

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.
- Service sheet templates and prayer suggestions are on the website cofesuffolk.org/kagera-link-worship-resources
- Speakers are also available – contact 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!



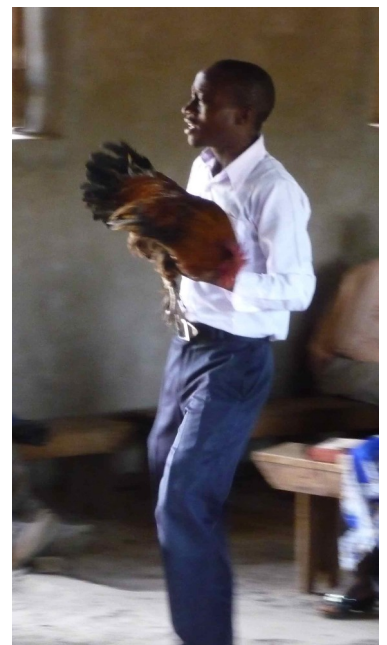
Welcome

- 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.

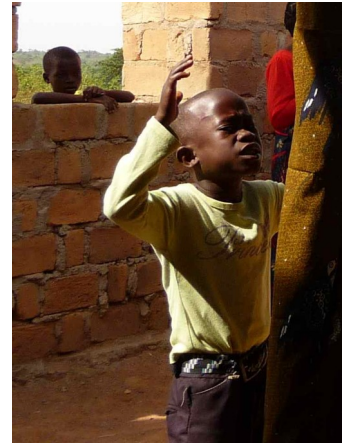
- Could you bring three or four fruits or vegetables and give them to different families to take up in the offering?
- Could you be the Auctioneer at the end? Go on, have a try! (be sure to make it clear whether the auction money will be for your own church or for Kagera).



Swahili

The national language of Tanzania is Swahili. You could introduce your congregations to sections of the service in Swahili. It's entirely phonetic, 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 link worship 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.

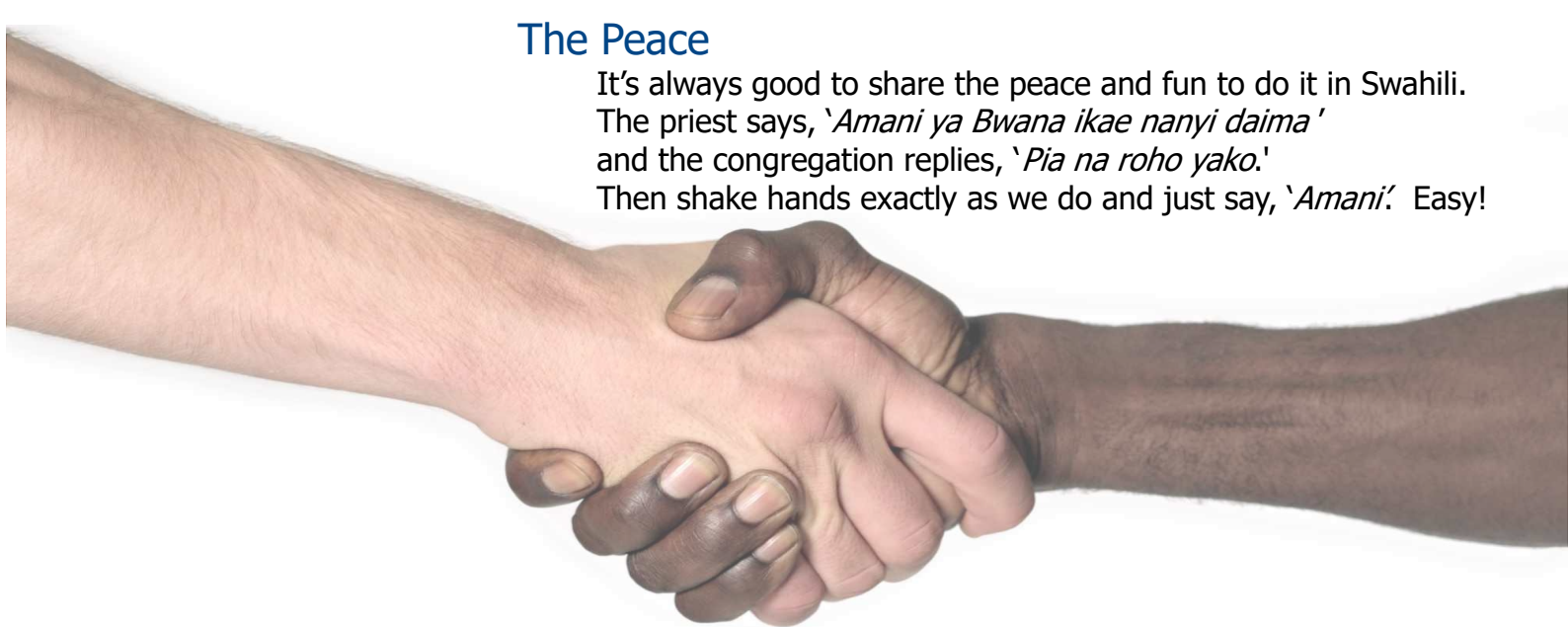
The Anthem

- 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 cofesuffolk.org/kagera-link-worship-resources

For further help contact the Kagera Link coordinators: kagera@cofesuffolk.org

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