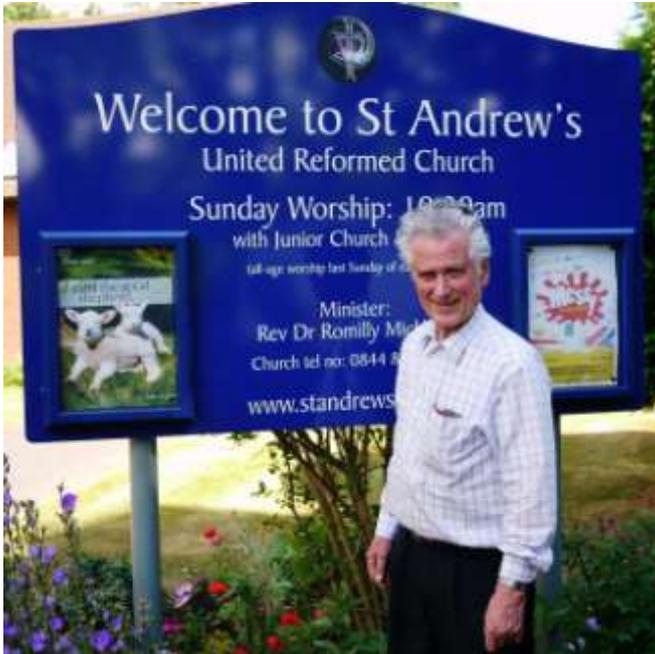


# St Andrew's URC ArtPeace Initiative

**THE VISITOR:** Last Monday, Fr Konrad Landsberg S.J. from Silveira House paid a visit – our first meeting. Koni is on a well-deserved two months' break, having visited Rome and various locations in Germany prior to his short trip to the UK. He told me he would have little room to



bring sculpture parcels over as he intended taking his nephew a wedding present of a large heavy 'head'. Imagine my surprise when I met him at the station to find him dragging two large suitcases on wheels. I could barely lift either of them – the hassle he must have had all the way from Zimbabwe but Koni is a typical Jesuit and always goes the extra mile! Nothing is too much trouble for this kind man. Photo below of parcels and baskets offloaded in 'The Shed'. He was keen to visit St Andrew's and had a good look around the church and the site in general. Sadly there was no one around. He was impressed with our

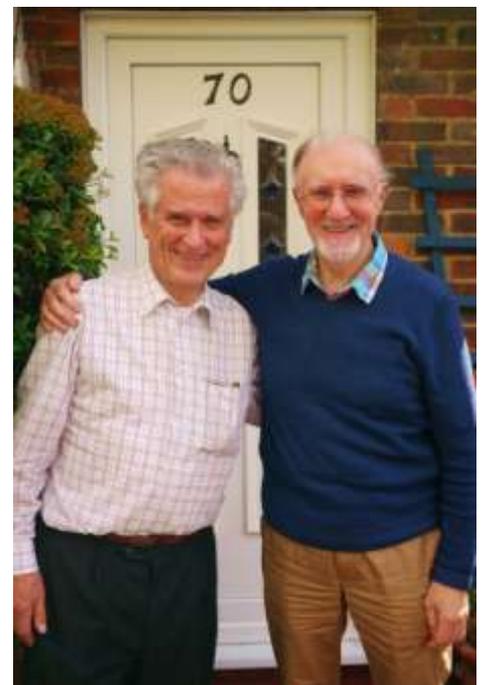


imaginative development whilst sympathising with a shrinking congregation – also very common in Germany. He thought churches needed more 'fire'. Koni is in the thick of things at Silveira House and apart from being responsible for their Spirituality Centre, is heavily involved in visiting the poor of the Parish and has many other demanding duties. I sense at times he finds the endless



suffering quite draining but he never complains and maintains a tremendous sense of humour. The shed is filling up nicely again and I will be further supported by couriers organised by Verity Johnson, CAFOD's representative for Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi and Swaziland.

**ARTPEACE** were recently uplifted by proceeds from Toller URC's coffee morning and sale plus donations from Fleetwood URC, another stalwart of the group! Beneficiaries included artist Godfrey William recovering from TB who although still weak, is



now able to do some light carving. Jacob Beneseni (above left) reference June article, whose home consists of plastic bags stretched over some branches was immensely cheered by a gift from his Christian friends in the UK. The photo on the following page shows the contents of the parcels brought over by Koni and already Ron from Ealing URC has snapped up the golfer! Luke and Charles, the artists who specialise in stone and metal told me their pieces were inspired from memories of happier times with their families. Other pieces to follow.

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