



## Ideas for a Kagera Service

- Use this opportunity to have some fun.
- Ideas can be adapted for any type of service eg Family Service, Evensong, Holy Communion.
- Support is available – we have liturgical material such as Confession, Creed, Peace.
- We also have slideshows, dramas, music, hymn suggestions and prayers which can be used or adapted.
- See the Resources section on the website.
- Speakers are also available – contact [kagera@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:kagera@cofesuffolk.org)
- Talk to another parish where they've tried this already – we can put you in touch.



Church Services in Kagera are long, maybe 3 hours. We don't suggest you necessarily do this!



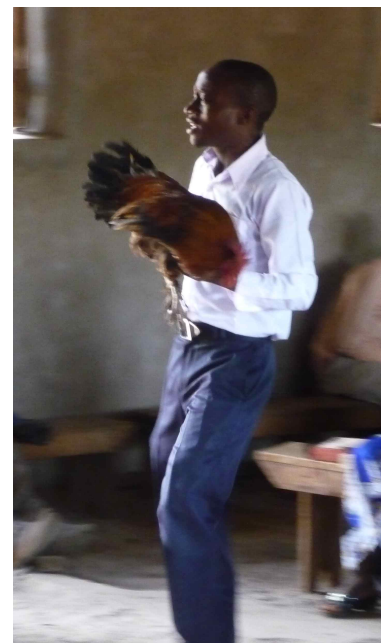
### Welcome

- Could you decorate your church with brightly coloured fabrics?
- Encourage the congregation to wear brightly coloured clothes.
- Welcome people to church with the Swahili greeting 'Karibu'.
- Before the service why not serve Mandazi – Tanzanian doughnuts? In Kagera these are often served with tea for breakfast before a service. There is a recipe on the website.

### Offertory

Some members of the congregations in Kagera are too poor to bring money for an offering. They may bring an avocado, a banana, an egg or two or perhaps even a live chicken or a goat. At the end of the service these are auctioned.

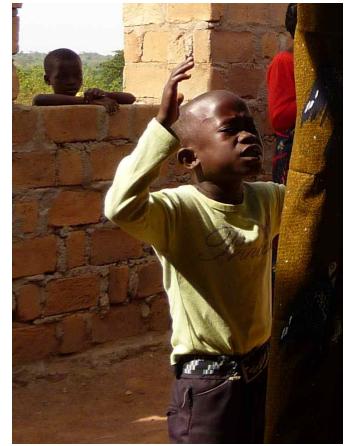
- Could you bring 3 or 4 fruits or vegetables and give them to different families to take up in the offering?
- Could you be the Auctioneer at the end? Go on, have a try! (be sure to make it clear whether the auction money will be for your own church or for Kagera).



## Swahili

The national language of Tanzania is Swahili. You could introduce your congregations to sections of the service in Swahili. It's entirely phonic, so is very easy to read – just say every syllable as it is written.

- Sing some hymns with a verse of Swahili at the beginning.
- Use Swahili responses in some prayers such as the Confession.
- Detailed suggestions are available on the website.



## The Sermon

- Use the sermon slot to tell your congregations about Kagera Diocese or share some of the stories from the Kagera Lent Appeal resources on the website,
- or invite a speaker to do this for you,
- or show a video or slideshow from the resources on the website.

## The Anthem

- Are your choir and choirmaster up for a challenge? There are plenty of great African songs they could sing,
- or there are videos available on the website.



## The Peace

It's always good to share the peace and fun to do it in Swahili. The priest says, '*Amani ya Bwana ikae nanyi daima*' and the congregation replies, '*Pia na roho yako.*' Then shake hands exactly as we do and just say, '*Amani*'. Easy!

For more details and supporting materials including prayers, song ideas, bible readings, slideshows and videos, visit the Diocesan website at [cofesuffolk.org/bishops/kagera-lentappeal](http://cofesuffolk.org/bishops/kagera-lentappeal)

For further help contact the Kagera Link coordinator: [kagera@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:kagera@cofesuffolk.org)



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