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For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5: 9 - 11

EVENTS

Medical Link Garden Party

Sunday 17th Jun in in the Bishops Garden, South Canonry, Salisbury.
No ticket needed – just turn up between 2 and 4 pm and enjoy a very traditional English garden party.

Medical Link Soirée at Cranborne Manor

Thursday 5th July, by kind invitation of Lord Cranborne. An early evening of wine, canapés and a string duet in lovely surroundings. £15 per head. For tickets or donations, contact Dr Robin Sadler (robmar.sadler@gmail.com, 01258 840357) or Dr Sandi Malpas (sandmalp@hotmail.com, 01725 517253).

Sudans Day

Our Sudans Day will be **Saturday 6th October** at Shaftesbury School. Update on the current social and political situation in Sudan and South Sudan, Deanery links presentations, and the work of the Sudans Committee. To book email sudan.secretary@salisbury.anglican.org or tel 01963 23726. Poster enclosed with email Bulletins.

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTH SUDAN

Canon Ian Woodward, Chair of the Salisbury-Sudans Committee and Vicar of Salisbury Cathedral Close attended the installation on 22 April of Justin Badi Arama as the fifth Archbishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

The new Archbishop announced a decade-long focus on the Lord's Prayer as a tool for making and teaching disciples. He wants Anglicans in South Sudan "to do the Lord's Prayer and to live the Lord's Prayer in their daily lives." The new Archbishop listed objectives that he wanted to fulfil, including the unity of the Church. "In our country and our communities, it is clear that the devil has seized the hearts and minds of our people with a spirit of tribalism, politics, division, hate and violence," he said, adding that he would make "every effort to teach and unite to see themselves as brothers and sisters in one family of God."

Other objectives include the construction and improvement of church buildings, mission and evangelism, peace building and the provision of social services. "We thought having our own country would improve our situation," he said. "But our own politicians have made everything worse for their own citizens. Life for ordinary citizens is so hard and miserable. Our people continue to suffer in refugee camps, internally displaced camps and UN protection camps. Therefore, we are appealing to the opposition to put an end to this meaningless war and enable their citizens to experience what is God's peace."

Following a number of meetings with Archbishop Justin, Canon Ian Woodward reported that he is optimistic about the future of the leadership of the ECSS as they face up to the challenges of the 'sin of tribalism' as the new leader describes it, and the consequent continuing conflict. 'The Church has a unique role in exposing truth to power in a country that has known only conflict for so long'.

SOMA TEAM VISIT TO MARIDI 20 Feb - 8 Mar

Four people from Salisbury Diocese were members of the team invited by (the then) Bishop Justin Badi to lead a Youth Conference for 113 young people focussed on encouraging Christian understanding and behaviour among the youth. The team prayed together every morning and evening and sought to be open at all times to the leading of the

Spirit. The level of participation by the delegates was high. A wide range of topics was covered including the life and death of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Forgiveness, Christian behaviour, issues facing youth in Maridi, Christian marriage and Bible studies on Ephesians. Methods included small group discussion, large group discussion and lectures plus two hilarious sessions of games! There was a short time of answering written questions each day. At the end of each day prayer ministry was offered. There was much hidden pain and loss, which surfaced in the workshops and the ministry times. It was a blessed mission, and Maridi was peaceful, but the surrounding area was not, and road access was mostly unsafe. There was a lack of fuel so there was no power at the Guest House and some market prices (eg for exercise books) were high.

EDUCATION

Already this year, we have provided financial support for Bishop Gwynne Theological College in Juba, Bishop Yermaya Theological College in Yambio and Bishop Allison Theological College which is currently operating in Arua, Uganda and has a new intake of some 25 students. The college was forced to leave Yei due to the internal military conflict. A budget of £20,000 has been allocated to help support deanery projects in 2018. Three applications have been received for grants of £3,000. One has already been approved to support agricultural training for refugees from the Dioceses of Kajo-Keji and Liwolo, who are currently located just across the border in Uganda. Families have been allocated plots by the Ugandan authorities. Applications from Heytesbury and Poole Deaneries will be presented to committee in early June. Other applications are very welcome. Further details are available from ian.pinder@sky.com. The Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School, instigated and developed by people from within Salisbury Diocese, continues to thrive. Its bursary scheme, supporting some 100 students is a key part of its success. There is currently a need for six more bursaries. The sponsorship is £150 a year for four years of secondary education. Sponsors are allocated an individual student (a boy or girl can be chosen) and can correspond about twice a year with their student. Anybody interested in sponsoring a student is invited to contact Richard Dean (raadean@tiscali.co.uk).

Through the work of Richard Paul, a member of the Sudans Link Education Sub-committee, a bursary scheme for students attending five of the ECSS Primary Schools in Juba continues to grow. The sponsorship is £65 a year. Current sponsors are a mixture of private individuals, schools and church groups. Primary schooling in South Sudan is an eight year period. Further information can be obtained from Richard (rpaul2011@hotmail.co.uk).

At the end of June, Ian Pinder is stepping down as Chair of our Education Sub-Committee. We are very grateful to Ian for his years of hard work, and would also like to give hearty thanks to the many people who support the education activities of our Sudans Link.

MEDICAL LINK

Dr John Rennie, one of the members of the Medical Sub-Committee, is writing a fascinating series of monthly articles about the medical challenges facing people in the Sudans. Topics so far are:

- Burns in South Sudan
- Basic Medicines in South Sudan
- Good News from Wau
- Bare Feet
- Non-communicable Diseases
- TB

These are on the website at the following address and are well worth reading: www.salisbury.anglican.org/mission/the-sudan-link/medical-link

To donate to the work of the link, go to <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/mission/the-sudan-link/donate> or send a cheque with a covering letter to the Sudan Link Treasurer, Church House, Crane Street, Salisbury, SP1 2QB. You can specify if you want your donation to support the Medical Link, or education.

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