

GHANA – PORTSMOUTH LINK (formerly IDWAL)



You may be aware of the above diocesan link.... But if not, a brief history. Since 1994 the diocese of Portsmouth has been linked with the whole Anglican communion of Ghana and each deanery in our diocese is linked with a diocese in Ghana.

Havant deanery is linked with Koforidua diocese (about 3 hours from the capital, Accra) and historically several parishes have links with churches and schools in Koforidua diocese.

Sadly, many of those links have lapsed – **WHY?**

- **Lack of communication** (both in the UK and in Ghana) although WhatsApp is now easily accessible in both countries
- **A pandemic.....** (which locked down our communities more than our Ghanaian friends and parishes)
- **Waning of enthusiasm** – after the initial enthusiasm and some visits other ‘busy’ commitments got in the way and some degree of lethargy set in.

BUT there is still a thin thread between Koforidua and Havant which is holding fast!

Several people at All Saints Denmead still have the passion and desire to combine their friendships, love and Christianity with our Ghanaian brothers and sisters. They visit almost every year and they are more than willing to take messages and gifts to re-kindle that **‘spark to a flame’**.

Are you interested enough to get an update on the situation in Ghana? To find out how our fellow Christians, young people and elderly coped in the pandemic and are coping now? And how we can pray and help each other?

If you are, then please come along to **All Saints, Denmead on Monday Nov 20th**
- refreshments from 7pm *Angela Herring* 078 9099 5327