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## Fr JOHN PEARSON

5 January 1912 – 7 August 2006



John Pearson was a Londoner and was educated at Wimbledon Jesuit College. He entered the Society in 1931 and was ordained in 1945. He was at St Aidan's (1953-60). He then went to Makumbe for a year before going to Musami for 5 years where he was director of the Teacher Training College for a while.

In 1967 he returned to the UK and edited *The Messenger* and promoted the apostleship of prayer. He served at Oxford, Clitheroe, Craighead and Stonyhurst as chaplain. In 1996 he was in Preston.

Given a custodial sentence in his latter years, he stayed at Middlesborough where the bishop and members of the Society would visit him. Kevin Fox preached a sensitive homily at his funeral in which he touched on his troubles, and referred to the Book of Lamentations: 'In my striving and in my failings my health is gone and I brood on my affliction. I wait in silence for the Lord to save.' Kevin concluded, 'Our life and destiny is lived in a broken world and reparation is needed.'