



## ZIMBABWE: RISING FROM THE RUINS? 9 OCTOBER 2018

### COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

- Many thanks for an absolutely riveting evening, well done!
- My congratulations on a superb evening, each one is better than the previous. It was very well organised and the speakers were inspiring. You (Claire Freeth), Ben (Freeth) and the team are doing wonderful work in the face of great adversity.
- Thank you so much for organising the Mike Campbell Foundation presentation at the Royal Geographical Society last night and many congratulations. It was as memorable as ever, if not more so. You managed to get a splendid turn-out - almost a full house!



*The speakers with Kate Hoey, MP*

- Kate Hoey is an excellent chairman and the Archbishop of York's talk which, after the video from Fergal Keane (BBC), opened the proceedings, was absolutely splendid and got the evening off to a rousing start. But he did also raise the two issues - the absence of the rule of law, epitomised by the unresolved deaths in Harare after the election, and property rights - which dominated the rest of the evening.
- How sad that we seem to be right back where we started. Ben's repeated "prisoners of hope" sums up the whole miserable situation. He is so brave and also Gift Konjana and Chief Felix; but you must wonder or dread like me where it is all leading. Power is such a dreadful drug. One cannot see Zanu-PF ever giving it up; but, as Ben said, one must live in hope.
- The poem, which closed Ben's address, was very moving. Please send us a copy if it is not going to be included in your next circular or put on your website.
- Well done for the RGS event. I thought it was excellent.
- 'Thanks for allowing me to share in a wonderful event. Best ever, I thought. Well done!'  
*The Hon. Kate Hoey, MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Zimbabwe*