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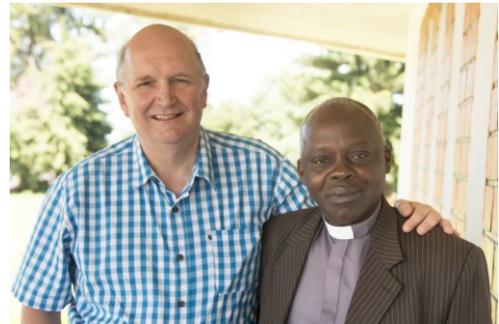
Find out more about the Bristol Uganda Link

'Creating connections through building relationships across cultures'

The Bristol Uganda link started in 1969 as a result of a close friendship between the then Bishop of Bristol, Oliver Tomkins and the Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Congo. For nearly 50 years it has been a source of inspiration; a reminder of our place in the world; a window into the effects of global climate change on our world and a catalyst for countless life changing encounters. The link is a crucial part of our commitment to 'creating connections' across the wider world.

Key vision for the Link

The Diocese of Bristol link is different from many other diocesan links. Although we are a small diocese we are linked with 14 dioceses in Uganda as well as working closely with the Provincial Office. This means that the focus of our link has to be primarily on the building of mutually beneficial relationships. We don't want to try and recreate the work of development agencies but to work hand in hand with them when we encounter need. The most important element to the link therefore are personal visits to and from Uganda.



Structures

The link is managed through seven deanery link committees that are made up of representatives from local churches. Each deanery is responsible for maintaining relationships with between one and three of our link dioceses. The **Deanery link committees** are a local port of call for advice and personal stories about how the link works.

Contact details for the Deanery links are on the website.

On a wider stage the chairperson of each Deanery link committee is a part of the **Diocesan link committee** which serves and facilitates the work at the local level as well as helping to maintain a 'diocesan vision' by organizing diocesan wide celebrations and visits.

The **Diocesan links adviser** serves both the diocesan and local committees offering advice and expertise on everything from safeguarding to organizing visits.

Website

For more information about our link and for all contacts please visit our Diocesan link website:
www.bristol-uganda.co.uk

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