

# Intrepid Holes Bay Walkers brave rain to support PWP

**The 2024 Holes Bay Walk, PWP's main annual fundraising event, took place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024, led by Karen, Bishop of Sherborne.**

With publicity in *Grapevine*, the Diocese of Salisbury's weekly e-newsletter, the event attracted 21 people & 2 dogs. Several more who were not available on 13<sup>th</sup> walked on a different day.

The walkers opting for the 7-mile walk set out at 9.30 in ideal walking conditions (dry, yet not too hot), with the 3-milers following an hour later. But the rain started as both groups of walkers neared the end of the return leg. Despite arriving back at St Dunstan's Church a little damp, the walkers' spirits were high as they tucked into tea or coffee, pizza and ice cream.

**Many thanks to Bishop Karen and to all who took part or sponsored a walker.** It will be a few weeks before we are able to confirm the total raised towards the finishing touches needed for the new building at St John's College, Wau, but we hope to raise at least as much as in 2023.

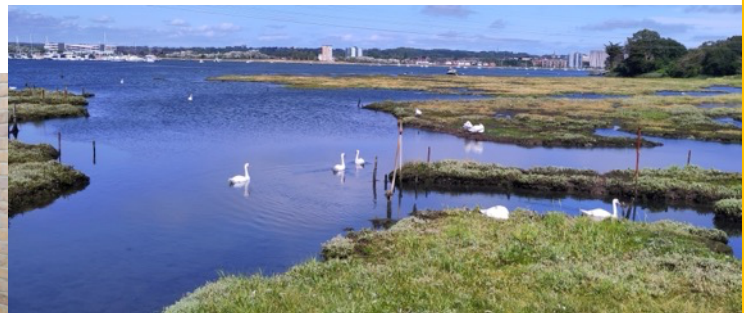


Above: Els, Ian & Rachel by Holes Bay.

Below left: some of the 7-mile walkers, including

Bishop Karen (4<sup>th</sup> from right) about to set off.

Below right: a new path in Hamworthy gave us this view, with central Poole in the distance.



**NB: There will be no PWP Prayer Meeting in August. Our next Prayer Meeting will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 1230 at St John's Church, Heatherlands.**

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## The Poole-Wau Partnership

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

### An exciting development for St John's College

**St John's College, Wau is to take the lead in the development of a common course in Business Studies across all the colleges affiliated to the TEU, The Ecclesiastical University, the recently formed federation of Anglican colleges in South Sudan.**

**Philip Abiel**, the Principal of St John's (third from left in the photo) took part in a recent meeting in Juba of representatives of all of TEU's affiliated colleges. A decision was made to develop common courses in a number of subjects, starting with **Business Studies**.

As this is a particularly strong subject at St John's College, it was agreed that the college will take the lead in developing the new course, in consultation with other colleges. It is greatly encouraging to us and to the college, that such a young institution should have built such a good reputation that it is to take a leading role in developing a Business Studies course which other longer-established colleges will follow.



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### Thurlith School: now thriving 5 years on

**Poole-Wau Partnership has often given one-off support to projects in South Sudan which need urgent help** – such as our Lent Appeal in 2019 to complete the construction of the 'Sunday' Primary School in Wau by providing doors and windows, or the call for money to enable Archbishop Moses to buy emergency food supplies for villages in Wanyjok Diocese which had been attacked by tribesmen from across the border with Sudan in January 2022.

One such project which PWP supported more than five years ago was **Thurlith School**, 70 miles from Wau. The school was started by Rev. John Bol to provide education for homeless children near his church. When Jeff Neagle and Rev. Chris Strain from PWP visited Wau in November 2018, they met Rev. John. He told them how over 200 children attended the school, where lessons were taught in the open air under a tree (see photo). PWP later sent a total of £4000 to help the school, including a grant of £3000 from Salisbury Diocese.

It was wonderful to hear recently that Thurlith School is thriving. British-based charity **Global Care** built four thatched classrooms there in 2022. They have since helped the school grow food for the children, built a kitchen and an office, and provided medication and learning materials. With all this help the school has greatly expanded and now has 485 children on the roll. How encouraging to hear that with this support from Global Care, Thurlith School, which we played a small part in assisting back in 2019, is making such a difference to the lives of so many children.

You can find out more about this from this link:

<https://www.globalcare.org/globalcare/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Newsbrief-2024-Summer-Final-online.pdf>

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