



Tanzania Links Update

September 2020

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Link Officers

Canon Maggie McLean left the Diocese in October 2019 to become a Residentiary Canon at York Minster. We wish Maggie and her family well for their new adventure and thank her for all that she has done to support the Tanzania Link over several years.

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Bishop John Adiema – Bishop of Rorya

It is with great sadness that we have to report to you that Bishop John died on Friday 11th September after a short stay in hospital. We received the following

email from the Rev'd Canon Peter Oyoo, Diocesan Administrative secretary and link officer:

Thank you for your prayers, for Bishop John and his family. The arrangements for his funeral are as follows:

The Bishop will be taken from Bugando Hospital Mortuary on 24th September to the Cathedral of the Diocese of Victoria Nyanza in Mwanza where there will be a service. The same day his body will be taken to his home at Panyakoo where it will spend the night. On 25th September in the afternoon the body will be taken to Kowak Cathedral and then on 26th September the burial service will take place.

Please continue to pray for the Diocese we still struggling raising fund to implement our budget, we still have a deficit of \$4800.

The Tanzania Link Committee are sending £1000 in the September transfer.

More Link Parishes required

There are many parishes in Tanzania who would like to be linked with a parish in our Diocese. Please can you be in touch with Bishop Tony if you would like more information about being a link parish.

ACT MARA SAFE HOUSE – The Story So Far ...Keeping girls safe from FGM

The practice of FGM is still carried out in Tanzania, despite being illegal in that country since 2009. In a few tribal cultures, this act is seen as 'purification' before marriage, and may lead to a larger wedding dowry.

In 2009, the Anglican vicar of Mugumu took a young girl into his care in order to protect her from FGM. From this one act, the idea of a 'Safe House' was born. With funding from the Anglican Diocese of Mara and the UK based Tanzanian Development Trust, a building was constructed that can house 80 girls. It is especially busy in the 'cutting season' of November and December in alternate years.

The Safe House provides the following for the girls in its care:

- Food, shelter and a home
- Access to education
- Family reconciliation work
- Raised awareness of FGM in the communities which it serves

- Currently, all funding for the Safe House comes from the Anglican Church of Mara, with support from the Leeds Diocese Tanzanian link, and some other church funding in the UK. There are plans for income generating projects to help it become more self-sufficient

The Tanzanian Link Committee – in the Leeds Diocese – has a sub-committee focused on the Safe House. We have a small number of members who look to support the project by:

- Giving talks on the Safe House and FGM practices in Tanzania to groups- in order to raise awareness and generate donations/ regular giving.
- Fundraising activities – the Safe House is currently very short of funds, for even necessities such as food and staff salaries, and **that's why we need your help.**

How can you be part of the story:

- Pray for the work of the Safe House and the Anglican Church in Tanzania
- Donate – funding is desperately needed for staff salaries, medicines, clothes, school supplies, bedding, food, transport costs. We have a standard letter and leaflets that can be posted out to you, if you want to do your own fundraising initiative. Contact Rebecca on the email below.
- Invite us to give a talk – to raise awareness of FGM practices in Tanzania – and to encourage people to make regular donations/ one off donations to the Safe House.

A standing order commitment of £5 or £10 a month could make a real difference. BACS payment to Leeds DBF, reference - Safe House. Sort code 09-02-22 Acct No. 10466302.

If you would like someone from the Tanzanian Link Committee to come and talk about FGM and the effects of FGM and the work of the Safe House in keeping girls safe – then please contact rebeccaacain@outlook.com

Prayer Cycle

Sunday, 20th September

We pray for Bunda Girls Secondary School in this time of uncertainty. For the Head Dinisia Chiwanga for Jimmy Hinton and Jane Reichart as they lead this link. The closure of the school due to the pandemic has had financial implications regarding salaries for staff.

Pray for the repose of the soul Of John Adiema whose Funeral will take place on 24th-26th September.

Sunday, 27th September

Please pray for schools links with Tarime, Mara and Rorya dioceses

Sunday, 4th October

Pray for the Mogabiri Rural Agricultural Centre in Tarime Diocese,
Pray also for the Buhemba Farm Extension Centre in Mara Diocese and their work with local farmers

Sunday, 11th October

Please pray for the region as Coronavirus continues to be a threat.
Please pray for the Diocese of Mara, for Bishop George his clergy and parishes and the Link Officer Lay Canon Arthur Mauya and the Leeds link Oriel.

Sunday, 18th October

Please pray for the region as Coronavirus continues to be a threat.
Please pray for the Diocese of Rorya, those taking charge of the Diocese without a Bishop, their clergy and parishes for Peter Oyoo the Rorya Link Officer and Bill Henderson the Leeds link officer for Rorya

Sunday 25th October

Please pray for the region as Coronavirus continues to be a threat.

Please pray for Tarime, for Akiri, his clergy and the officer Rev on study leave for Edwina our Tarime



the Diocese of Bishop Mwita and parishes Diocesan link Charles Mwita in Uganda. Pray Leeds link for

