

Kadugli Newsletter and Prayer Diary

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In the last edition of the newsletter, we reported that a Peace Conference was being held in Juba, in South Sudan. No sooner had the newsletter been issued than we heard that the governor of South Kordofan (the province in which Kadugli Diocese lies) had asked Bishop Hassan to be one of five representatives from South Kordofan in the negotiations; Bishop Hassan flew to Juba on 31 May 2021.



Bishop Hassan (in purple clerical shirt) during a time of prayer and praise in Kadugli Cathedral

Early reports indicate the conference went well, though we do not have a full report yet. Peace is enormously important to the diocese and to the province, but after over thirty years of civil war there is a legacy of deep mistrust. Good relations and the establishment of trust and agreement between leaders is important, but these same factors need to be established at ground level, and this can mean people trusting their own leaders as well as those of other parties. It is a matter for prayer.

Term has ended for Peace Primary School. Some senior pupils will have left to make their way in the world; others may have gone on to higher education, though we have no information about this. All need our prayers, as do the younger children at the school, including the new intake.

Bradford Deanery sent money for the building of a kindergarten at the school. There were problems in transmission, and the money was returned. Before the money was returned, however, we had shared the difficulty with Kadugli, and their response was “God is great, and he can manage everything.” Sure enough, Leeds Diocese, who were kindly handling the transmission of money for us, managed to find a way round the block in the banking channels, and the money should now be available in Kadugli for the building work to start. The banking problem remains, however. We and others may wish to send further funds to Sudan, and we wish to be assured there will be no difficulties. Both Salisbury and Leeds Dioceses are looking into this with their bankers, and we pray that God, who is great, will “manage everything”.

Rooted in Jesus continues to make progress, but more course materials are needed, and we are still working out the costs. We can say, however, that Pastor Hassan Sudan, whose activities were reported last month, is pleased, and encouraged by the news of our prayers for him.

Next year it is hoped the Lambeth Conference, postponed from last year, will take place, and Bishops from different parts of the Anglican Communion will be coming to this country. Bradford Deanery has offered to accommodate up to seven Sudanese bishops and their wives for two days, and we are looking for volunteers to offer hospitality. We hope also to take advantage of their presence among us to hear from them about Sudan and about God’s work there. Do please consider whether you and your church could be part of this.

Prayer Diary

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This month, please pray for:

- The establishment of trust at all levels between different communities and groups, and that their leaders may retain the confidence of their people.
- The pupils of Peace Primary School, including those who have left, those who continue, and those who will be joining the school. Please also pray for the teaching staff of the school.
- The establishment of robust and free-flowing channels for the transmission of money to Sudan.
- The continued progress of Rooted in Jesus, for Babuj as he co-ordinates the work, and for outreach to those who have been cut off from the gospel, or have slipped away, and those whose faith needs strengthening.
- For Bishop Hassan, with his heavy workload and responsibilities, that God will grant him wisdom and strength, and that under God he will lead the church forward, growing in strength and faith.

Every blessing,
John Joy
Bradford Deanery Lay Chairman

