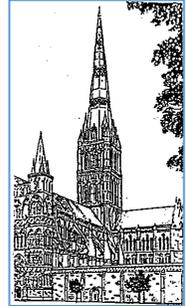


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Lord God,
You are making all things new;
Bless the new Province of Sudan.
Give grace to your new Archbishop Ezekiel, the bishops, ministers and
all the people.
Give them the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have promised us all.
Help them to witness and live out their faith in you, in the midst of
great challenges, opposition and hostility.
Keep us mindful of their situation and needs.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please never forget what it means to our brothers and sisters in the Sudans to know that we pray for them. Every visitor that comes to the Diocese as a result of our links tells us how important this is to them – to be prayed-for; to know that we are lifting them up to the Lord; that they are not forgotten – and they thank us for it.

POLO KADUGLI CUP

At Tidworth Polo Club **Sunday 6th August 2017**, raising funds for the Bradford on Avon Deanery-Kadugli/Nuba Mountains link. Admission £60 per car and two adults, to include a bottle of Exton Park award winning English Sparkling Wine and Hog Roast for two. Additional adults £15 each, children free.

SUDANS DAY

A booking form is enclosed for **Saturday 7th October 2017**, our Sudans Day at Shaftesbury School, 9.30 am to 4.15 pm. This always proves to be an inspiring day as we learn how the people of both Sudans struggle to live out their faith. Speakers this year will include the former (2015 – 2017) British Ambassador to South Sudan and there will be a report on Flame International's visit to Aweil, plus first hand reports of recent visits to both Sudan and South Sudan. A draft programme is enclosed with email copies.

NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL LINK

Many thanks are due to Helen Holtam and her helpers who worked so hard to organise June's Medical Link Garden Party. It was a delightful day, and raised £13,500 that along with other money raised will send much-needed medical supplies to many parts of the Sudans.

If you wish at any time to donate there is a link on the website <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/mission/the-sudan-link/donate> or send a cheque with a covering letter to the Sudan Link Treasurer at Church House, Crane Street, Salisbury, SP1 2QB.

LENT APPEAL - MARVELLOUS RESPONSE

Whilst prayer is always at the centre of our partnership with the Church and people in Sudan and South Sudan, we have been able to significantly increase our practical support to some of the neediest people there. Our Lent Appeal this year has raised the truly wonderful sum of £88,000 for the famine in Unity State in South Sudan and we are very grateful for and humbled by this result. Working with our partner Christian Aid and their South Sudan NGO UNIDO, we are providing essential food to the people of Nyal who fled from the ethnic fighting further north in Unity State. Some of them 'footed' for six days often up to their necks through the Nile swamp, with young mothers towing their children behind them on tarpaulins over the grass and weeds. Nyal is in the 'In Opposition' area of South Sudan. We have been able to establish a local economy in Nyal in which local traders will exchange vouchers for

essential nutritious food and stave off starvation, obviating the need for the UN's World Food Programme's occasional air drops.

We are hoping that our Lenten appeal funds will reach up to 6,000 people in need over the next three months.

ECSS&S NEWS

On the 30th July the Episcopal Church in Sudan became an independent province in the Anglican Communion inaugurated by the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby. He installed Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo as the first primate of the new province known as the Episcopal Church of Sudan - the ECS. Salisbury is supporting the new province in a number of ways including training programmes for the provincial staff and help for Shokai Bible College, the only Arabic speaking Christian training college. Changes in the leadership of what is now the ECSS – the Episcopal Church of South Sudan – are expected by the end of the year when Archbishop Daniel Deng is expected to retire and a new Archbishop will be elected by the representatives of the ECSS.

NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION LINK FROM IAN PINDER

It is a matter of continuing amazement and very humbling how much the people of South Sudan value education. Despite the conflict and raging inflation, in general terms, schools and colleges, across the country continue to operate. Some in the most difficult of circumstances eg relocated into internal displacement camps. It is a source of joy that we are still able to support and to assist the magnificent work in education of our Christian brothers and sisters in this ravaged country.

With the impending inauguration of the new Province of Sudan at the end of July and in collaboration with Leeds Diocese, our education links with Sudan have become even stronger in recent months.

The Education Sub-committee has been busy and already this year from our budget of £55,000 we have provided some funds for three theological colleges. The colleges are Bishop Gwynne College in Juba, Bishop Yeremaya College in Yambio and Shokai Theological College in Khartoum. We have also supported training courses for primary school teachers in Juba; the setting up/relocating of schools in camps for the

displaced peoples of Kajo Keji Diocese; the provision of resources for ICT training for primary school teachers; the refurbishment and provision of resources for a girls secondary school in Omdurman, a course for youth leaders on leadership and trauma healing training and a course of refresher training for clergy. We are in regular communication with our contacts in the Sudans who continue to provide detailed information on proposals and how money sent is spent.

Our grant scheme to support the work of deaneries with ECSS&S dioceses continues. Last year seven applications were received and a total of £16,150 was given out. This year within our budget £20,000 has been allocated to support deanery projects in the Sudans. Three applications have been received to date. The maximum grant awarded is £3,000.

The Education Sub-committee is keen to have new members. It welcomes interest in its work and is seeking to establish even stronger relationships with deanery link activities. Further information on the work of the committee and the grant scheme is available from me: ian.pinder@sky.com Tel:- 01747 811253

MONITORING SOUTH SUDAN

The Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) publishes a weekly round-up of news reports about the situation in South Sudan. This can be viewed as a blog at <https://blogs.prio.org/> or you can subscribe to receive it by email. It takes the form of a brief summary with links to news articles from South Sudan and worldwide journals.

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