2011-2026: 15 years of the Poole-Wau Partnership

www.poolewaupartnership.com

2011
Following a visit by Jeff Neagle to Bishop Moses in Wau in 2010, Deanery Synod approves Poole-Wau Partnership in February 2011 and the first newsletter is published. Bishop Moses spends two weeks in Poole in May.

2012
PWP becomes a registered Charity, enabling donations to be Gift Aided. St John's College opens in Wau with 3 students.

2013
Fighting in Juba begins 5-year civil war.

2013
5 members of PWP spend 2 weeks in Wau. Work starts on Guest House project. Bishop Moses visits Poole.

July 2011: South Sudan becomes independent

2014
Piantok School girls' toilet built, funded jointly by PWP & Longfleet C of E Primary School.

2015
PWP supports St John's College by pledging £3600 per year to sponsor theological students. First Holes Bay Walk raises £2500 towards construction of Diocesan Guest House at Wau.

2016
Tribal conflict spreads to Wau & PWP gives £3000 for food aid for IDPs in cathedral compound. Guest House project complete.

2017
Moses appointed Archbishop of new Northern Bahr el-Ghazal Province, still based in Wau.

2018
PWP gives £6500 for operation for Moses' wife Elizabeth following complications during childbirth & £3800 for new roof for Wanyjok Diocesan Office. Rev Chris Strain and Jeff Neagle visit Wau.

2018
Agreement signed ending civil war.

2019
PWP supports Chess Club for S. Sudanese refugees in camp in Kenya & provides £8250 to complete Wau Sunday Primary school. Support for St. John's College up to £17,000 p.a.

2020
Covid-19 pandemic hits South Sudan & UK, causing deaths and economic problems. St John's College is shut for six weeks, but support from PWP enables the college to continue paying teaching staff. Holes Bay Walk raises record £4000 despite difficulty of Covid restrictions.

2021
10th anniversary of PWP & of South Sudan is marked by Richard Tazewell's booklet *Ten Years of PWP*. Website *www.poolewaupartnership.com* & People's Fundraising page also launch. Deanery Synod reaffirms support for PWP.

2022
Misseriya tribesmen from Sudan attack villages in Wanyjok Diocese, killing 29 people, destroying homes & crops. PWP supporters donate £4675 for aid for villagers.

2022
PWP welcomes Archbishop Moses & 5 other bishops from South Sudan with their wives for a 5-day visit to Poole.

2023
Outbreak of civil war in Sudan leads to exodus of refugees & returnees to South Sudan.

2024
PWP sends £2350 to help victims of major flooding in Warrup & Wanyjok.

2025
Six PWP leaders spend a week in Wau, hosted by acting Archbishop Abraham Yel Nhial. They lead teaching on Luke's gospel, attend opening of new building at St John's College, and meet Archbishop Moses in Juba.

2022-25
PWP raises regular support for St John's College to £18,000 p.a. & launches appeal in January 2022 to fund a new building with 4 lecture rooms & 3 offices. Including 3 grants from trusts, PWP raises £55,000 to complete project by February 2025.

2026
Borehole & water storage tank project, funded by individual donor from a church in Poole Deanery provides fresh water supply to Cathedral & St John's College, ending reliance on daily deliveries of water by donkey cart.

2025
Abraham Yel Nhial succeeds Moses Deng Bol as Archbishop of Northern Bahr el-Ghazal Internal Province.

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