

**St Peters Henleaze
Uganda Prayer Card 2011**

Bishop Johnson Gakumba of the Diocese of Northern Uganda and his wife Christine have completed their first year in DNU.

Bishop Ben of the Diocese of Kitgum and his wife Margaret, and **Bishop Alphonse** of the Diocese of Nebbi and his wife Florence for wisdom, courage and leadership.

Bishop Johnson has undertaken pastoral visits to 24 of the parishes and has confirmed 1360 people and conducted 12 weddings. It used to be a requirement that every confirmation candidate owned a Bible; it is now estimated that fewer than 10% of Christians in DNU have Bibles or prayer books.

Please pray for the clergy and catechists who minister to those congregations. And that the minimum stipend of about £12 per month can be maintained

Many of the parishes do not have church buildings and prayers are conducted in classrooms or under trees. Some have grass thatched buildings which easily burn down. Pastor housing is in poor condition. We are asked to pray for the provision of iron sheeting for roofing.

In an election year, please pray for fairness in the process. As Sudan moves towards changes, pray that this would not de-stabilise the region.

Pray for Chris Dobson, who co-ordinates the links between Bristol Diocese and the Province of Uganda; and that the existing relationships would grow in an atmosphere of trust and respect, despite our differences.

Please pray for those involved in the following enterprises:

Lay Reader and Pastors Conference

Clergy Wives Fellowship

Women Development Centre – students were given sewing machines

Youth conference

Use of the Public Address system for Mission Work

Drilling of a new borehole and extension of piped water to Gulu Primary School

For Rev Willy Akena, Bishop's Chaplain and Communication Officer in DNU

For Rev James Okoyo, Vicar of St Philip's Pro-Cathedral

For Rev Wilson Atine, Principal of Janani Luwum College; for the continued provision of good education.

For Christine Abia, the Mothers' Union worker in Gulu and the administrator of the Peter Fund

For the 24 young people supported by the Peter Fund; may they have good teachers and be able to apply themselves properly to their studies.

For all visitors to the region; may they be safe and may the experience enrich them and encourage them to tell their stories

Giving thanks for the peace that Northern Uganda has experienced since 2008; please pray for the continued re-adjustment as people return home from the Internal Displacement Camps and for the resolution of disputes about land ownership.