

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC-scattered community



Fruit of the Spirit

A POEM

Love is the key:
Joy is love singing
Peace is love resting
Longsuffering is love enduring
Kindness is love's touch
Goodness is love's character
Faithfulness is love's habit
Gentleness is love's self-forgetfulness
Self-control is love holding the reigns

- Donald Grey Barnhouse



OFFICE HOURS:

Our office is
now open:
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Tue to Fri

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Adjumani Refugee Camp

ANGLICAN AID

Women and children have been the most severely affected by the South Sudan crisis. Vulnerable to rape and intimidation, women without husbands have children to care for but feel powerless in a foreign land.

This situation has long lasting implications for the next generation of South Sudanese as access to education is greatly exacerbated, whether that be from overcrowding in schools, long and dangerous distances to travel, the impact of empty stomachs or just struggling to pay for school fees generally.

Therefore, Anglican Aid is partnering with the Mothers' Union South Sudan and Elizabeth Lual to raise funds to support access to education and educational resources in the Adjumani Refugee Camp.

This project is supported by South Sudanese Australians who have visited Adjumani and witnessed firsthand the conditions under which the refugees are living. Elizabeth Lual, who lives in Wollongong, Australia was also a South Sudanese refugee living in Kenya and knows the suffering that comes from poverty, discrimination and violence.

Elizabeth visited Adjumani in April-June 2018, she coordinated with the Mothers' Union South Sudan in Uganda where they provided aid and relief for some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

This project comes as a result of consultation with local community members, as they expressed a deep concern for the education of their children, and their desire to see them have a future.

Pray that the warring sides in South Sudan may implement and live by agreed ceasefires and that militias will respect the truce.

Ask God to allow for the return of the many South Sudanese people who have fled their homes.

All donations to this project are tax deductible.

<https://anglicanaid.org.au/projects/adjumani-refugee-camp>

Northern Uganda's Moyo District is home to a network of UNHCR camps known as Adjumani. Since the beginning of the South Sudan Civil War in December 2013, more than 220,000 people have fled to Uganda seeking safety from civil strife.





For inclusion in the parish prayers for those in need please email

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Contact Anne Flood to join the prayer chain



The "Australian Blessing"

SENT IN BY LORNA ROBINSON

During this time of uncertainty and physical isolation, over 300 Australian churches united together to sing a blessing over our nation. This is the first time this has happened!

Our desire is to shine the light of Jesus in a time of darkness. We hope that this song will fill you with peace and encouragement. We pray it blesses you, your children and your children's children.

Watch it on youtube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOt7baaVSbE>



For Your Prayers

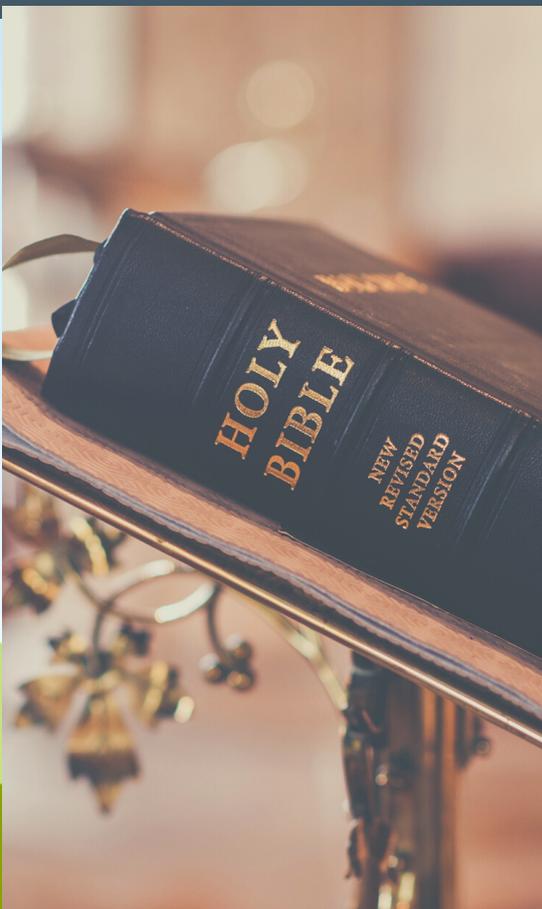
Loving God, who has created humankind in Your own image; grant us grace to fearlessly and boldly contend against injustice, and to make no peace with oppression; and that we may reverently use our freedom. Help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice for all people and nations, to the glory of Your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember those in our parish who are unwell at this time. Lord we pray for healing and strength.

We celebrate with those having special anniversaries - Margaret and Peter Carn's 60th wedding anniversary & Hilary Cohen's 80th birthday.



**SWAC Kids
zoom meet on
Sundays at 11am
with Matt &
Amanda.
Email Matt
for more info
or to sign your
kids up!**



Prayer for the Children

COMPASSION

Child advocate and President Emeritus of Compassion, Wess Stafford, shares a prayer for all those caring for children to know God's patience and grace. Take time to pray that you would know God's hand on your life as you care for children. *We love You so much, Lord! We surrender fully to You and pray that Your love will guide us today and every day. May we simply be conduits of Your love to the children in our care. Amen.* Stafford says watch carefully the children around you. In precious moments you will catch a glimpse of your Saviour's face. Listen intently and you will hear his voice. Walk gently among them; His footprints are all around you. Embrace them, for you are embracing Him. Respect them, because they are sometimes God's agents – exactly the kind of instruments he needs. At such times, only a child will do.



Journey through Mark's Gospel

BIBLE READING GUIDE

SATURDAY	Mark 12:28-34	Psalm 85:8-13
MONDAY	Mark 12:35-40	Psalm 145:1-9
TUESDAY	Mark 12:41-44	Psalm 115:1-11
WEDNESDAY	Mark 13:1-13	Psalm 105:1-7
THURSDAY	Mark 13:14-31	Psalm 80:1-19
FRIDAY	Mark 13:32-37	Psalm 51:6-12

Daily devotion from J.C. Ryle's devotional commentary on Mark please go to:

<https://sites.google.com/view/swacresources/resources-home>