

Thinking about the Anglican Church in the DR Congo

St Andrew's Nether Wallop February 9th 9.30am

Matthew writes:

I'm looking forward to my time with you at this service. The invitation is for me to tell you something of my work leading many clergy conferences in the DRC.

Pictured are a wonderful, corageous, faith-full clergy couple. Bishop Elisha Tendwa is a Tanzanian who for five years pioneered a new diocese on the remote shores of Lake Tangyanika. He was often hungry, as were many of his congregations. They are displaced people from the northern DRC. He lived by faith for five years. He was home in Dar es Salaam with his wife Fidea twice a year. She is a senior nurse in Dar es Salaam. Last June I stayed with them in their home and enjoyed he bustle of african hospitality and vitality of his people.

Bishop Elisha has now been invited to pioneer a new diocese in Uvira at the northern end of Tangyanika. The church there is short of priests, yet has many thriving congregations. Many of these Christians are also refugees from the north. The church is uniquely trusted for distribution of aid from the UN, the Gates Foundation, the UK and Europe.

My prayer is that we in the Wallops can somehow find £4,000 for each of three years to support Bishop Elisha in his new diocese. With Gift Aid this becomes £5,000 and then there is matching funding from elsewhere towards his modest budget of £10,000. If ten of us give £35 per month its done!

Would you like to be a vital part of building a new diocese in a far away land for the sake of the gospel? That's quite a legacy.

