

Swindon Uganda Deanery Link

Newsletter - Winter 2015

This newsletter 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

Bishop: Rt Revd Eridard Nsubuga

Diocesan Secretary: Revd Albert Senkeeto

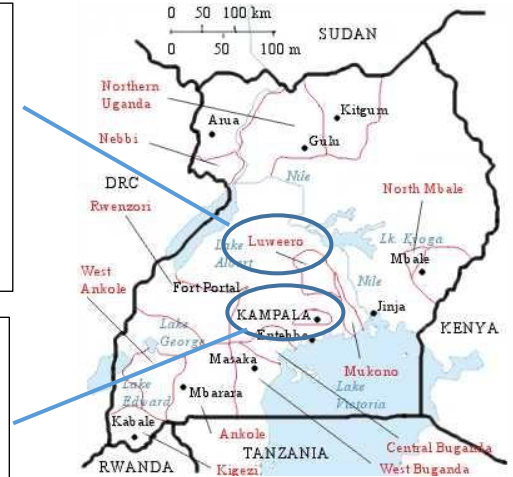
Parish development and Swindon Link officer: Revd Godfrey Kasana

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

Our link diocese 2: Kampala

Bishop: Rt Revd Hanington Mutebi

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



News from Luweero

In September the diocese held a Mission week and wonderfully 'many souls came to Christ'.

The tree planting project – to improve land use – has continued throughout the recent rainy season.

The roof has been constructed over 16 rooms in new women's hostel.

Beatrice Nansamba, the headteacher at Bwaziba school in the diocese, informed us of her marriage to Robert Sentongo.

Visit from Uganda

In October Duncan Mugume and Elijah Kiyingi visited the Deanery; they come from Kampala and Luweero dioceses respectively. They were based with Tony and Jan Prichard and Mavis Mason-Williams in Dorcan, but also visited the schools in Haydon Wick and Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Millicent church and New College.

They were particularly impressed with the projects, such as Food Bank and Breakfast Club which help the poor and enjoyed Messy Church, seeing how it could have an impact in Uganda, if the name were changed. They also visited Bristol and ~~enjoyed~~ enjoyed the Parish Officers training provided by the diocese.



Duncan and Elijah in Bristol Cathedral

Want to visit Uganda?

The planned Deanery visit to Uganda will now take place in February 2017 (roughly between the 11th and 25th). It is not too late to reserve a place on the trip which will cost around £1500. Please contact Sally Robertson if you are at all interested.

Presidential Elections

Look out for news about Uganda in February when there will be a presidential election. The current President Yoweri Museveni is standing against 8 opponents. Many (outside) commentators feel Museveni has been president for too long and should not be standing for re-election. However Duncan and Elijah pointed out that Uganda has been stable and increasingly prosperous during Museveni's 29 year presidency and more worryingly there are no other politicians with sufficient experience to be trusted as president. Democracy can look quite different from within a country than from outside. Elections can be a time of violence and turmoil in Uganda so do pray for peace and justice to be done.



President Museveni

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>

Other deaneries have undertaken visits in the last year and some of the deaneries are looking to re-establish links with new diocese in Uganda.

Bishops Mike and Lee and Archdeacon Christine take a keen interest in Uganda and particularly in leadership training. They attended the conference of all clergy from across the country in August. and will be returning in January to teach on the annual leadership conference.



Prayer points

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

- Bishop Eridard and Bishop Hannington as they lead their dioceses.
- The presidential elections in February, that God's will will be done and there will be peace during campaigning and when the results are announced.
- That Luweero diocese plan to provide more scriptures for the blind would be fulfilled and that Balitta blind school would be able to fulfil its role within this
- That Bishop Mike, Archdeacon Christine and Chris Dobson's input to the leadership conference in January would be transformative for the clergy in Uganda.

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