

Victoria Dock Church

16th OCTOBER 2011

10.45 am Morning Service

NOTICES

On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday **29th/30th October** there will be a visit to St Columba from George Erwau (now a Bishop) and his wife, Florence, who spent time with us several years ago.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 5th November - Our annual sparkler party at Graham & Rose's (16 Caledonia Park). From 5.30pm until about 7pm. Food will be provided but please bring some sparklers.

Tuesday 13th December – Salvation Army (7pm)

Friday 20th January 2012 - Our christmas meal at Hitchcocks (vegetarian restaurant in the Old Town). 8pm. Theme is Chinese and Italian. Cost is £15 for adults. £5 deposit to Melanie please. You can take your own drink for £1 corkage or there is a bar there. If you don't know where it is please ask.

Very advance warning. **Sunday 4th March** – the next in our series of "An evening with..." This time it's Doug Stewart, the gardener from Radio Humberside. Time will be about 7pm but more details will follow.

"Victoria Dock Church exists to see people and communities transformed by the power of God's love in action."

TRISHA WICK'S NEWS FROM MARIDI IN SOUTH SUDAN FOR OCTOBER 2011

SISTER VIRGINIA Your prayers have been answered as she is back to full health, sold her house and her husband has got a job.

DOG'S EARS Over the years a number of you have suggested remedies for protecting my dog's ears from flies who cause bad sores. I have now found that ladies talcum powder is the most effective prevention. Makes her smell good too.

ELECTRICITY AND WATER Chinese men came and built us a super water treatment plant and put standpipes all over Maridi. They trained local people to run the whole project. When the Chinese left the whole system collapsed and we have had no running water for six months now. Yesterday, the American who set up our electricity here also left, having handed over the work to trained local people. How long before the electricity too goes off?

ROBBERIES The biggest challenge in many towns in South Sudan is robberies. Food is so expensive and with such high unemployment, people are desperate for money and resort to robbery - some of them armed. Maridi is suffering too, and we are having to be very security conscious.

ASSISTANT At last the Diocese has given me an assistant for my work in Discipleship and Trainings. He is Rev. Eli Paul who has just graduated from the Church Army College in Nairobi. He is very competent and was also my Zande teacher.

LOCAL LITURGY For a long time we have been wanting to develop a local liturgy. Bishop Justin and I have been working together and we have now produced a Morning Prayer liturgy for Maridi Diocese.

JACKSON'S DIVORCE I am sorry to report that my driver Jackson has just divorced his wife. This is the second time this has happened, and this time has been due to unreasonable behaviour and demands from his in-laws, particularly concerning the payment of the dowry. His now ex wife is expecting his baby next month.

TV With over 60 free channels I have much choice for viewing. I recently even watched the Burghley Horse Trails. We are watching events in Libya as they actually happen.

VSO Voluntary Service Overseas is sending some British volunteers early next year to help us with curriculum development, and health care. I have agreed to help orientate them and help them to know how to survive living here.

KENYA I have just returned from a weeks holiday on the Kenya coast thanks to friends from Christ Church, Southport who paid for me. We had a very interesting visit to A Rocha - a conservation project, which would be very effective here too.

FIVE YEAR PLAN In mid September, Bishop Justin sat with those of us who are Diocesan Coordinators for a days retreat, and we drew up a five year plan for the Diocese for 2012 - 2017. Discipleship Training has an important part to play in this.

CMS AFRICA I will be in Nairobi from 24th – 28th Oct. as there is a joint conference with CMS Africa and CMS UK (Europe). All CMS Mission Partners who work in Africa are expected to attend. This is seeking to build firmer links between the two CMS's, and the programme looks very good. I look forward to fellowship with many old friends there too.

MA STUDIES Most of the questionnaires concerning the problem of youth retention in the church, have now been returned. I am now about to start interviewing key people. On target at present, and have written the first 3,000 words of what will eventually be 18,000.

PARENTS Pray for my Mum and Dad as they both have health issues, and their memories are not as good as they were.

SOUTH SUDAN EMBASSY The Government of South Sudan wants to open an Embassy in Israel, in Jerusalem - the first country ever to do so in Jerusalem.

SOUTH SUDAN GOVERNMENT Much of what we are hearing is good at present. There is a determination to stamp out corruption. Good policies are emerging. Funding is coming from other countries to help build our new nation. The capital city will move from Juba to Ramciel (situated in the centre of South Sudan) in five years time. However, there are still tensions with the North concerning oil, and border demarcation.

SUDAN TRIBUNE For latest news on South Sudan type 'Sudan Tribune' into your browser, and also try the official website of 'Government of South Sudan'.

NEW PHONE CODE South Sudan now has its own international code number '211'. All the phone companies are gradually switching to this so we will all have to buy new SIM cards. I will inform you of my new number once I have one.

TEACHING ON RADIO Today I have just heard that our local radio station Maridi FM is giving every Sunday morning from 10.00 - 11.00am as a time for Discipleship Teaching on the radio. Bishop Justin and I will be responsible

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for this and will involve others alongside us as well. We will base our teaching on the Following Jesus books I have written. A wonderful opportunity so pray for us.

God bless you all for your ongoing support.

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