

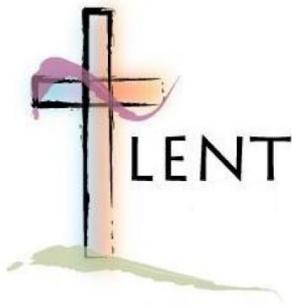


Bulletin

Dear All - We trust that you are all safe and well.

YOU TUBE

The following link is a greeting from Catherine the Team Rector.



<https://youtu.be/Fa7RDunB6Wc>

The clergy team will, as they can, keep uploading, sharing and getting messages out so people know we are staying in touch. They will also keep some sort of Sunday contact going as well.



FACEBOOK

The Benefice Facebook page has daily prayers from our Clergy and the Church of England. Please search for Chalke Valley Churches, 'Like' or 'Follow' to see and hear the daily posts.

NEWS FROM CUEIBET

Geoff Taylor has today spoken with Bishop Elijah in Cueibet and reports.....

I spoke with +Elijah this morning (24 March). The coronavirus restrictions on the population in the area of the Diocese of Cueibet are similar to the UK situation: people have been told to stay at home, but the regime does not seem to be as severe as ours. Public gatherings have been prohibited and Archbishop Justin Badi of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan has told the bishops and clergy to close churches in line with government instructions. Bishop Elijah last led prayers with his people outside the cathedral on Sunday. He is quite clear that it is prayer that will enable them to survive the current crisis and not the government. Nationally, there have been no reports of people suffering from coronavirus and the remoteness of Cueibet might mean that the risk is minimal compared with areas near the Kenyan and Ugandan borders.

All schools have closed but work on the refurbishment of the Cueibet primary school buildings which our deanery is funding has begun. It is important to press on with this because the rainy season will begin in mid-April and last until October. During this time, building using mud bricks is not possible. The general security situation in the area is stable although there have been reports of fighting and cattle raiding along the road from Wau to Cueibet to the West.

I told him about the postponement of the Lambeth Conference until July 2021. The news had not yet reached him. He seemed in good heart and the general situation in Cueibet is quiet. I explained the coronavirus situation in UK, and he said that they will pray for us as we pray for them.



If you need help, please contact us or your local parish council who are coordinating support to the villages.

STAY SAFE. STAY WELL. STAY AT HOME