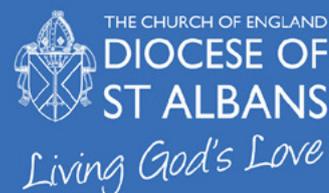


THE BISHOP OF ST ALBANS'

Harvest Appeal 2015



The Bishop's Harvest Appeal for 2015 will help people across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire to connect with the needs of disabled children. The project will help the Anglican Church in Uganda to break new ground as it supports the work of the Diocese of Rukungiri to transform attitudes and provision for disabled children in Uganda, where having a disability is a serious disadvantage. Such children are often viewed as "without use" as sometimes they cannot assist their family with work in the fields or look after younger siblings at home.

In addition to providing classrooms for the disabled, there is also a need to provide accommodation as the population is spread widely across the countryside. As a result, children's homes are many miles away from a school on dirt tracks with no public transport available for them to get to school each day.

The Diocese in Rukungiri is helping to change this mindset and a new facility specifically designed for disabled children is underway. This is exciting as it's the only one in the district of Rukungiri.

This year's appeal was launched in a Hertfordshire school and a Bedfordshire disabled sports club.

Children in Key Stage 2 at Goff's Oak enjoyed a special school assembly where Bishop Alan told them about the project, showed them a video of Moses, a boy in Rukungiri, Uganda, and interviewed Catherine Robinson, a young local athlete who is part of the

Great Britain paracanoe squad and is on course to compete in the 2016 Paralympic Games. The Rev'd Carole Selby, who is a frequent visitor to the school, also attended. Her background as a PE teacher showed as she made a spectacular stage fall, re-enacting the parable of the Good Samaritan for the children and during the parachute games which the children took part in.

Wheelchair football players from DADDS, Dunstable and District Disabled Sports helped to launch the project in Bedfordshire with Bishop Richard, who explained the project to members of DADDS and then took part in a game of wheelchair football with seven of them.

