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Walk aims to beat record

The 2026 Holes Bay Walk will take place on Saturday 11th July. Last year's Holes Bay Walk raised the record sum of £5244.50, including money claimed in Gift Aid. This year we hope to exceed that.

Following the opening of the new building at St John's College, Wau in 2025 and the completion of the Water Project this year, we still need to keep raising money to support the college's day-to-day work, sending £18,000 per year towards teaching staff salaries and running costs, as well as helping with other needs in Wau.

We would love to see more walkers from more churches than ever before taking part in this wonderful event, with its attractive mix of shoreline, townscape and woodland. Enjoy the community spirit of a walk with other PWP supporters, while raising money to support our fellow Christians in South Sudan.

Please consider either taking part yourself or sponsoring another walker. You can choose between two routes, **the classic walk of 7 miles around Holes Bay** starting at 0930 from St Dunstan's Church, Upton, or **the shorter 3-mile walk** in Upton Country Park setting out at 1030. If you don't know anyone who is doing the walk, you can still send us a donation.

Full details are on the **Information Sheet**, which is downloadable with the **Sponsor Form** from www.poolewaupartnership.com/events.html Detailed maps and instructions for both walks will be available at the start. Pizza and ice cream will be provided in the Parish Lounge at St Dunstan's Church after the walk.

Photos, top to bottom: looking back across Holes Bay to the RNLI headquarters; archway from Upton Country Park into Hamworthy; woodland walk in the Country Park.



Open Garden raises £1130

The sale of tea, cakes, jams and chutneys, at the Open Garden at Western Gardens on 26th April was a great success. Well over 200 people came to see the garden, and Judy and Richard Hudson raised an amazing £1130 for the Poole-Wau Partnership. Grateful thanks to Judy, Richard and their team of helpers for all their hard work and generosity in raising such a substantial sum for PWP.

The Poole-Wau Partnership

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The Poole-Wau Partnership

linking Poole Deanery churches with Wau Diocese, South Sudan since 2011

Report on Wau Water Project

Following the news that the borehole project to create a reliable supply of fresh water in the cathedral compound in Wau was completed in January (PWP Newsletter 76), we are delighted to have received a full report on the project from Dr Philip Abiel, the Principal of St John's College.

Alongside several photos, a few of which are reproduced here, the report reveals that...

- The borehole was drilled to a depth of 115 metres.
- Tests confirmed that the water meets the required health and safety standards for drinking water and the water quality has remained consistently high in the months since the project was completed.
- The steel water tower can store 31,000 litres of water, and the quantity of water has so far been more than adequate.
- The pump is run by a solar energy system.
- A water distribution network provides a total of 14 water points throughout the compound, including to St John's College, the 'Sunday' Primary School, the diocesan offices, the cathedral and the guest house.

The full reports on both the Water Project and the Poole-Wau Partnership Building may be downloaded from the 'About Wau' page of our website:

<https://www.poolewaupartnership.com/about-wau.html>



Photos: top: the drilling machine in action; above: the finished water tower; left: one of the 14 water points, right next to the Poole-Wau Partnership Building.

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Our next Prayer Meetings:

Monday 1st June, 1230: St John's, Heatherlands.

Monday 6th July, 1230: St Dunstan's, Upton.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Acts 2:42