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ST PETER'S CHURCH. BRACKLEY



**“LOVING GOD,
LOVING EACH OTHER,
LOVING BRACKLEY”**





Revd Rich Duncan writes.....

Introducing the Bukeeras

The New Testament is full of examples of international gospel partnership, reflecting the global scope of Christ's command in the Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

It has been some years since St Peter's had any such overseas links, but in June the PCC voted unanimously to adopt the Bukeera family in Uganda as our mission partners, with a view to supporting them for years to come (chiefly in prayer to begin with, but with the potential to support them financially in the future). We will have an enormous amount to learn from them and I couldn't be more excited about developing this two-way cross-cultural relationship.

Their first visit to Brackley will be on **Sunday 18th August**, so be sure to make the 10am service if you want to meet them in person: Bosco, Heidi, Ezekiel (8), Eleazar (6), Talitha (4), Zebulun (2). Bosco will be preaching for us and we'll have a chance to hear what life and ministry are like for them back home.



Kate and I first met Heidi, originally from Cornwall, back in 2012 when we were in Uganda for 4 months and Heidi and Bosco were running an orphanage for street children in Kampala. Bosco subsequently received extensive training in theology and church planting and he is

now the pastor of Ssenge Baptist Church on the outskirts of the capital, affiliated to the charity UFM Worldwide.

The challenges they face on a daily basis, both as a family and as a church, really put things into perspective whenever I get their latest news. I have been repeatedly challenged by their tenacity and desire to share Christ's love and I've no doubt you will find their experiences just as fascinating and inspiring as I have.

This summer, the whole Bukeera family (pronounced 'Boo-carer') has been based in the UK with Heidi's mother in Penzance, giving the children a rare chance to enjoy the sea!



They will be returning to Uganda shortly after their trip to Brackley, so we hope to be able to encourage them and send them on their way with new friendships formed and a deep commitment to uphold them in prayer.

So do come along on Sunday 18th to hear more, stay behind after the service for Q&A if can, and be reminded of the wonderful privilege of being part of the worldwide family of believers:

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9)

If you'd like to read more about Heidi and Bosco's work in advance, you can go to their UFM page (www.ufm.org.uk/member/bosco-and-heidi-bukeera/) or their church website (www.ssengebaptistchurch.org), or find out about their water project (www.ugandanwaterproject.com/ssenge/).

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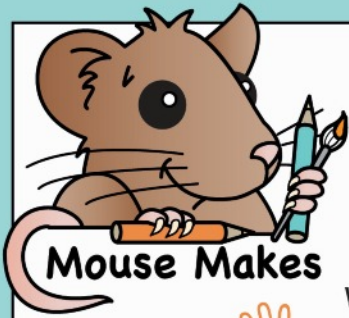
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Matthew 6:6



What does God know
before you ask Him?
Matthew 6:8



What can we ask God
to deliver us from?
Matthew 6:13

If you forgive others
what will God do?
Matthew 6:14



"Always be full of joy.
Never stop praying.
Whatever happens,
always be **thankful**."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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**'Sabbath is not simply the pause that refreshes.
It is the pause that transforms.'**



I recently attended General Synod where there were many encouraging debates, including one which focused on the need for clergy to take enough time to rest during the working week. There is a tradition for clergy to take only one day off per week, and this debate was encouraging them to take at least one and a half days. Of course, rest is not something that only clergy need to be reminded of – we all need to remember that we have been made by God to take care of our minds, bodies and souls, which includes the need for Sabbath rest. It is for good reason that the Ten Commandments includes this. Rest allows us to draw closer to God, to take time to be and marvel at his creation, to take pleasure in hobbies and pastimes, to spend precious time with friends and family. Our world runs at a pace and we often have to be disciplined to stop and rest as God encourages us to. The bible scholar, Walter Brueggemann has written about Sabbath rest and says this:

'Sabbath is not simply the pause that refreshes. It is the pause that transforms.'

Summer is often a time when we are able to pause and to rest and I hope that you will be able to do just that, and as you do I pray that you will draw close to God and sense more of his transforming presence in your life.

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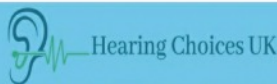


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