

DEVIZES DEANERY NEWS

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In the latest issue, I promised further information on *Projects Delivering Hope*, the project of which Adrian Burholt of St James', Southbroom, recently ordained deacon, is chairman of trustees.

It is a Christian charity founded in 2018 by three friends with a deeply felt concern for the people of South Sudan, and a desire to put their faith into action in practical ways. According to their website, their ' focus is to establish and deliver time and cost bound projects.

'The projects provide short term aid to help the South Sudanese support themselves in the long term. This includes practical items such as tarpaulins to provide shelter and bread ovens to enable thriving businesses. We run training courses and offer microfinance to small start-up businesses through our partner organisation, Five Talents.

'We deliver these projects through local partners that we know and trust from our previous work in South Sudan, particularly the Anglican Church as they work in their local communities to bring relief.'

Their recent annual report shows that they had planned to travel to a refugee camp in Uganda to run another business training workshop .Although this had to be cancelled they have achieved other projects: raising £10,000 for soap and sanitiser in the refugee camps to help fight Covid-19; .the provision of emergency food to refugees who had suffered a 30% reduction in their UN food rations on the camp and had chosen to return to their homes in South Sudan where they can eventually grow crops, but in the meantime, had no support and were starving.

A small proportion of the fund was used for emergency repairs to Bishop Emmanuel's 4x4 car which he relied upon to visit over 100 church communities.

These are examples of the work this charity is engaged upon.

In the course of the recent Deanery Synod, our prayers were asked for the success of **interviews this week** for a new Rector of St John's Church, Devizes.

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The Well on Wednesdays - Celtic Meditative Style Service

17.00 on the last Wednesday of every month.

In this time of global upheaval, come, rest, reconnect and be refreshed at the calm and beautiful 13th Century church of St Peter's, Poulshot. The service lasts around 30 minutes and includes periods of silence, engaging with scripture and listening to music.

The Well on Wednesday is there to help us all be refreshed and renewed through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Psalm 46 v10 says 'Be still and know that I am God". This time is set apart to allow those rivers of living water to well up inside us, to not only cleanse us, but to flow to others, in power and love, that others too may drink of God's life-giving stream.

Available to all denominations and the faith curious, in and around the Devizes area. No booking required. Your contact details will be taken upon arrival. Please wear a face covering. For any queries about this service please contact the Wellsprings Rectory on 01380 739064.

Edington Arts announce that next year's **Choral Workshop**, Britten 'Rejoice in the Lamb' and Elgar 'Great is the Lord', will be taken by the distinguished musician and choral director Jeremy Summerly on Saturday July 3rd.

Synods 2021 – Thursdays March 11, July 22 and November 18, all at 19.30 at St James' Centre.