



THE BRADFORD DEANERY SUDAN LINK



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Welcome to the first edition of The Bradford Deanery Sudan Link newsletter.

The current situation

Since civil war broke out in the Nuba Mountains in 2011, a huge number of Sudanese civilians have lost their lives in cold blood, many of them children, women and the elderly.

With their homes now destroyed, people have deserted their villages and are living in caves in the Nuba Mountains where all the water pumps have been deliberately damaged by soldiers. Civilians are drinking unsafe water and starvation looms as farms can't be cultivated.



In addition, there is not enough medicine and diseases such as malaria and diarrhea are killing children every day. Nevertheless the Islamic government continues to ban any international humanitarian organisations from helping the Sudanese people.

Almost all of the schools are closed, as are the roads to the major cities. Girls and women are often harassed and abused. Indiscriminate arrest takes place on a regular basis. Loved ones go missing every day.

Two years ago, the Cathedral in Kadugli was looted and the home of the Bishop, Rt. Rev'd Andudu (pictured) destroyed. In order to get aid for his people, Rev'd Andudu has been travelling extensively, alerting people to how desperate the situation in the Nuba mountains is.



Most of the current support comes as a result of the Bishop's visits to the UK and the USA and we are proud to say that the Bradford Deanery is one of those helping to save lives in the Nuba Mountains but there is a lot more to be done.

For more information, visit the Kadugli Diocese website.

<http://www.kadugli.anglican.org>

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RAISES MONEY FOR MILL**

Bradford Deanery Sudan Link Awareness Day

On Saturday 8 June, St John's Church, Studley, hosted a Sudan Link Awareness Day. This included news and information about the Bradford Deanery Link with the Episcopal Church of Sudan Diocese of Kadugli in the Nuba mountains.

Following a welcome by Rev'd Andrew Evans, Rural Dean, the opening worship was led by Rev'd Ann Fielden and Mrs Lubna Roro of the London Sudanese Ladies Prayer Group. Dave Lewis (one of our Sudan Link team) then gave an interesting and informative talk on the Sudan, including its geography, history and the current political scene.

Throughout the day we heard from Baroness Cox of Queensbury, founder member of HART (Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust), who spoke about her personal experiences of visiting the Nuba people and their direct needs. A representative of Flame International introduced us to their amazing work in the Sudan, bringing hope through reconciliation and healing to communities suffering the effects of post-conflict trauma. Rev'd Annie Wintour, a now retired priest from Melksham, spoke to us about her trip to our Link Diocese in 2010 giving us a feel of what it was like to be there. Dave Lewis also spoke on the Deanery Link.

Dave said, "It was a really well attended event by speakers and listeners that for one day brought the people of our link Diocese in Kadugli close enough to touch".

After a comprehensive question and answer session, we were privileged to be joined by Bishop Ezekiel, Bishop of Khatoum, in person, who had arrived from the Sudan (thanks to Mr Christopher Fielden for transferring him directly from Heathrow that morning). He spoke to us about how we can help practically and prayerfully and of the importance of our link with the Kadugli diocese. Mr Chris Pickett lead a time of prayer where prayer items requested by Bishop Andudu of Kadugli were prayed for by everyone present.

We are pleased to announce that Helen Dollo, one of the Sudanese ladies from London who joined us at the Information Day despite being heavily pregnant, gave birth to a healthy baby boy on 25 June. Helen is happy and well and has named her son Joshua.

Pippa Smith

Episcopal Church of Sudan Diocese of Kadugli

- Established and consecrated as a full diocese in 1997
- Covers the Southern Kordofan State of Sudan (approx. 82,000km²) close to the border of the new country of South Sudan
- The Rt. Rev Andudu Adam Elnail was elected Bishop of the Diocese in 2002
- 90 churches and 64 prayer centres with a membership of 22,000



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Mothers' Union fundraising efforts

In response to hearing of the terrible situation in Kadugli and the Nuba Mountains in 2012, Holy Trinity Mothers' Union, Bradford on Avon, decided they would like to raise money to send to the people of Kadugli.

The members decided that they would use their talents to raise funds to buy a new grinding mill for Yida refugee camp. The mill will not only allow those at the camp to grind their own grain but will also enable them to take grain in from other sources and grind it, in order to make an income.

Eight members, fully supported by the rest of the branch, took up the challenge and were each given £5 to start their fund raising.

The money was raised as follows:

- Sponsored Swims £253.00
- Safari Supper £140.00
- Sale of Decoupage Cards £77.00
- Lunch Party £65.00
- Wine & Nibbles Evening £95.00
- Donations £25.50

Total £655.50



The grinding mill for Yida Refugee Camp

The events took place over 4 months and created a great sense of fun and fellowship among Mothers' Union members and their friends.

In April, the grinding mill, along with some medical supplies and essentials such as salt and soap, was loaded onto a truck to Yida Refugee Camp and the Nuba Mountains via Juba.

Marlene Haffenden

Nuba Day 2013, Iowa

Nuba Day 2013 will take place between Friday 5 July and Sunday 7 July in Des Moines, Iowa. The interfaith event, which has been organised by 'Nuba Youth', will see both Muslim and Christian Nuban people, who live in the USA, gather to express their solidarity with those in Sudan.

The day will also explore how Nubans in the USA can become more effective advocates for peace and safety for their people. More information on Nuba Day can be found here: <http://bit.ly/113inYw> Please include Nuba Day and all those attending in your prayers.

Pray for Timo

The Diocese of Kadugli has sent Rev'd Timo Ibrahim (pictured) to the Nuba Mountains with supplies and money for the people living there. Timo and his team will deliver medicines, salt and soap, as well as a grinding mill and some bicycles. He will also take money for Bishop Andudu's Clergy, Lay readers and Mothers Union, and salaries for the teachers at Hope Primary School.



It has been possible to provide these supplies thanks to help from different organisations, churches and individuals however the roads are not good and insecurity is still a big challenge. Bishop Andudu has therefore asked that we pray for Rev'd Timo and his team, that they remain safe and that all the items reach their destination.

Prayer List

Other current areas of concern that need your prayers include:

- The citizens that remain 'trapped' in the Nuba Mountains
- The need for diligent workers in the refugee camps to maintain the Christian message of 'Hope'
- The problems between the two governments over the oil pipe line
- Organisations and individuals deeply committed to the support of the Sudanese People
- Mark Simmons MP, Minister for Africa and Overseas Territories

To join the email prayer list, please email Chris Pickett at ebidondi@uwclub.net

How to donate

To donate to the Bradford Deanery Sudan Link or to hold a fundraising event for the people of Kadugli Diocese, contact Vanessa Rose at va.rose@blueyonder.co.uk

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