duplicated


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.


Apparently finished version of previous item.

10 pp., duplicated

Dr. Timothy M. Njoya

4 pp., duplicated


8 pp., duplicated

**BEN 1/4/9.** File of theological papers, probably all for theological seminars

Consultation on the Problem arising from Land cases and oathing, as it affects Christians 24\textsuperscript{th} July, 1981 at Diocesan Office’ by Revd. Gideon Ireri

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 Filoque by Prof. V.V. Bolotov’, extracted from his *Theses on the Filoque* (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


Deals especially with Trinitarian nature of church in mission

**BEN 1/4/10.** Church of the Province of Kenya Provincial 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 1/4/14. 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


Describes growth 1985-88
**BEN 1/4/18.** Photocopy of letter form 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 1/4/24.** CPK Alternative service of Holy Communion Computer print-out c.1980s


**BEN 1/4/26.** Notes by G.P. Benson on ‘Teaching Ministry in Diocese of Mount Kenya’ (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)  
?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

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*;  
3 Book 3 *Old Testament and New Testament*;  
4 Book 4 *Church History and Theology*  
1983  
1984  
1984
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.

1 Keynote address to NCCK 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/Kiembu 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

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 English, with Kikuyu translation 23 November 1986


Sermon at Consecration of St Peter’s Gaciongo Kikuyu 27 September 1987

Incomplete. Tape ran out before end.

Address at laying foundation stone of St Monica Nyangati. Matthew 7.7-12 Kikuyu. Poor quality recording 2 November 1986

Address at laying foundation stone of church of Good Samaritan, Kamugunda, on The Good Samaritan Kikuyu. Poor quality recording 16 November 1986

Voice of Kenya and BBC News after queue voting, reporting arrest of Bedan Mbugua and banning of Beyond Swahili, English. Poor quality recording 24 March 1988

Sermon at thanksgiving service in St Paul’s Embu, following attack on house. English, with Kiembu translation 8 May 1988

Address at laying foundation stone of St Faith’s Ugweri (Ena) Kikuyu 4 September 1988

Sermon at funeral of thee murdered men, Kiandangae, on Colossians 3 Kikuyu 28 January 1989

Sermon at Consecration of Emmanuel Church, Kigaa. On washing feet. Kikuyu 12 March 1989

Sermon at wedding of Revd John and Mrs Pauline Karanja in Murang’a. Kikuyu greeting, then English n.d.

Sermon at Pre-election service at St Mary’s Kiine. Matthew 9.35-38. Also Romans 8.31-39 and Exodus 18 Kikuyu 21 February 1988

17
Sermon at Confirmation Service, Kiaga Parish
Kikuyu 21 January 1989

13 Sermon at laying foundation stone, Gichichi. On ‘Rejoice Always’
Kikuyu

Sermon at ordination service, St Paul’s Embu.
On the Good Shepherd.
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.
Kikuyu 12 February 1989

Sermon at St Peter’s, Githure. Philippians 4.
January 1989

15 Address at opening of St Stephen’s Centre Marsabit. Stephen.
English, translated into Boran
Tape turned after 30 mins. End lost.


English, translated into Kikuyu 6 July 1986

17 Address at Kirinyaga Convention. John 14.6. (continued in no.20 below)

18 Sermon at consecration of church of Good Samaritan, Kamugunda. The Good Samaritan
Kikuyu 15 November 1987

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
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<td>Sermon at Trinity church, Mutuma. 1 Kings 21.1-21: ‘Was there no Naboth to say no?’ Published in <em>In Season and Out of Season</em>. Sound quality mediocre.</td>
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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.

**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.

(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

(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.

(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

(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

1978-89

Sept-Oct 1978

June – July 1987

1987-88

April 1987

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 NCCK; 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 con-serva-
tion 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

BEN 2/2/1. Cuttings from Guardian Weekly (international
edition) on Kenyan affairs, including attempted coup,
d 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

(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

(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

(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 NCCK publication Beyond.

(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

1982-90

1982

May-July

1982

1984

1987-88

Feb.-May 1989

22
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

**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)

**BEN 2/4** Published papers about various significant political events and causes célèbres:

**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


**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
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).

Issues of East African Standard, The People, Target August 1996 covering church attacks and other tribulations for Moi’s government

Target (published by NCCK) 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

The People no.183 with front-page article on ‘Land Politics set to rock R[ift] Valley’ and commentary (p.4) advising Moi to listen to Church leaders

East African Standard. 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

Printed copies from internet editions of press reports of political and church affairs in Kenya

‘Kenyan Churches press for electoral reforms’, from Africa News Online

‘Another University Closure’ (students sent home after rioting) from Weekly Review

‘Reign of Terror’ on government suppression of political rallies, from The Economic Review

‘Moi, Church, in talks on reform’, from Nation Interactive

‘Kenya Tension Eases as Moi meets religious leaders’ from Africa News Online

Printed copy of email forwarding link to The Times (London) 14 October obituary of Archbishop David Gitari (d.30 September 2013)

A note on the General Election 2013 perhaps by G.P. Benson (typescript)
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 4/3 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

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).

For genesis of this book see above, BEN 1/4/8

A text book for churches particularly in East Africa including formulae for registers etc

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.

Describes history of minorities within former British East and Central African colonies, their fate following independence and worldwide diaspora


BEN 4/12 Kabare Pastorate. Kiririkano Kia Miaka 75 1910-1985 (24pp., CPK)
History of the pastorate commemorating 75 years, with lists and photographs of clergy and churches

[Kikuyu]

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.


Product of a Presbyterian minister, an outspoken critic of the government who retired on grounds of conscience in April 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* (vi+28pp., Diocese of Embu Dept of Communications) [c.1990]

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. 1984-90

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 1985

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)

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.*

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
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<td>The Weekly Review includes report of President Moi defending queuing and release of western volunteer workers by Sudanese People’s Liberation Army</td>
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<td>The Weekly Review includes report of intervention of Roman Catholic Ndingi Mwana ‘a Nzeki, Bishop of Nakuru, opposing queuing</td>
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45 The Weekly Review includes reports of political affairs affecting Bishop Gitari in Kirinyaga and article on Kenya Wildlife Service under Richard Leakey 1 Dec. 1989

46 The Weekly Review includes reports of NCCK (led by Bishop Okullu) renewed opposition to electoral changes and KANU 8 Dec. 1989

47 The Weekly Review includes report of NCCK debate (as previous), military display at Jamhuri Day 15 Dec. 1989

48 The Weekly Review 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