



Many Languages in Christ

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One Peg at a Time*

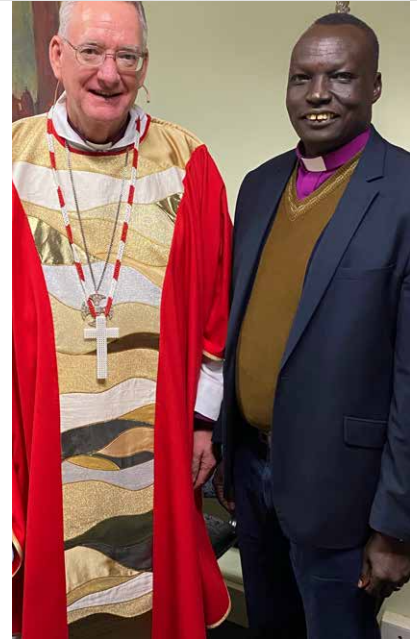
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Synod

A great chance to connect again with many clergy and people I know throughout the diocese. A couple of highlights were: Joining Bishop Cam for the prayers at the Sunday morning Synod service where we delivered them in Swahili, Dinka and English. Sharing meals and fellowship, and making new connections. In one of the breaks I was able to present Archbishop Philip with a South Sudanese Christian Cross that was given to me to bring back especially for him.



With Tina Woodall from Drayton, Rev. Peter Jeffrey from Bardon and the Archbishop.



Thank You Dinner

On 7 July Stephen Harrison and I hosted a dinner at the Moorooka Arhibu Ethiopian Restaurant. The event was to say thank you to the many volunteers who did so much to encourage people to complete the Ethnic Congregations Survey. The choice of venue was a very good one as most of those attending were quite familiar with the food as they had spent time in Ethiopia as refugees there. Stephen enjoys a spicy meal and made a big impression by fitting right in with the celebration.



Above: Seated and waiting to be served. Right: Gathered outside before the meal.

Children's Court

I was invited by the local magistrate to attend the Richlands Children's Court on 11 July for a stakeholders meeting to discuss insights that would help African youth and their families before the court system. This is a personal initiative by a compassionate judge to find ways to help families caught up in the legal system. Without the connection of family and understanding help, the perpetrators can quickly spiral into a cycle of crime and punishment that will wreck their whole life.



The invited stakeholders, each with an area of expertise in African youth matters.

Adelaide JWL Conference

I was very privileged to be invited to the JWL Youth Ministry Conference in Adelaide on 15-18 July for South Sudanese youth. It is a major annual gathering that meets to hand over the leadership positions for the coming year and with much senior support to pray, share, and listen to find ways to encourage youth in congregations across Australia.

For me it was a wonderful opportunity to also share and hear ways that many small groups are at work to promote the spiritual well-being and integration of South Sudanese youth into our Australian society. The photos will give you some idea of the size of the gathering.



Busy Times Coming and Going

Since coming home totally physically and emotionally tired I have been busy trying to catch up on the many congregations and things that need attending too with my position here. Including memorial services and pastoral care needs that require cultural considerations. There have been several tragic losses of young women recently.

I and my wife Rachael are leaving on 25 July to attend the Lambeth Conference in England. This happens every ten years and is a gathering of Bishops and their wives from across the Anglican Communion.



Family members at a memorial service in Ipswich to honour their Uncle Chol Wet.

