

Swindon Uganda Deanery Link

Newsletter - Summer 2015

This newsletters is being produced in response to the discussions at Swindon Deanery Synod in February 2015. The Link team aim to produce it twice a year to keep you up to date with what's happening with our link with dioceses in Uganda. Please feel free to circulate widely in your benefices, reproduce extracts in weekly notices or display on noticeboards.

Our link diocese 1.

Luweero diocese – This link has been active since 1996 when Bishop Evans visited Swindon during the Lambeth Conference.

A new bishop was consecrated in May 2015 following Bishop Evans Kisekka's retirement.

It is a very rural diocese and the Cathedral complex dominates the small city from which the Diocese is named.

Bishop: Rt Revd Eridard Nsubuga

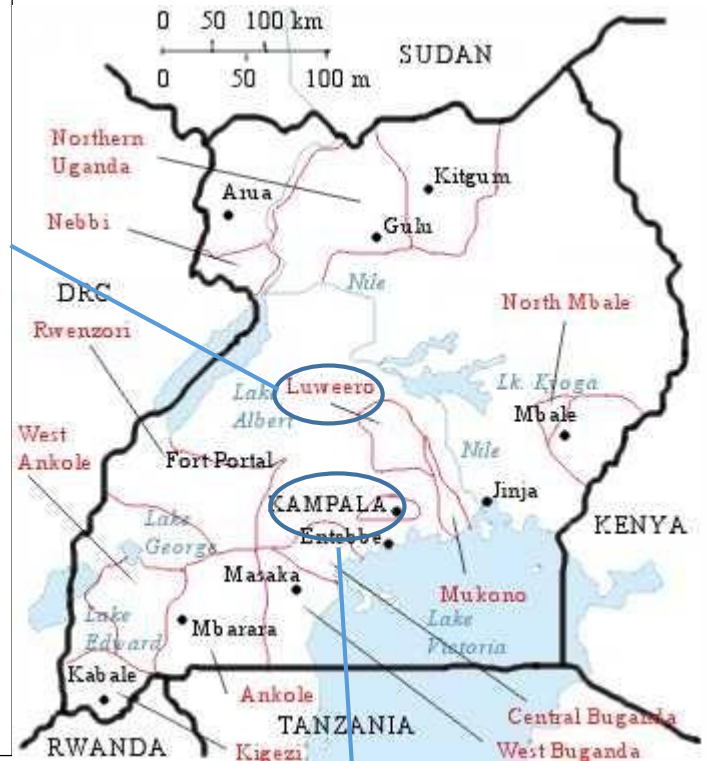
Diocesan Secretary: Revd Albert Senkeeto

Parish development and Swindon Link officer: Revd Godfrey Kasana

Mission statement: Enable people in Luweero diocese to attain sustainable and abundant livelihood based on Christian values.



Luweero Cathedral



Our link diocese 2

Kampala diocese - Though active in the past, this link has been dormant in recent years. The new bishop is keen to revive the link, so we can begin to form relationships with the people of Kampala and also Uganda Christian University in Mukono which is part of Kampala diocese.

Bishop: Rt Revd Hanington Mutebi

Diocesan Secretary Revd Fred
Mission Statement: Proclaiming Christ, demonstrating His love teaching and equipping Christians and Churches for effective stewardship and mission in Kampala.



Bishop Hanington Mutebi, Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Youth minister

Trip to Luweero

Chris Hawkes and Sally Robertson from Haydon Wick were privileged to spend a week in Luweero in May, visiting schools, a hospital and homes, meeting many people who are keen to see the link as having mutual benefits and attending the (6 hour) consecration service of Bishop Eridard Nsubuga.



Bishop Eridard in his new vestments, donated by Swindon Deanery, for which he was most grateful

Raising the roof

The benefices of Highworth and Blunsdon hosted Revd Godfrey Kasana in October 2014. Godfrey has an inspiring vision for providing secondary education in the village where he grew up, to avoid the young people having to walk 5 miles to the nearest school. The school now has 250 pupils aged 11-19. Some board at the school to avoid even longer walks and Highworth and Blunsdon helped Godfrey build the roof on the girls' boarding house. They also provided the doors and shutters for the windows which have just been fitted. Now the girls will be able to start sleeping in this building instead of camping in a classroom, as they have been doing.



Sekamuli Secondary School Girls Boarding house with new roof (above) and shutters fitted



Other news from Luweero Diocese

Bishop Eridard has begun work and started writing the 5 year Strategic Integrated Grass Roots Development plan which will cover many areas including mission and ministry, education, community project, sanitation and women's empowerment.

Many churches have been planting trees during the rainy season, to improve land use, though some have been hampered by lack of seedlings.

Revd Godfrey writes

"Greetings in the Mighty Name of Jesus thank you for the ministry that you do in the Church of God....."

Thank you for all the support that you gave materially and financially, To God be the glory."

Bristol Diocesan Link

Every deanery in the Bristol diocese is linked with at least one diocese in Uganda (and so are the deaneries in Winchester diocese). You can see what other deaneries have been up to on the link website

<http://www.bristol.anglican.org/churches/uganda>

Bristol City Deanery just made an innovative trip to Uganda with each person staying in the home of a Ugandan family for a week and experiencing daily life.

Prayer points

Please keep our Ugandan brothers and sisters in your prayers, praying particularly for:

- Bishop Eridard as he takes on his new role
- The successful completion of the Luweero Diocese 5 year plan
- Bishop Evans as he begins his retirement
- The reestablishment of our link with Kampala diocese
- The completion of the new Cathedral in Kampala to accommodate the several 1000 congregation.
- The chaplaincy at Uganda Christian University as it supports new Christians, especially from Muslim backgrounds

Would you like to visit Uganda in 2016?

The Swindon Link team are just beginning to plan a Deanery trip to Uganda in 2016. If you think you might be interested in joining the trip please contact Sally.

Link Team Members

Sally Robertson (chair)

Ed Poole and Mary Crichton (Deanery Synod Lay chairs); Jan and Tony Prichard (Dorcan);

Chris Hawkes and Raymond Adams (Haydon Wick); Daphne Hardwick and Steve Dumba (Old Town);

Patrick Mukholi (Penhill)

If your benefice is not represented here and you would like it to be, please contact Sally.