

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.

### News from Luweero Diocese

Our main contact in Luweero, Revd. Godfrey Kasana has written to let us know that the Pension House Project is underway. This is a plan to build an office block, or similar, to rent out and thus provide income for retired clergy in the diocese. A committee has been established to start the project off.

The land department is struggling to secure land titles for various churches in the diocese and the new parish of Sekamuli needs a new vicarage.

The planning and development office of the dioceses need transport, essential for visiting the many rural churches.

Mama Jane (Bishop Eridard's wife) is working hard to introduce washable sanitary pads for school girls in the diocese. Many teenage girls miss several days of school each month, because they do not have suitable sanitary products.



Sekamuli church

### News from Uganda

The Presidential elections resulted in President Museveni being reelected for his 5<sup>th</sup> term in office. The EU and US delegations were not convinced that the elections were entirely free and fair, the main opposition leader was arrested several times, but they were mainly peaceful and stability seems to have been maintained.

The rainy season was late starting, though the rains have come now. Consequently food prices are higher than normal at this time of year.

### Visiting Uganda

At least 9 people from Swindon deanery will be visiting Uganda next February, (for half term and the week after). The visit will include living alongside Ugandan Christians in both Kampala and Luweero, and a couple of days at Murchison Falls National Park. The cost will be around £1500. It is not too late for **you** to join them. Please contact Sally Robertson as soon as possible.

### Music from Uganda 29<sup>th</sup> June 7pm

Kampala Children's Centre are touring Europe and will be performing song, dance and traditional drumming at Lydiard Park Academy. Tickets are priced at £6.00 for adults and £4.00 for children (aged 2-18) and are available from [www.destinyafricawiltshire.com](http://www.destinyafricawiltshire.com).



Murchison Falls



Every few months, the Uganda Bristol Link Notice board in Bristol Cathedral is revamped by a different deanery. Chris Hawkes and Sally Robertson put up a display on behalf of Swindon Deanery in March. It shows how we foster links with our link dioceses by visits to and from Uganda, prayer support and giving.

Please continue to **pray** for the people of Kampala and Luweero in their economic and administrative struggles.

Pray that the rain would be sufficient for the country.

Pray for the trip next February and whether you should join them.

**Giving**

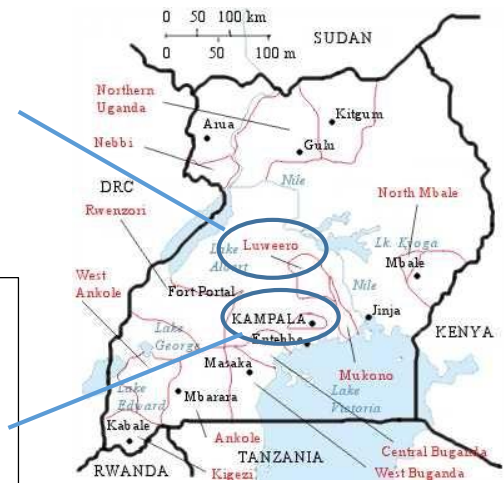
Various churches in the deanery send regular gifts to schools, hospitals and individuals in Uganda. This helps the schools to plan and provides much needed support which the state does not provide. If your benefice would like to link up with a school in Uganda, so that on-going support can be provided, please contact Sally Robertson.

**Just a reminder.....**

**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  
 Diocesan youth coordinator and Swindon Link Officer Alex Abraham Bwambale  
 Mission Statement: Proclaiming Christ, demonstrating His love teaching and equipping Christians and Churches for effective stewardship and mission in Kampala.



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