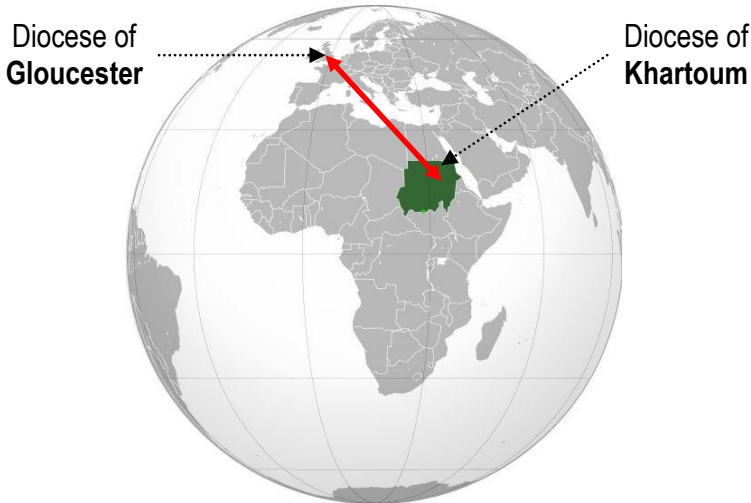


We give thanks to God for being **united in prayer** with the
 Diocese of **Khartoum** in the Province of Sudan
 Bishop of Khartoum & Archbishop of newly created Province of Sudan:
 the Very Revd Ezekiel Kondo
 Mothers' Union Diocesan Leader: Samira [*read her story from article in 2016*]
 Mothers' Union Community Development Coordinator: Mama Reida
 Mothers' Union Trainers: Hassina Boulus Agrouf and Hewaya Abdelrman
 [who have recently undertaken training as Mothers' Union facilitators in Juba and Uganda]



Serving as Bishop of Khartoum, and Archbishop of the newly created Province of Sudan in July 2017, the Very Revd Ezekiel Kondo



..... and members praying at an Easter Day Service

Information below received from the Mary Sumner House on 13 August 2015:

Following the independence of South Sudan from Sudan in 2011, the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan decided in 2013 that it wanted to remain as one Church despite the split into two separate countries. It renamed itself the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan; and created an internal province for the dioceses in Sudan. At All Saints Cathedral in Khartoum up to 10,000 worshipers saw the Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Bishop of Khartoum, enthroned as the first Archbishop of the new internal province of Sudan.

In stark contrast to South Sudan, the Mothers' Union and church in Sudan – made up of five dioceses with one million Anglicans – exists within a predominantly Muslim population.

The key focus of the Mothers' Union in this often challenging situation is prayer, and working for peace and unity, praying for all in an interfaith environment. Mothers' Union has its own provincial days of prayer, diocesan days of prayer, home fellowships, peace prayers and inter-faith prayers.

Mothers Union members meet every Tuesday evening, they also carry out visits to hospitals, prisons and homes where they pray and encourage one another. They reach out into the community to women of all faiths and none using the tools of the Mothers' Union Literacy and Financial Education Programme to visibly show their love to all, empowering women and often men to find support and love in their groups together.

Reida, Mothers' Union Community Development Coordinator in Khartoum, said "we have [literacy] centres that have both Muslims and Christians working together as one. They now share their ideas together, solve their problems together, as in previous contact this close working relationship was not evident. This unity has happened after a long struggle and now they are happily working together".

The Bible verse selected by Mary Sumner House for this diocese:

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,
 plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.* Jeremiah 29: 11

A Prayer for the Diocese of **Khartoum**:

**Father in heaven, we express our gratitude and praise
 that Mothers' Union members in the Diocese of Khartoum
 can declare like the Psalmist:** [Psalm 40: 5]

Many, O LORD our God, are the wonders which You have done.

And Your thoughts toward us; there is none to compare with You.

If we would declare and speak of them, they would be too numerous to count. Amen.