



This morning we will be welcoming Roger Morgan from *The Mathetes Trust*.

What exactly is *The Mathetes Trust*? This what they say about themselves on their website.

### The Plural of Disciple is Church.

*Mathetes* is the New Testament word for ‘disciple’, and The Mathetes Trust exists to help promote a culture of discipleship and disciple-making within the local church.

*Learning to love God and love one another*

*Learning to live as Jesus lived*

*Learning to pray as Jesus prayed*

*Learning to minister to others in the power of the Spirit*

*Learning to proclaim the gospel in word and deed.*

In addition to supporting church leaders and churches in the UK, they work extensively in Africa.

**Learning to be a disciple comes through the work of the Holy Spirit.** How to be filled by the Spirit, how to hear the Spirit’s voice, how to discern and use the gifts of the Spirit; these are all major themes for us.

**Who is Roger Morgan?** Formerly a mathematician in the Engineering Department and head of the Management Studies department at Cambridge University, Roger has spent 24 years in parish ministry, serving first as vicar of St Columba’s, Corby and then as vicar of Holy Trinity, Leicester.

**After leaving Holy Trinity** Roger spent a number of years working with the UK charity ReSource, focussing on mission and mentoring. Whilst in Cambridge Roger built up a ministry among both students and townspeople, and worked in partnership with Daniel Cozens of Through Faith Missions, planning and leading parish missions all over the country. We have invited him here in the first instance because we want to keep the Holy Spirit at the centre of our Strategic Plan. Planning matters but only God transforms lives.



### From Bristol Cathedral to Westminster Abbey

We want to congratulate **The Very Revd Dr David Hoyle** who is currently Dean of Bristol Cathedral. He has just been appointed to the post of Dean of Westminster. David will become the 39th Dean of Westminster, overseeing the spiritual life of the Abbey and giving leadership to the Abbey community, which includes 350 staff and 400 volunteers He will not leave Bristol until October and will be installed in Westminster Abbey on November 16<sup>th</sup>.



### A Half Century of the Uganda Bristol Link

**October 2019 will make the 50th** anniversary of the Bristol Uganda Link. “Bristol” in this case refers to the whole diocese. St John’s has been one of the churches most active in developing and maintaining the connections between our two nations and churches.

For historical reasons Swindon is linked with Luweero and the capital Kampala. That thriving city is a huge contrast to the very rural diocese of Luweero. St John’s supported Bishop Eridard financially as a theological student in Gloucester. It was a great investment!

**Many people from this church** have welcomed Christian visitors from that country into their homes.

**We are asking you to do it once again.** The accompanying leaflet has been written by Sally Robertson who chairs of our local Swindon Link. It will tell you all about everything that is happening in October. If you are able to host a Ugandan visitor or couple for about five days, we would love to hear from you. Members of Uganda Fire will be with us for five days. Bishop Eridard and his wife Jane will be with us for the full ten days. Hosting a person from Uganda is a great experience and a faith-building one.



A much younger Eridard Nsubuga before he became Bishop of Luweero.

**Challengers Coffee Morning: 10 am –12 noon**

**For those reading this on Friday –it’s tomorrow!!!**

**Prayers:** Sue Branch is back in hospital. Her long standing leg infection is still giving her pain and she expects to be in GWH for some time. Pray for her recovery and for Ted who is going to be on his own at home once again. Pray for a **new leader for Challengers** in the autumn. Nigel is stepping down and we want to see this great group continuing to thrive. Pray for Mark as he looks after his mum following her stroke and preaches next Sunday of the Strategic Plan.

Mon 24th	9.30-11.30am 2pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Pram Club Chris Hawkes' Homegroup—Quiet Room Bill Hunt's Homegroup—17 Rother Close FF&G Committee Meeting—Quiet Room
Tues 25th	8pm 8pm	Paul & Carol Nichol's Homegroup—20 Furlong Close David Rudland's Homegroup—Purton
Wed 26th	1-3pm	Craft Club in Church Room
Fri 28th	10.30-1.30pm	Rock Cafe

**ROCK Café:** Thanks to all those members of the ROCK café who were at our volunteers meeting last week. **May Southgate** is now chair of the committee.

Please pray for our church family	
Mon 24th	Margaret Poulton
Tue 25th	Julian & Win Priddle
Wed 26th	Allan & Denise Rees & Megan
Thurs 27th	Anna Richardson & Matthew Leighton
Fri 28th	Kathleen Ridley
Sat 29th	Simon & Sally Robertson
Sun 30th	David & Jo Rudland & Emily

**2 Notes from Viv & David Williams:**

We will be running the **Tearfund Big Quiz**, in Church, on the **16<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. Please put this date in your diary. It's for everyone not just for Adults. It's fun for all the family!

We will be going to **Spring Harvest** in **Harrogate**, again, next year. The time is getting close to book. It's very different to Butlin's so if you would like more information please talk to them or email.

Services Next Week			
30th June	9am	Holy Communion	Mark Sansome
	11am	Morning Praise	Mark Sansome

Parish Office Email: [parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk) or Telephone 726000. All items for the bulletin to the office in writing by first thing on Thursday. Thank you.



# Sunday 23rd June 1st after Trinity



*Keep in Step with the Spirit*

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion	Roger Morgan	Acts 2:1-13
11.00am	Morning Praise	Roger Morgan	Acts 2:1-13

In the Church of Uganda this year has a focus of 'Compassion for Children'. At each of the four Church schools that we visited in Kampala Áine and Joy led a discussion on the Compassionate Teacher. The discussions varied from school to school, each interested in pay and conditions in the UK, as well as finding out about the challenges we face in a secular society. Although our educational resources and support networks are vastly different, the need for teachers who have a vocation, a 'call to teach' was shared."

You can read Gayle's full report at <http://bit.ly/GBrep0219>

Áine Gale summarised her experience



"It was a humbling experience to visit the many schools in Uganda and everyone was so welcoming and generous in their time. It was a privilege to share education experiences with the many teachers we met. Spending time watching the children being taught with limited resources, yet engaged in their learning and happy to be in school will stay with me for a long time.

Meeting the headteacher of Balitta Primary school and seeing for myself the school which we are linked with and supported for many years was amazing. Engaging with the pupils and teachers has established this link even further and we are already planning more fund-raising ideas at Haydon wick."

Look out for Joy Farrell's reflections in the next edition of the Diocesan Connections Newsletter.

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# Swindon Uganda Deanery Link



Uganda Networks

## Newsletter – Spring 2019

[www.ugandanetworks.org](http://www.ugandanetworks.org)

**Please circulate this newsletter as widely as possible and feel free to use the content in parish magazines and noticesheets.**

**Commemorative plaque in  
Namirembe Cathedral**



This newsletter is being produced by the Swindon Uganda Link Team to keep you updated about our link with Kampala and Luweero Dioceses in Uganda. 2019 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the link between Bristol Diocese and the Diocese of Uganda so there will be plenty of opportunities later in the year to find out more about the life and faith of our brothers and sisters in Uganda. Please read on to find out more and please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Kampala and Luweero Dioceses and for a strengthening of our links with them.

#### Key Celebration Dates

**4<sup>th</sup> October** – Guests from Luweero and Kampala Dioceses and from AYF Choir arrive in Swindon

**5<sup>th</sup> October** 10am -12noon – Uganda Experience at St Francis School, Taw Hill – music from Uganda and England with refreshments and Ugandan games

**5<sup>th</sup> October** 7pm – Concert by AYF Choir at St Michael's Highworth

**12<sup>th</sup> October** – Diocesan Celebration with AYF Choir at St Michael's Stoke Gifford

**14<sup>th</sup> October** – Final visitors depart

## Background to our link

In the 50 years since Bishop Erica Sabiti of Uganda and Bishop Oliver Tomkins of Bristol committed to a partnership of fellowship in the Gospel many things have changed in the world and in our dioceses. It is now usual for dioceses within the Anglican Church to be linked with dioceses in other parts of the world. Also the church in Uganda has expanded so much that one diocese has become 35 dioceses within the province of Uganda, headed by Archbishop Stanley Ntagali. Some of the dioceses are linked with Winchester Diocese and the rest are linked with us in Bristol Diocese, each Deanery partnering with 2 or 3 dioceses.

In Swindon we are linked with Kampala Diocese which covers much of the capital city and with Luweero a mainly rural diocese centred on a small town 50 miles north of Kampala.

Celebrations for the Golden Jubilee of the link and preparations for stronger links in the years to come will be taking place throughout Bristol Diocese in October 2019 with guests from Uganda joining us. They will focus around a visit from the Anglican Youth Fellowship Choir, a group of immensely gifted musicians and singers who have the ability to communicate clearly across cultures. They will share their deep experience of faith and worship which is rooted in their African heritage and the realities of life in a developing country which has emerged from extensive civil unrest.

## How can I get involved?

- **Save the dates** and look out for details of how to buy tickets nearer the time and for other Uganda focussed events in Swindon during the week
- Offer to **host** 1 or 2 members of the choir for the first 5 days or Bishop Eridard and Mama Jane or guests from Kampala for 10 days.
- Offer to **drive** members of the choir around Swindon and the diocese for the first 5 days
- **Donate** to the fund to cover the cost of the airfares for Bishop Eridard and Mama Jane from Luweero and other expenses
- **Pray** that the time spent with our guests from Uganda and celebrating the link would spread the Gospel in Swindon and beyond and build stronger foundations for our partnership for years to come.

Contact Sally Robertson or your local Uganda Link Team member with your offer of help –

## Five get educated in Uganda!

In February 2019 our most recent group of travellers from Swindon flew off to Uganda, with the intention of learning more about schools in Uganda and how schools and churches in Swindon can partner with them more effectively. Sally and Simon Robertson from St Andrew North Swindon and St John Haydon Wick accompanied Joy Farrell, Head Teacher of St Francis Primary School in Taw Hill, Áine Gale, Principal of Haydon Wick Primary School and Gayle Bryon, Schools worker for the West Swindon Partnership. In 2 weeks we visited 10 schools in Kampala and Luweero and received amazing welcomes and hospitality. With the availability of mobile phones and apps such as facebook and Whatsapp in Uganda we intend to keep in closer touch with staff in our link schools.

Gayle Bryon wrote vividly about the trip and the welcome repeated in each school we visited.

“Uganda is a colourful country, from the bright orange soil of the dust track roads, to the yellows and greens of bananas and melons for sale along the road, to the deep pink purple skies of the evening.



As we arrived for our first school visit on the Monday morning children were already assembling themselves for their outside Collective Worship. They stood in their classes, in height order smart lines. The children led a time of singing and worship, then their scouts group showed us some of their drills including raising the flags of Uganda, Kampala, the Church and the school.

Finally, a group of pupils danced for us and we were encouraged to join in, which we all did in the blazing heat with what probably looked like a collective Teresa May moment of uncool Brit dancing!

As we visited each class we were greeted by the whole class standing up, they first greeted the Head Teacher and then us with ‘you are welcome our visitors’.

At lunch time we were surrounded by children wanting to greet us, it started very calming with hand shaking, but high 5’s quickly became the favourite mode of greeting with some energetic enthusiasm.