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MARCH 2019

**This
Month:**

BBC
5th March



APCM
Season
Begins



Lent Groups
6th March –
April 3rd



24th March

Kagera

“Life in all its fullness”

Kagera - ‘an Anglican diocese in Western Tanzania - the size of Wales’

- Think of a beautiful Savanah country bordering on Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi with rolling hills, rich soil, few towns and no cities (the size of Wales).
- Think of a million people leading a subsistence lifestyle, each family surviving on less than £1 a day growing their crops on allotment style patches of rich soil. A family is rich if they own a cow.
- Think of a country growing ever dependant on foreign aid as the effect of global warming brings the twin disasters of flooding and drought. Traditional farming practice is no longer working.
- Think loss of hope in families where HIV/Aids is a growing problem

Think again – the vision for the church in Kagera is, ‘Life in all its fullness’. John 10.10.

Kagera may be poor in many of the resources which we ourselves take for granted but the Anglican Church in Kagera is growing and Christians are lifting many communities out of poverty. This is a diocese where Priests are known as pastors. Pastors lead the people in both spirituality and practical ways. For twenty-five years there have been good links between Suffolk and Kagera. We have learnt how the church and community are linked in a process encouraging self-sufficiency. Money raised in Suffolk has gone directly to train pastors who

teach new farming methods and introduce new crops. Global warming has made rainfall less predictable and like Suffolk allotment holders are learning to try new crops and use more mulch.

Pastors in Kagera are paid by the local church. A village church is doing well to raise £4 a week and the Pastor may receive less than £1. His or her allotment provides the food the family will eat. The church in Suffolk helps sixty pastors and nearly three hundred lay evangelists by prayer and generous giving.

Canon John and Frida Buchanimanza recently wrote, “*Frida and I would like to record our sincere vote of thanks to you and the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich for the help of school fees for our children Robert, Sarah and Marimu. May God bless you always?*”.

Bishops Martin and Bishop Mike are asking the whole Diocese to pray and give generously to Kagera this Lent.

If you enjoy a challenge please consider the Kagera Lent challenge where we can learn more, pray for our brothers and sisters and raise money to help them improve their lives. Some of the challenges are interesting - see Friday 8th March – International Women’s day – ‘give 50p if you have a female priest in your church, give £1 if you haven’t.’

Thank you, or as they say in Kagera Asante sana!
- Clare has saved you 50p already.

Bill Herbert

SERVICES ACROSS THE CARLFORD BENEFICE MARCH 2019

Sunday March 3rd Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 34.29-end, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-36 [37-43a]

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Family Service
Otley	9.30am	Holy Communion
Boulge	11.00am	Holy Communion

Monday March 4th

Hasketon	9.30am Holy Communion
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Tuesday March 5th

Grundisburgh	2.00pm Commission of Judith Pepper and Roger Ackerley of Bredfield as Elders
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Ash Wednesday March 6th

Grundisburgh	9.30am Holy Communion followed by Swapshop in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
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Sunday March 10th 1st Sunday of Lent

Mark 6:3-44

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist and Baptism
Hasketon	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
Clopton	11.00am	Worship for All Ages
Ashbocking	11.00am	Family Service

Thursday March 14th

Otley	9.30am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Morning at 16 Spring Park
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Sunday March 17th 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mark 12:38-43

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Burgh	9.30am	APCM Service followed by meeting
Hasketon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Swilland	11.00am	APCM Service followed by meeting

Sunday March 24th 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mark 8:27-38

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Family Communion
Clopton	9.30am	APCM Service followed by meeting
Clopton	3.00pm	Messy Church – Village Hall

Thursday March 28th

Hasketon	11.30am Holy Communion followed by Community Lunch in the Village Hall
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Sunday March 31st 4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

Mark 12:28-34

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Benefice Parade Service
Clopton	9.30am	Benefice Communion

First Point of Contact:

**Ashbocking, Burgh, Boulge, Clopton, Grundisburgh,
Hasketon, Otley and Swilland**

Rev'd Clare Sanders 01473 735183



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What's On across the Carlford Benefice – March

February

24th Big Brew 40th Birthday Party, Coffee Morning from 10.15am, St Mary's Grundisburgh

25th-10th March – Fairtrade Fortnight

March

1st 10.30am Ashbocking Coffee Morning at the home of Brenda and Bernard Mitchell of Knowle House, Church Lane, Claydon, IP6 0EN

2nd Swilland Coffee Morning 10.00am at the home of Ann Kent of Red Court, Swilland

2nd Grundisburgh Fairtrade Fortnight Coffee Morning, 10.30am Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

4th Midweek Communion at 9.30am at Hasketon

4th Knit and Stitch 10.00am meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking

4th Otley Gardening Club 7.30pm "Butterfly Gardening" with Dr Ian Bedford

5th Baby Café 9.00am – 10.30am Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

5th BBC 10.30am, Grundisburgh - contact Paul Wiffen 01473 738474

5th 2.00pm Commissioning of Judith Bignell Pepper and Roger Ackerley as Elders at Grundisburgh Church

6th Ash Wednesday Midweek Communion at 9.30am Grundisburgh followed by **SWAPSHOP** 10.00am – 11.00am Grundisburgh Parish Room

6th Hobbies Group, Clopton Village Hall 10.00am until 12 noon

6th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

6th 12.00noon Ash Wednesday – Lent Group meets for lunch in Burgh School Room

8th 10.00am Lent Group meets at 12 Spring Park in Otley

8th 7.30pm Lent Group meets at "Countryside" Gibraltar Road, Otley

10th Grundisburgh Sunday Club and Discovery Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh

11th Beyond Belief 10.30am – 12 noon Grundisburgh Parish Rooms – see details elsewhere

11th Otley House Group 1.45pm – 3pm at the home of Penny Clark of Cherry Bank, Otley

11th 2.00pm and again at 7.30pm Lent Group meets in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh

13th 12.00noon Lent Group meets for lunch in Burgh School Room

13th Ashbocking House Group 7.30pm meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking

14th Midweek Communion at 9.30am followed by **Otley Coffee Morning** at 15 Spring Park- home of Philip and Betty David

14th 2.30pm Tiddlywinks meet in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh

15th 10.00am Lent Group meets at 12 Spring Park in Otley

15th 7.30pm Lent Group meets at "Countryside" Gibraltar Road, Otley

16th 12.00noon Burgh Soup Lunch in aid of Burgh Church Fabric Fund

16th 2.00pm Wedding of Charles Parkes and Tanya Russell at Swilland

17th 9.30am APCM Burgh

17th 11.00am APCM Swilland

18th 2.00pm and again at 7.30pm Lent Group meets in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh

18th Monday House Group at the home of Malcolm and Sandra Green at 7.30pm

20th 10.00am-12.00 noon Clopton Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

20th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

22nd 10.00am Lent Group meets at 12 Spring Park in Otley

22nd 7.30pm Lent Group meets at "Countryside" Gibraltar Road, Otley

22nd Visiting U3A groups at Grundisburgh and Burgh

24th Grundisburgh Sunday Club and Discovery Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh

24th 9.30am APCM Clopton

24th Messy Church 3pm-4.30pm Clopton Village Hall

25th Beyond Belief 10.30am – 12 noon Grundisburgh Parish Rooms – see details elsewhere

25th Otley House Group 1.45pm – 3pm at the home of Penny Clark of Cherry Bank, Otley

25th 2.00pm and 7.30pm Lent Group meets in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh

27th 12.00 noon Lent Group meets in Burgh Schoolroom for lunch

27th Ashbocking House Group 7.30pm meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking

28th Midweek Communion at 11.30am followed by the **Hasketon Community Lunch** at 12.15pm - contact Claire Harrington -01394 380644

28th Otley Community Lunch at Otley White Hart 12.30pm £6 per head

28th 2.30pm Tiddlywinks in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh

29th 10.00am Lent Group meets at 12 Spring Park in Otley

29th 7.30pm Lent Group meets at "Countryside" Gibraltar Road, Otley

30th 1.00pm Wedding of Edward Quantrill and Hannah Girling at Otley

You are invited to... an extra special



TRAIDCRAFT
Exchange

Big Brew

40th Birthday
Party!

To celebrate 40 years of the Traidcraft family,
we're hosting a Big Brew - so come along,
have a cup of tea and a slice of cake, and
celebrate 40 years of making trade fairer!

On Sunday February 24th
At St. Mary's, Grundisburgh
Come early, come at 10.15am!!
To enjoy the refreshments before,
as well as after the
11.00am Family Communion service.
More info. Contact: Pat Fletcher 01473 735 775

www.traidcraft.org.uk/bigbrew

0191 497 6445

Registered charity, no. 1048752.

Children's Sunday Clubs

@ St Mary's Church Grundisburgh

Sunday Club

An active session with stories and
crafts of about 45 mins starting at
10.45am in the Parish rooms for ages
2 to 7. Contact Jenny
jonje@talktalk.net



Discovery Club

On the same Sundays, for
children from 7 upwards.
Discovery club gives us space to
reach out and explore.
Contact Sandra
Sandra@thecresswells.me.uk



For all ages. On the fourth Sunday,
3-4.30pm in village halls.
Contact Mark@cresswell.onl

For details please see our newsletter,
Grapevine on our website:
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Coffee Mornings

Ashbocking - 1st Friday of the month
Burgh - Occasional throughout the year
Clopton - 3rd Wednesday of the month
Grundisburgh - 1st Saturday and 1st Wednesday of the month
Otley - 2nd Thursday of the month
Swilland - 1st Saturday of the month

Hobbies

Knit and Stitch - 1st Monday of the month
Hobbies Group - 1st Wednesday of the month
Gardening Club - 1st Monday of the month
Bridge Club - Every Monday

Lunches

Hasketon Community Lunch - 4th Thursday of the month
Otley Community Lunch - 4th Thursday of the month
Burgh Soup Lunch - Occasional throughout the year

Prayer and Study Groups

Ashbocking House Group - 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month
Going Deeper - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
Monday House Group - 3rd Monday of the month
Otley House Group - 2nd and 4th Monday of the month
Beyond Belief - Spring and Autumn Groups

Children—All ages

Baby Café - 1st Tuesday of the month
Tiddlywinks - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
Sunday Club - 2nd & 4th Sundays
Discovery Club - 2nd & 4th Sundays
Messy Church - Once a month on Sundays

Quarterly Events

BBC - Four Tuesday Mornings, throughout the year
Men's Group - Occasional Mondays throughout the year

**The dates, times and full details of venues can
be found elsewhere in this magazine**

Carlford Coffee Mornings



Good days start with coffee and you....



Ashbocking from 10.30am

Friday 1st March at the home of Brenda and Bernard Mitchell of Knowle House, Church Lane, Claydon IP6 OEN

Burgh from 12noon

There is no coffee morning this month, but please do join us for our Soup Lunch on Saturday 16th March at Burgh Schoolroom

Clopton from 10am

Wednesday 20th March at the village hall

Grundisburgh

Saturday 2nd March from 10.30am and then SWAPSHOP on Wednesday 6th March from 10am both at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Otley from 10am

Thursday 14th March at the home of Philip & Betty David – 15 Spring Park, Otley

Swilland from 10am

Saturday 2nd March at the home of Ann Kent of Red Court, Swilland

All welcome

Otley & District Gardening Club



START OF THE NEW SEASON

We meet at 7:30 pm, 1st Monday of the month at Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley

Monday 4th March

"Butterfly Gardening" with Dr Ian Bedford

All welcome
Join up or just come along.

Admission £1.50 (members)
£4 (non-members)
Annual membership £10

To find out more, contact either

Alan Trevelyan (01473 890563)
Isabel Lincoln (01473 890826)



They all went in two by two...

A fun event for adults and children together, involving, singing, stories, and sharing food.

Clopton Village Hall

Sunday 24th March, 3pm to 4.30pm

All Welcome,

If you'd like to come, please let us know names of adults and children so we can get the catering right.

Email: mark@cresswell.onl

£1 per family. Suggested donation.



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Letter from The Rector

In Lent this year we are responding to our Bishops request that we explore the relationship between our faith and money – such an exploration was traditionally referred to as a “Stewardship Campaign”. Through Lent there will be an opportunity for you to join in a house group; to listen to preaching and to engage daily in reflection and prayer.

Money plays a huge part in our lives: earning it, spending it; worrying about it or ignoring it altogether, but perhaps barely pausing to consider God within our finances. Did you know:

- The Bible has over 2,000 verses about money matters
- Jesus spoke more about money than about heaven and hell combined
- 11 out of 39 parables talk about money
- One out of every 7 verses in Luke’s Gospel talks about money

The National Stewardship Advisor John Preston writes:

“There is a story told about some of the Vikings who were converting to Christianity in the seventh and eighth centuries. As they were baptised by immersion in Britain’s rivers, many felt a dilemma. While they were profoundly taken with their newly acquired faith, they recognised that as occupiers of a foreign country they might have to engage in battle. As they went under the water, some kept their right arms above the water. They were saying, in effect, ‘You can have all of me Lord, save for my sword arm. I need to keep ownership of that for myself - I may need it someday.’ While Christians in the twenty-first century don’t need to keep their sword arms above the waters of baptism, there are many who metaphorically hold their wallets above the water. Martin Luther once said, ‘There are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, the mind and the purse.’”

Weekly Home Groups

Lent is a time for looking at Jesus and his teaching and for looking at ourselves and considering our response to his call on our lives. This year the Diocese has encouraged us to think about our faith in a Generous God and our call to be Generous People. In response we would like to suggest all those that can take part in a four week Lent study in a house group.

If you are unable to join us in a house group – then there are other ways of joining in – you can download the study course from our website <https://carlfordchurches.org/lent-2019/> to pursue in your own time.

Daily Reflections

You may also like to take part in a short daily reading and reflection which we will email to you each day. To do that you can also subscribe to daily email readings on the **Generous God, Generous People** dedicated blog <https://generousgodgenerouspeople.blogspot.com/>. By doing so you’ll be sent a short bible passage and reflection each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Of course if computers aren’t your thing, then just let us know and we’ll find a way to help you out.

You could also read the booklet **The Money Revolution** which can be found at <http://thestewardjourney.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Money-Revolution-Glos-Version.pdf>.



LENT



The Lent Groups are taking place on

Mondays March 11th, 18th and 25th April 1st

2.00pm and again at **7.30pm**, both, in the Upper Room Grundisburgh

Wednesdays March 6th; 13th and 27th April 3rd in Burgh School Room – with a simple lunch at **12 noon**

Fridays March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th **10.00am** at 12 Spring Park in Otley.

As above at **7.30pm** at "Countryside, Gibraltar Rd, Otley

**Please just come along to any of the these, you’d be very welcome
and we look forward to seeing you**

Supporting Justice
in World Trade

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT
25 FEBRUARY – 10 MARCH



Coffee Morning

Grundisburgh Parish Room

10.30am Saturday 2nd March

Coffee, Conversation

Homemade Cakes

with Fairtrade ingredients

FAIRTRADE GOODS
FROM:



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Ash
Wednesday



6th March 2019

9.30am St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh

Bishop's Lent Appeal for Kagera A Letter from Bp Mike

This coming Lent +Martin and I are asking you to consider joining in a diocesan Lent appeal on behalf of the diocese of Kagera. We have been linked with Kagera for 23 years and many have been enriched by our partnership in discipleship. Times are especially difficult in Kagera this year because of climate change and the consequent loss of reliable rains for crops, which has had a particularly devastating effect on two districts but is affecting all parts with reduced crop yields and income. Bishop Aaron has written: "Brothers and sisters in the Lord, I am writing to you to appeal for an emergency support for our people".

The international link that St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese has with Kagera Diocese is a gift that enriches, inspires and challenges us as brothers and sisters in Christ across hugely different contexts, I commend it to you.

We are asking every church to engage in this Lent appeal and there are resources for imaginative ways of doing so on the [diocesan website](#).

+Mike

Bishop Mike



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1st **2.00pm** and again at **7.30pm**, both, in the Upper Room Grundisburgh

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On Shrove Tuesday

5th March

Come and support the
Commissioning of

Judith Pepper and
Roger Ackerley of
Bredfield as Elders

2.00pm
at St Mary's Church,
Grundisburgh



Grundisburgh Bridge Club Needs You

As some of our members have moved away, we are now looking for new bridge players to join our friendly club in Grundisburgh.

We meet in the Parish Rooms on a Monday evening at 7.30pm.

We provide tea/coffee and biscuits and the cost for the evening is £1 per person, plus an annual subscription of £5.

If you are interested in joining our group, please email me on monica.begg@sky.com

We look forward to hearing from you

BURGH CHURCH SCHOOLROOM DRABBS LANE, IP13 6QA

BURGH SOUP LUNCH



Saturday March 16th 12.00 noon to 1.30pm

Soup and bread - £4.00 Seasonal desserts - £2.00

In aid of Burgh Church Fabric Fund

Beyond Belief

Spring 2019

What do we really know about these Bible topics ...?

We are a small group which gives us the opportunity to discuss areas of Christian Faith at six meetings held at GRUNDISBURGH PARISH ROOMS, 10.30-12.00

Sessions are fortnightly on **Monday March 11th & 25th; April 8th & 29th, May 13th**. People of faith, agnostics, and atheists are all very welcome.

Tea or coffee and a piece of cake will be available and a warm welcome to all. A small charge of £1 per person, per session, covers costs.

We will consider - What do we really know about . . .

Session 2 - March 11th

Biblical Topic - Discussion 1: 'Mary Magdalene - Apostle to the Apostles' What facts do we have about Mary Magdalene? Where does this woman originate from? What role did she play in the early church?

References: Luke 8:1-3; John 19:25; John 20:11-18; Mark 16:12; The Gospel of Mary

Session 3 - March 25th

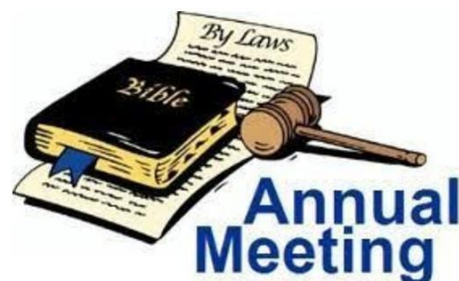
Biblical Topic - ppt. Presentation 2: 'The Trial of Jesus and the Men Who Condemned him' What was Jesus accused of? Why was Herod involved? Why was Pilate so edgy about sentencing Jesus? What were the rules on capital punishment?

References: Mark Chapters 14-15; Matthew Chapters 26-28; John Chapters 18-19; Luke Chapters 22-23

Why not come and try our group? Join us this Spring 2019

Enquiries: Paul on: 01473 738474 or paulwiffen222@btinternet.com

From The Editor The cutoff date for material to be included is the 8th of the month and material should be sent to Clare at revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk and Amy at bakergirl174@gmail.com please.



Annual Meeting

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

This is the season of Annual Meetings, a chance to review the year of 2018 and look forward to 2019.

It is an opportunity for all of us to ask the questions "What is God asking me to do?"

"What can I offer to the life of the Church?"

Meetings will happen on a Sunday morning with a short act of worship, followed by the official business

March 17th

9.30am Burgh

11.00am Swilland

March 24th

9.30am Clopton

BBC

Bible Book Club

A small group - those of faith, agnostics, & atheists -interested in the historical context of Christian literature.

We meet in Grundisburgh on just four Tuesday mornings each year.

Our next meeting is on March 5th 2019 at 10.30am.

Discussing: 'JESUS and the GOSPEL WOMEN' By Joanna Collicutt McGrath

Why not get a copy and start reading now, we would be very pleased to have you come along.

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This year St Edmundsbury and Ipswich celebrates 25 years of working together with Kagera Diocese. Through the link we:



- develop friendships and understanding of each other's lives and experiences
- pray for each other
- grow in faith as we learn from one another
- share our resources because of our friendship

Kagera, in northwest Tanzania, is a beautiful region, mostly of steeply hilled savannah country. However it is poor and remote. Its 1 million people typically live on less than £1 a day, mostly through subsistence farming. Malaria and HIV/Aids are major problems. Parts of Kagera have some of the highest under-five mortality rates in the country. Lack of education and low capital investment in the area has led to a perception of poverty being the norm and to dependency on external aid.

The Bishops' Lent appeal this year will support our brothers and sisters in Kagera with education in its many forms to enable them to raise their people out of a mindset of dependency to self sufficiency. The funds raised will support priests, subsistence farmers and young people, and empower them to build a more hopeful future. The vision of Kagera Diocese is 'Life in its fullness' (John 10:10) and through the link we can help them achieve it.

A message from Bishop Mike

"Together we can make a huge and lasting impact on the quality of lives of some of our poorest brothers and sisters in Christ - let's take the opportunity and regard it as a privilege to do so!"



Sending your Lent Appeal donation to Kagera

You can send a cheque by post to the Diocesan Office using this form:

I enclose a gift of £..... for the Kagera Lent Appeal.

Send this form with your gift to:

Diocesan Accountant,
St Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler St, Ipswich, IP1 1UQ

Please make your cheque payable to

St Edmundsbury and Ipswich DBF
and write 'Kagera Lent Appeal' on the back.

Or you can pay by Bank Transfer (BACS) using:

Sort Code: 16-22-17 Account No: 12190112

Name: St Edmundsbury and Ipswich DBF No 2

Please quote reference : Kagera Lent

Make your donation worth 25% more at no extra cost to you!

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If you are a UK taxpayer, you can use Gift Aid to make your donations go further. We can claim 25p tax on every £1 that you give and it won't cost you a penny more - all you need to do is complete the form below and send it to the address above.

I authorise St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Finance to treat:

- ☐ the enclosed gift of £ as a Gift Aid donation
☐ my gift of £ sent by BACS as a Gift Aid donation

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid reclaimed on all my donations then it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title Initials Surname

Home address

Postcode

Signature Date



2019

Bishops' Lent appeal for Kagera

Help young people
build a better future

Help subsistence
farmers survive climate change

Help priests motivate
and lead their communities
out of poverty



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and Ipswich



DIocese of KAGERA
Anglican Church of Tanzania

2019 Bishop's Lent appeal for Kagera : Educating for self-sufficiency

Help young people build a better future

Kagera has one of the lowest levels of literacy in Tanzania. The Diocese has set up both a primary school and a secondary school in the town of Ngara, close to the Diocesan headquarters.

We are helping finance the building of dormitory accommodation at Ngara Anglican Primary School (NAPS). Further building work is needed including improved kitchen and dining facilities, a new library, and guttering and tanks for rainwater collection.

The Diocese is also active in state schools. It has developed a bible knowledge course which is being used in secondary schools across the region, delivered by parish priests and lay workers. The course has been so successful that it has been taken up by other dioceses in Tanzania.

The Diocese also runs Sunday Schools and youth work in most of the churches in Kagera.



NAPS provides high quality primary education in English. In 2018 the final year pupils achieved the best results for the whole of Kagera region, 12th out of over 3000 schools in the country.

Help farmers survive climate change

Climate change is having a huge impact in Kagera. Where once the rainy seasons came regularly each year, now they are unpredictable. After months without rain there can be torrential downpours, washing away whatever crops have been planted. This can be devastating for a subsistence farmer, depending on his or her land for food to eat. And that's over 70% of the population of Kagera. Because of climate change, farming methods that have been used for generations are no longer working.

The Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP) is a Diocesan project to encourage self sufficiency. Money raised in the 2017 appeal is supporting the core work of CCMP until 2020. With money raised in this year's appeal we can help fund:

- training in new farming methods
- obtaining new seed varieties



Using a loan from his Pamoja self-help group set up by CCMP, Majaliwa now grows passion fruit to sell at market. The money he earned has made a huge difference to him and his family, and he is now a CCMP facilitator for his district.

Help priests lead their people out of poverty

Priests in Kagera are known as pastors – shepherds. They lead their people not only spiritually but also in practical ways. Pastors need support in this holistic ministry, to motivate and lead their communities out of poverty to 'Life in its fullness.'

Pastors are paid by their local churches. In Nyamteke village the collection raises around £4 each week and the pastor receives just 20% of this.

The Lent appeal can help:

- Kagera Theological Training College (KCTC), provide training for lay leaders and a diploma course leading to ordination
- pastors with their expenses including medical insurance and children's school fees
- parishes with funds to set up projects to improve their communities



Pastor Amon is a leader in his church of Nyakayanja. He is teaching his congregation about CCMP to encourage them to plant trees, establish self-help groups, and work for the improvement of their community.