Communications Reports for the Committee meeting of 1st June 2010

Sudan Vision day

The Vision Day was held at Melbury farmhouse on 27th March, with 14 people attending. It provided an opportunity to worship and pray together and to talk in a less time constrained way than is possible in full committee. We looked together at

- Has the ECS changed since the CPA, and how has Sudan changed?
- Our purpose and values, and how does the draft covenant reflect this.
- How are the deanery links working? How should we support them?
- Ensuring enough income
- Importance of relationship and exchanges of people.
- Education matters and Grace school.

The Covenant has reached the stage where we need to hear the wishes and suggestions of the Sudanese church, and Bishop Graham will forward this in due course. Bridget is working hard to establish what Deanery, Parish and school links exist, and to ensure people are aware of who else is involved. We agreed to try to establish an Education budget, put my thesis on "Spirituality of Christians in Southern Sudan" on the web, to discuss the Commissions with Bishop Daniel, and draft an Annual report on the website.

The minutes for the day are available from Jeff. It was generally seen as useful, and worth doing again when our new Diocesan Bishop is in post.

Sudan Study day

The poster and booking forms are attached, and you should all have them. The main needs at this point are

- Help with publicity, in whatever way you can
- Help with obtaining and setting up a reliable PA system.
- Help with obtaining and setting up the loop system.
- Help with setting up the hall on the day (Alan Dominy is no longer available). Helpers should meet me at the school at 8.30 am.
- The Committee members who are speaking should send me any power-point presentations they want pre-loaded, and indication of any equipment needed, e.g. OHP, DP.

Creddy is dealing with the bookings, and we should encourage people to book using the forms as soon as possible. Please feel free to copy for your parish.

Ron Hart 26 May 10