

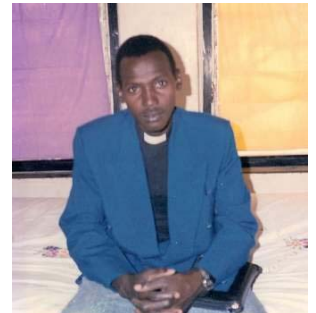
## The Diocese of Salisbury-Sudan Link

Each Diocese in the Church of England has a Link with a diocese/s in the Anglican Communion. Unusually, though not unique, Salisbury's Link is with the whole of the Province of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan serving all of the country - the largest in Africa - both North and South and currently 27 dioceses. We share the support for the four Northern dioceses with the Diocese of Bradford in England.

In 2008, the Diocese of Salisbury celebrated 35 years of the link with Sudan and 750 years since the consecration of our Cathedral. The Link is central to the life of the Cathedral and the Diocese and Bishop David is very committed to and enthusiastically supports the Link. We are encouraging Deaneries and Parishes to link with Dioceses in the ECS and school to school links. We work with HM Government and in Parliament and its committees and a variety of NGOs in the UK and overseas.

The Salisbury-Sudan Link has four main purposes:

- **Theological Education:** supporting the theological colleges in the ECS and providing bursaries for theological students usually at East African universities. An experienced priest from the Diocese has been tasked to revitalise Bishop Gwynn College in Juba and new staff, and a new provincial wide curriculum covering the other four Colleges are introduced initially at diploma level with accreditation by St Paul's College Limuru in Kenya.
- **Education in Schools:** Salisbury has realised that with the CPA generally effective in much of the country there is an urgent need for better educated clergy. Whilst, during the 21 years of the most recent conflict the need for pastoral care was an understandable priority, if the ECS is to flourish as a key player in the development of Sudan, its clergy need to be able to better engage with the wider needs of society. The development of secondary education in Sudan in the South - so constrained by the war - is crucial for the future development of the whole Country, and to provide a lead-in supply of students for aspiring universities. Schools links, both basic and secondary are being developed by Deaneries, Schools and Parishes in the Diocese of Salisbury.
- **The Medical Link:** an integral part of the Sudan Link - was established about 26 years ago and initially provided basic medicines and training of for local clinics in the ECS dioceses. Now, with the CPA and an increasing supply of drugs readily available in Khartoum and Kampala, the Link is exploring further ways to support primary health care including HIV/Aids education and maternity and natal care. A major general hospital in the Diocese is forming a link with the hospital in Wau in Bahr el Ghazel province.
- **Projects:** The Link also considers one-off projects that fit broadly into the objectives of the Link and respond to crisis needs.



Supporting these priorities is an active and ongoing advocacy programme which involves continuous liaison with HM Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development and key NGOs. Sustaining the CPA through the electoral and referendum processes is crucial to the task of nation building in Sudan and the ECS and its partners have a vital and influential contribution to make to this cause.

Funding for the Link comes from a wide variety of sources including Episcopal events, confirmations, and parish events; fetes and garden parties etc and increasing numbers of our clergy and laity are involved in visits to Sudan.



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