



LYNDHURST
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RWANDA LENT APPEAL 2021

COVID RECOVERY and PASTOR TRAINING



Parish foodbank in response to Covid-19 at Maranyundo, Kigali Diocese.



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"And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" Romans 10:15

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LYNDHURST DEANERY RWANDA PARTNERSHIPS

Parish of Marchwood support Shyogwe Diocese

In Shyogwe Diocese only a handful of the parishes were open for worship, but with a great concern that Covid is increasing in schools and prisons.



I am Venant Ntakirutimana, a pastor in Shyogwe Diocese of the Anglican Church of Rwanda. I am 36 years old, married to Mrs

Marie Rosette Niwewarwego and we are blessed with two sons, Evan who is 6 years old and Ethan who is 2. My dream is to complete a PhD in Theology so that I can also become a lecturer in the theological schools of Rwanda.

"The church is in great need of trained young pastors in Theology, at least to bachelor's degree level, as required by the government of Rwanda."

Venant Ntakirutimana.

Parish of Colbury support Kivu Diocese

Parish of Hythe support Kigeme Diocese

Parish of Hordle and Tiptoe support Butare Diocese

Totton Team Churches support Kivu Diocese

The connection with Kivu is strong. They are praying more for us during the Covid crisis.

Parish of Fawley support Byumba Diocese

Parish of Pennington support Shyira Diocese

Parish of Lymington support Shyira Diocese

The parishes of Beaulieu, East Boldre and Exbury support Kigali and Gasabo Dioceses

Parish of Boldre and South Baddesley support Byumba and Gahini Dioceses

In Byumba there is a focus on the Hannah Ministry and King Solomon School. Extra classrooms have been built with P4, P5 and P6 already back at school.

Parish of Brockenhurst support Kigeme Diocese

Parish of Milford on Sea support Cyangugu Diocese

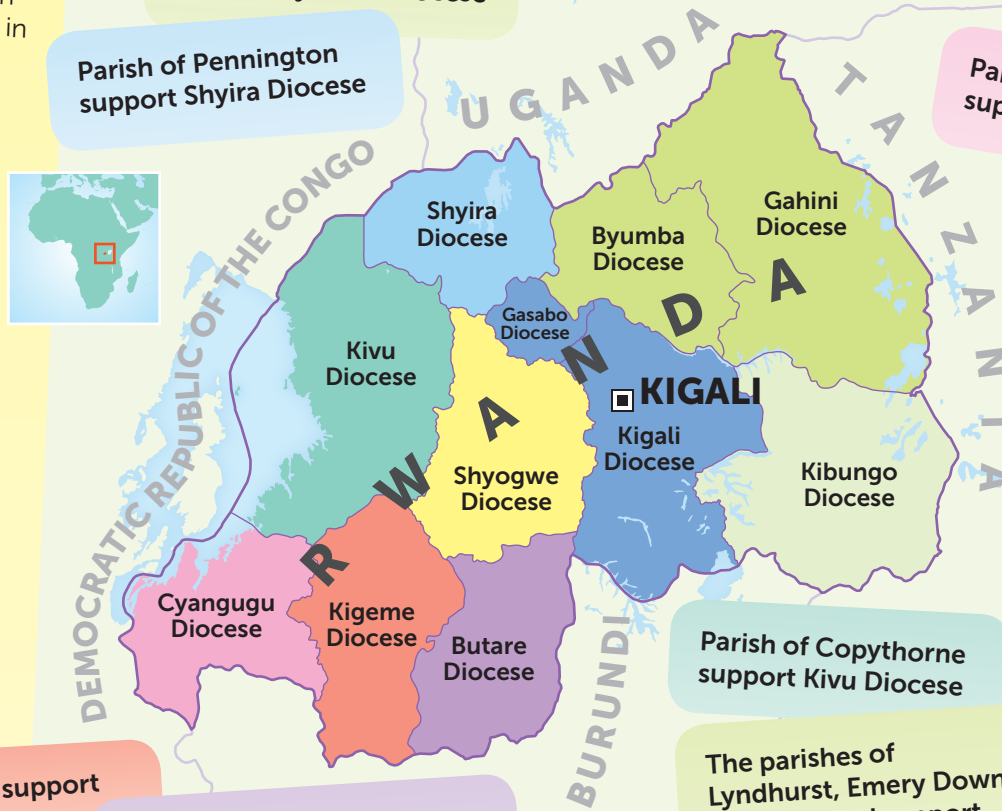
Parish of Dibden support Kigali Diocese

David Kalisa has been an evangelist with the Kigali Diocese having started off as a night porter in the Anglican Cathedral. The diocese has supported David's development towards becoming a serving minister with a diploma qualification. He is hoping to transfer credits across to a degree in Theology.



Parish of Copythorne support Kivu Diocese

The parishes of Lyndhurst, Emery Down and Minstead support Byumba Diocese

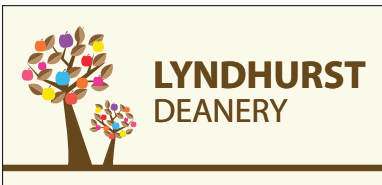


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Rwanda, like nearly every country, has been affected by the worldwide coronavirus pandemic.

The government in Rwanda is responding by implementing strict lockdown restrictions across the country. Without being able to earn a daily wage, many Rwandans face hardship and hunger. Churches have been closed along with schools and public transport.

There has also been very heavy rainfall with parts of the country suffering flooding and landslides. Crops and lives have been lost.

Many Lyndhurst Deanery parishes launched emergency appeals to support their link parishes in Rwanda and were able to provide direct support at a time of great need.

Rwandan churches set up foodbanks to support their local communities and these have been a lifeline to many of the poorest families. The practical help that the church is providing is a powerful witness with new families knowing the hope of God.

However the pastors themselves have been under great

pressure. Seen as a focal point for those facing starvation, they have been providing support where they can. But without the income from regular church services, pastors themselves are facing severe hardship.

Many schools have built additional classrooms so that children can return. This has happened in stages and some normality has returned but the threat of further outbreaks and lockdowns is always present.

To support our Rwandan partners, this year we have asked how best we can support each link diocese. In many cases, ongoing support for pastors in training is still the main priority as the parish situation, on top of ministry training, is creating great difficulty.

Parish visits to Rwanda have been put on hold but the established relationships have kept communication channels open, allowing us to practically support, care for and pray into one another's real needs as we all face a challenging time of uncertainty. In such times it is important that we do not overlook the needs of our brothers and sisters elsewhere.

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