

## KCTC - Theological training



At Kagera Christian Theological College (KCTC), the philosophy is to grow spiritually and to learn but in all things to be "other people focused."

Rev Phocas Nshimiyimana, Acting Principal, leads a team of 3 lecturers and 4 support staff. He has ambitious plans for expanding the curriculum in the future. Lay Evangelists and Pastors require training to provide good leadership, teaching and pastoral care in their growing churches. They are key to development projects such as CCMP being accepted in their parishes.

Volunteers from St Edmundsbury & Ipswich regularly visit KCTC to help with teaching, particularly in English and computer skills. KCTC also needs our support for bursaries and books. See the website for more details of how to become a Friend of KCTC.

## Ngara Anglican Primary School (NAPS)



Kagera region has one of the lowest levels of literacy in the country. The diocese has set up a primary school and a secondary school in the town of Ngara, close to the Diocesan headquarters. NAPS provides a high quality primary education in English. Results are impressive - in 2018 the school came 1st in the region and 12th in the whole country. Recently we have helped finance the building of dormitory accommodation, and further building projects are now under way. Volunteers from our

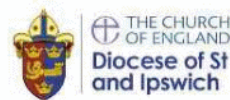
diocese regularly visit NAPS to help with teaching and school development.

## Kagera Days at Suffolk schools

Kagera Days at primary schools across the county give Suffolk children a glimpse of life in Kagera. Children learn about school life in Kagera, taste some fruit from the area, make toys and displays, learn songs and much more. Get in touch at [www.cofesuffolk.org/kagera-link](http://www.cofesuffolk.org/kagera-link) if you are interested.

## How can you be part of the Link?

You can find out more at [www.cofesuffolk.org/world-mission/kagera](http://www.cofesuffolk.org/world-mission/kagera) For information resources, to arrange a speaker at your church or group, or to offer help, please email the Link Coordinators at [kagera@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:kagera@cofesuffolk.org)



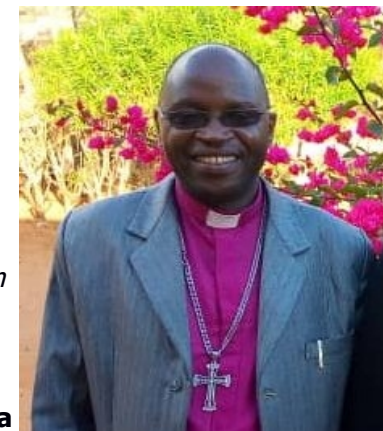
## The Kagera Link

Our companion link with Kagera Diocese offers opportunities for us all to join hands across the world and work together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

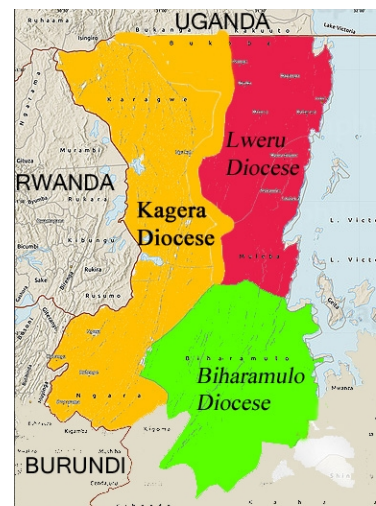
Our link is a two way commitment of equal partners. Through the link, we:

- develop friendships and understanding of each other's lives and experiences
- pray for one another
- grow in faith as we learn from each other

*"Both dioceses have been enjoying this partnership with a lot of experiences through friendship, understanding, praying, learning and sharing. We hope that God will continue to make our people from both dioceses to enjoy and celebrate all blessings that come as the result of us being together in the mission of God."*



**Bishop Darlington Bendankeha**



Kagera Diocese is part of the Anglican Church of Tanzania. The administrative region of Kagera is in the north west of the country and is roughly the size of Wales. Since Kagera Diocese was established in 1985, its growth has led to two new dioceses being formed - Lweru Diocese in 2006 and Biharamulo Diocese in 2017.

In Kagera Diocese there are:

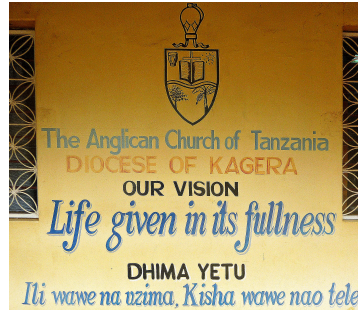
- 67 Pastors
- 263 Lay Evangelists
- 245 Churches

## Kagera Region

Kagera is a beautiful region of mostly hilly savannah. However, it is remote and poor. Its 1 million people typically live on less than £1 a day, mostly through subsistence farming. Malaria and HIV/Aids are major problems. Parts of Kagera have some of the highest under-five mortality rates in the country. Lack of education and low capital investment in the area has led to poverty and a culture of dependency on external aid.

To realise its vision of 'Life given in its fullness', the Diocese of Kagera serves its people through:

- Spiritual nurture
- Healthcare
- Education
- Poverty alleviation



Priests and Lay Evangelists lead their churches in lively worship, biblical teaching and pastoral care. They also demonstrate the gospel in a practical way, working with their communities and running projects to build self-sufficiency. Some projects are supported by aid agencies but most are funded from their own limited resources.

The following projects are the priorities for support from our diocese:

- Pastors Support Fund (PSF)
- Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP)
- Kagera Christian Theological College (KCTC)
- Ngara Anglican Primary School building project (NAPS)

As well as financial support, we pray daily for our brothers and sisters in Kagera through our Diocesan Prayer Diary. We keep in contact, sharing experiences and news through email and social media.

Visitors from St Edmundsbury & Ipswich regularly visit Kagera to help with teaching and other projects and to enjoy the fellowship there. We help fund visitors from Kagera to come to the UK to meet and make friends, and experience a little of church and community life here. They may also visit schools, farms and other organisations relevant to their own lives.

### A message from Bishop Mike

*"The international link that St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Diocese has with Kagera Diocese is a gift that enriches, inspires and challenges us as brothers and sisters in Christ across hugely different contexts. I commend it to you."*



## Pastors' Support Fund



Priests in Kagera are known as pastors - shepherds. They lead their people not only spiritually but in practical ways as well, motivating and leading their communities out of poverty. They are paid directly by their congregations and so have very little money for everyday necessities such as medical care, education for their families and household supplies. Like their congregations, pastors are subsistence farmers and rely on the crops they can

grow for food. Schooling is free up to GCSE equivalent but parents must pay for essential items including books, stationery and uniforms. Our giving enables the diocese to buy medical insurance for all pastors and provides grants to help keep their children in secondary school education. Without this support pastors may become discouraged and leave to find a better salary.

*Because I was funded through Pastors Children's Fund I can say that their support led me to be like I am now. I am a teacher, a degree holder, I passed through primary school, O level, A level and further to the degree. I would like to thank you very much for all you have done for me. I have a family and two children, what can I do for my Lord? Thank you very much.*

**Ezra Kazuzi, Teacher and Academic Head at NAPS**

## Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP)



CCMP is an asset-based approach to development:

- local workers are trained to help communities identify their needs
- the community works out what assets they have to help meet those needs
- together they find achievable solutions

Our diocese funds a full time coordinator in Kagera, who trains local workers in CCMP techniques. He teaches about new farming methods, drought tolerant seed varieties, and tree planting to combat soil erosion and climate change. Bible and group studies help people to change from a mindset of dependency, to apply the teaching and become self-sufficient. The results are impressive: crop yields are up 2 to 4 times, new homes are being built, children are going to school, savings schemes have been established, communities are flourishing and churches are growing.

Herman's life has changed through CCMP:

*"I don't have time to waste drinking beer, I use this time for agricultural activities to help me earn an income. To get money for paying school requirements is no problem now."*