



**KINGSTON AREA  
MATABELELAND LINK  
ST MATTHEW'S  
FILABUSI  
WINDMILL PROJECT  
£5000 needed**



When Bishop Peter visited Zimbabwe in August 1999 he was very impressed by what he saw in Filabusi, a remote rural village community where the parish priest, Father Mark Mpumpulawne, is trying to get a number of self-sufficiency projects off the ground. There are already locally organised projects such as baking, needlework and horticulture, and Fr. Mark's ambition is to crown the agricultural work by the building of a windmill to pump the water. Currently the water to irrigate the fields is hand-pumped, which is a time-consuming and labour-intensive activity.



Fr. Mark has already organised the building of the base for a small windmill (see photos) - and the most efficient and simplest come out at around £5,000 - big money in terms of the local community.



The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call next year will almost certainly support the setting up of an Ordination Trust Fund in Matabeleland, the income from which would pay for ordinands' training. Bishop Peter felt that to ask for the Windmill Project to be supported as well would detract from both projects.

At the last meeting, Christ Church PCC agreed that this would be our millennium project. It is very easy for us as a congregation to become absorbed in the day-to-day running and finances of a British suburban church and its running costs. But here is a real need that makes Christ Church's financial problems pale into insignificance: water is the stuff of life!

The aim is to raise the £5,000 - or more - over the coming year. I know we can do it! Christ Church can raise this £5000 - it will be our contribution to the Millennium.