

# Kadugli Newsletter January 2021

**“Please do not grow tired of praying for Sudan”**

(Archbishop Ezekiel)

Good news to welcome in the new year! Peace Primary School opened on 4 January. There have been many delays due, amongst other things, to finance problems, but with the aid of contributions from Bradford Deanery these have been resolved so the school could open and pay its staff and so that children from poorer families would not be excluded.

This last point needs continuing attention. Education in Sudan is not free; fees are charged, and this might mean the children of poorer families could not afford to attend. Poorer families tend to come from Christian backgrounds, and Bishop Hassan is rightly concerned that their lack of money should not exclude their children from education. As a deanery, we need to look at ways of meeting these fees.



*Members of Kadugli Mothers' Union at Peace Primary School*

The opening of the school contrasts with our present experience in the UK, as we are all too painfully aware. Covid-19 appears to be spreading much faster here than in South Kordofan, the state which includes Kadugli Diocese, and while we were having to suspend public worship such restrictions did not apply in Sudan. Nevertheless, we should continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Sudan, just as **they pray for us**.

Babuj, the Diocesan Secretary, has been visiting the eastern part of South Kordofan, where the population is 95% Moslem and only 3% Christian. Churches there are few and far apart, and there are few Christian leaders.

There are recent press reports of violence in and around Kadugli, and allegations that the police have not taken serious steps to arrest the malefactors. In itself this is a matter for prayer, but it also needs to be viewed in the context of a country where there have been many years of civil war and where even now peaceful and enduring government continues to be under negotiation. Truly, "please do not grow tired of praying for Sudan".

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