

UGANDA REPORT TO DEANERY SYNOD JANUARY 25th 2011

1. As I think you know we expect Bishop Johnson Gakumba of N. Uganda and his wife, Christine, to be with us in May next year for a Diocese Pentecostal celebration- more details at the next meeting. We have also invited his chaplain, Rev. Willy Akena to come again. Willy is the key person in our close link with Gulu, thanks to his IT etc. skills. He has just sent a celebration of Johnson's year as Bishop which I have sent on to your Uganda parish representatives.
2. Trevor Harrison of C.C. represented us at the World Mission Conference at Swanwick, which was attended by 90 reps from dioceses, mission agencies and overseas churches. The theme, 'The Future of Partnership' was chaired by Bishop Mike. Various important questions on relationships with our overseas contacts were asked by Bishop Mike and also Michael Doe of USPG .
The Deanery U Link have already contacted our three Bishops to address some of these points, two of whom have already answered.
3. The return of our simple questionnaire to all parishes on their involvement in Uganda has shown the variability of commitment to our three Uganda Dioceses but hopefully it will inform and encourage us, not least in regular prayer in churches.
4. It is good news that a young graduate, David Morris, and Charlotte Hill working at Christ Church who know Uganda. is hoping this summer to take 6-10 students to spend 10 days in Kampala and the rest in Nebbi, helping with sports projects.
5. Jack Francis. Our Uganda Link treasurer. He took to the computer at nearly 90. He had a lot of work over sending the container to Kitgum. Always efficient and accurate like the good aero engineer he was. He liked chatting about music, especially opera, and golf but he was no fan of Tiger Woods!. I and many others miss him a lot as he was so positive and lived in the present.

Richard Winn