

Partners Praying Together

April 2019



EACH DAY THIS MONTH

✠ *ABM Prayer Theme:* Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. The Church is made up of four dioceses, three of which are transnational. The Diocese of Jerusalem takes in Palestine and Israel, as well as Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. The Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa encompasses Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti and Somalia. The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf comprises Cyprus, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Yemen. The fourth diocese covers Iran. Give thanks for the witness to Christ from this multi-ethnic, multi-lingual Church.

Monday | April

✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for those who have responded to help those affected by Cyclone Idai – a Category 3 storm which has devastated Mozambique, eastern Zimbabwe and Malawi. Pray for those who have been affected by the catastrophe, that they may feel the comforting presence of God's Spirit now, and in the days ahead.

[Give practical help by donating at our website, abmission.org/cyclone-idai-emergency]

✠ *Australian Cycle of Prayer (ACP):* The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Philip Freier; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee

Tuesday 2 April

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the work undertaken in the Diocese of Eldoret (Anglican Church of Kenya) which focusses on disability inclusion. This project helps local people who either have a disability themselves - or else have a child or children with a disability. It provides them with a mentor and training to develop a viable business. Give thanks also for the Diocese of Eldoret's companion link with the Diocese of Perth.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: World Autism Awareness Day

Wednesday 3 April

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the tenacity of Christian leaders in Aboriginal communities who face formidable challenges. They are isolated from the broader Church in remote places which are expensive to travel in and out of. They stand in the tensions between their traditional cultures and the Church, working in communities where English is a second or third language and where material disadvantage is prevalent. Give thanks for those Christian leaders who are part of the Northern Territory Discipleship Track, who are able to access much-needed training and support as they seek to witness to Christ in their communities.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rick Lewers, the clergy and people

Thursday 4 April

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for all those who are involved with the removal of land mines, remembering especially those involved in the Halo Trust's project to rid the site of Christ's baptism of them. Pray that those removing mines may be safe from harm. Pray for that time when '... they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more' (Isaiah 2.4)
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

Omissions and displacements this year –

21 April: Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, teacher († 1109)

23 April: George, martyr († ca. 303)

24 April: Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, martyr († 1980)

25 April: Mark, evangelist and martyr – transferred to April 30

Friday 5 April

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Companion Diocese relationships between Australian Dioceses and those overseas. Today we pray for: Llandaff (Wales) and Rockhampton; Mandalay (Myanmar) and Willochra; North Kigezi (Uganda) and Armidale; Popondota (PNG) and Rockhampton, and the Murray. May those involved in the relationships find them life-giving and life-transforming.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Ian Palmer, the clergy and people

Saturday 6 April – Frederic Barker, bishop and pioneer of Moore Theological College and the General Synod († 1882)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work and witness of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, and pray for the Rev Dr Mark Short who is to be consecrated and installed today at 11.00am in St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

Sunday 7 April – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the faithful Christian witness and outreach of Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, in the Gaza Strip. Pray for Suhaila Tarazi, its Director, for her dedicated staff, and for the underweight infants who receive nutritional and medical assistance from the hospital, and for their families. We pray too for a lasting peace with justice in Gaza.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, the regional bishops, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda; World Health Day

Monday 8 April – Georgiana Molloy, pioneer church leader and botanist from Western Australia († 1843)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the ministry of women in the Anglican Church of Australia. Women's ministry, both lay and ordained, is a feature of our Church. Remember all those women in your own parish and diocese who work to make Christ known to others.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people

Tuesday 9 April – William Law, priest and teacher († 1761); Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian († 1945)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the work of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy. Throughout the world, wherever there are crises, Anglican agencies are there with their experience and expertise. One of the ways in which the Alliance adds value to the Anglican Communion is that it coordinates the agencies' responses to emergencies.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short, the clergy and people

Wednesday 10 April

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for ABM's Diocesan Representatives and the members of Provincial and Diocesan ABM committees. ABM is fortunate to be able to rely on people around the country who have a real heart for helping ABM. These indispensable members of the ABM family help us to promote our partners and our joint response to God's mission throughout Australia.
- ✠ *ACP*: Ministry to the forces – Bishop Ian Lambert, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces

Thursday 11 April – George Augustus Selwyn, first missionary Bishop of New Zealand († 1878)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for ABM's relational partner, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Pray for the people of Al-Noor and Linwood Mosques in Christchurch as they recover from the recent shootings. May peace be upon them. May God bless all people of goodwill.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people

Friday 12 April

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for all those who are using *A Voice in the Wilderness* as a study this Lent. May their journey towards understanding and reconciliation encourage others to take the same path.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: International Day of Human Space Flight

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Saturday 13 April

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the staff and students of Newton Theological College in Popondetta, Papua New Guinea. Pray especially for Bishop Jeffrey Driver (Acting Principal) and Fr Giles Motisi (Deputy Principal) and for the College Council as they work together to give the students a solid foundation for their future ministries. Give thanks for the work that has already begun to develop the college's curriculum.
- ✠ *ACP:* Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people

Sunday 14 April – Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for this Great and Holy Week of our redemption. Pray that you may take up your cross and follow Christ. Pray for all pilgrims who walk the *Via Dolorosa* in Jerusalem this week, following in the footsteps of Christ our Lord
- ✠ *ACP:* Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people

Monday 15 April – Holy Monday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of Nungalinya College in Darwin, remembering especially the great work being done to help students bridge the language gap between their own tongues and English. Give thanks for the college's new Diploma of Translating which now sits alongside their other certificates such as the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Tuesday 16 April – Holy Tuesday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Youth Engagement Project which has been set up in the Diocese of the Northern Territory to fund Church initiatives which engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Community leaders expressed a desire to try to break some of the destructive cycles they were observing, by engaging their young people more in the church. Culturally relevant resources have been produced for these communities to use in their existing programs and church services with good results. Pray that the project can be rolled out to more communities.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Wednesday 17 April – Holy Wednesday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Gender and Governance project which is helping to end the practice of child marriage in Zambia. The land-locked Central African nation has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world, with 6% of girls married by the time they have turned 15 and 31% by the age of 18. This is in spite of 21 being the legal age for marriage. Girls are 10 times more likely to marry before the age of 18 as boys. Child marriage usually means an end to a girl's education and her hopes for a better life. It can impact on her health, and many child brides experience domestic violence. Child marriage is often a result of poverty, as it relieves parents of daughters from the financial burden of feeding and educating them into young adulthood. The project is being supported through this year's Lent Appeal.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people

Thursday 18 April – Maundy Thursday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns. The college supports the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development. Pray for the Rev Victor Joseph, the college's Principal, and for the staff and students.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people

Friday 19 April – Good Friday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us! We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you because by your Holy Cross and Passion you have redeemed the world.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, the clergy and people

Saturday 20 April – Holy Saturday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for ABM's Encounter Program, remembering especially our current Encounter Visitor, Nant Hnin Hnin Aye (Snow), a lecturer from Holy Cross Seminary, Yangon, Myanmar. She is studying for a PhD in New Testament Studies at Trinity College, Melbourne. Give thanks for the mutual learning and understanding that occur when Australian Anglicans can encounter fellow Anglicans from another part of our world-wide Communion.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Riverina – the Ven Donald Kirk, Bishop-Elect, the clergy and people (*consecration and installation: 15 June 2019 at St Alban's Cathedral, Griffith*)
- ✠ *UN:* Chinese Language Day

Sunday 21 April – Easter Day

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for St Luke’s Rehabilitation Centre, run by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem at Beit Mery in Lebanon. It serves intellectually challenged children of the community. It runs a vocational workshop and training program that incorporates a variety of activities that support underprivileged youth and children with disability. One activity is food manufacturing. Young people in the centre take great pride in producing tasty pastries, sweets and chocolates to sell in Lebanon and in neighbouring countries like Jordan. However, the centre is now in need of a reliable machine that will allow young people to continue being trained in chocolate making. Pray that disadvantaged students will be given the opportunity to carry on with their work, becoming active contributors to their community. Pray for the director of the centre, the Rev Imad Zurob, and his team.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop David Robinson, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Creativity and Innovation Day

Monday 22 April – Easter Monday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for ABM partners’ work to raise awareness around forest protection in Kenya, the Philippines, PNG, Vanuatu and Myanmar. Trees help prevent water courses from drying up and help prevent erosion and landslides. Since July 2014, ABM’s partner in Kenya, Anglican Development Services Eastern, has helped communities to establish two model nurseries, make more than 400 fuel-efficient stoves and plant more than 45,000 trees.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Glenn Davies, the regional bishops, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Mother Earth Day

Tuesday 23 April – Easter Tuesday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for books and the great gift of literacy, remembering how lucky we are to have access to the Bible in English – in many translations. Give thanks for all who dedicate their lives to translating the Bible for those who do not yet have it in their own heart language. Give thanks for all of ABM’s programs that involve literacy work.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, the Assistant Bishop, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Book and Copyright Day; English Language Day; Spanish Language Day

Wednesday 24 April – Easter Wednesday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the General Community Development Fund, and for those who support it. The fund allows ABM to continue to measure and evaluate our effectiveness in the aid projects we deliver, enabling us to learn from and improve the work we do. It means we can support the Anglican Communion to amplify the voices of smaller churches around the world, especially in the Pacific region, in advocacy on climate change, prevention of violence against women, and ending human trafficking and slavery. It allows us to support the ecumenical work of the Church Agencies Network which works to prevent, mitigate or effectively respond to disasters in our region, and to support the ecumenical work of Action by Churches Together in responding to disasters across the world.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of The Murray – Bishop John Ford (*retires 31 May 2019*), the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: World Immunisation Week begins; International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace

Thursday 25 April – Easter Thursday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the Literacy, Language and Numeracy Project in Vanuatu. The project sees ABM working with the Anglican Church of Melanesia and volunteer teachers to provide valuable language, literacy and numeracy skills to people in Vanuatu, particularly in remote rural areas.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: World Malaria Day; International Girls in Information and Communications Technology Day

Friday 26 April – Easter Friday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the generosity of those who have left a legacy by remembering ABM through a bequest in their wills. This allows ABM to carry on helping our partners, both here and overseas, into the future.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop John Parkes, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day; World Intellectual Property Day

Saturday 27 April – Easter Saturday

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the episcopal ministry of Bishop Ian Palmer as he lays up his pastoral staff today, and pray for the Diocese of Bathurst as they seek a new bishop.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people

Sunday 28 April – The Second Sunday of Easter

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for St George's College, a community for pilgrimage, education, hospitality and reconciliation located in East Jerusalem. Pray for the college's dean, the Rev Canon Richard Sewell, and for all the student-pilgrims who come from around the world to spend time in the Holy Land, following in the footsteps of Jesus. Pray for the work of the Australasian Regional Committee in promoting the college, and for its Chair, Bishop Brad Billings.
- ✠ *ACP:* Anglicare Australia – Chair: Bishop Chris Jones, Executive Director: Kasy Chambers
- ✠ *UN:* World Day for Safety and Health at Work

Monday 29 April

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for St John's Seminary, in Kitwe, Zambia, its staff and students. The seminary is the national ordination training college of the Anglican Church in Zambia, training students from all five Anglican dioceses in the country. Their training prepares them to minister in fast-growing urban and rural congregations of the Church. The college, which receives a small monthly grant from the National Church, does not charge tuition fees, in order to enable students from poor dioceses to attend. However, this operating grant is not enough to cover the seminary's expenses. St John's is one of the projects being supported through this year's Lent Appeal.
- ✠ *ACP:* Theological Colleges and Church Schools

Tuesday 30 April – Mark, Evangelist and Martyr

[Transferred from 25 April]

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for Gawura, the 'school within a school' at St Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney. Founded in 2007, Gawura is a unique, coeducational Kindergarten to Year 6 day school for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who live at home with their families or carers. As students 'graduate' from the Gawura primary program, they are offered scholarships at the Cathedral School for their secondary education. Gawura is a highly-acclaimed, well-regarded 'lighthouse' model for Indigenous education.
- ✠ *ACP:* Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia
- ✠ *UN:* International Jazz Day

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Day	ABM prayer points	Australian Cycle of Prayer
1	abmission.org/cyclone-idai-emergency	anglican.org.au + anglicanprimate.org.au
2	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 21-22	adelaideanglicans.com
3	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 11-12	armidaleanglicandiocese.com
4	halotrust.org/baptismsite	ballaratanglican.org.au
5	abmission.org/PartnershipsGuidelines	bathurstanglican.org.au
6	anglicancg.org.au/new-bishop-elected	bendigoanglican.org.au
7	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 17-18	anglicanchurchsq.org.au
8	georgianamolloy.com/georgiana-molloy	bunburyanglican.org
9	anglicanalliance.org	anglicancg.org.au
10	abmission.org/pages/abm-diocesan-representatives.html	defenceanglicans.org.au
11	anglican.org.nz + anglicantaonga.org.nz	gippsanglican.org.au
12	abmission.org/data/Education/2018/A_Voice_in_the_Wilderness.pdf	graftondiocese.org.au
13	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 31-32 + abmission.org/pages/newton-college-update.html	anglican.org.au/indigenous-ministry
14	en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Via_Dolorosa	natsiac.com
15	<i>Project Book</i> , p 5	melbourneanglican.org.au
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17	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 45-46	anglicannq.org
18	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 3-4	anglicandnwa.org
19	churchoftheholysepulchre.net	perth.anglican.org
20	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 15-16	anglicanriverina.com
21	j-diocese.org/index.php?lang=en&page=129666024424&sub=129698386452	anglicanchurchcq.org.au
22	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 23-24	sydneyanglicans.net
23	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 5, 8, 29-30, 31-32, 43-44, 45	anglicantas.org.au
24	<i>Project Book</i> , p 19	murray.anglican.org
25	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 43-44	ntanglican.org.au
26	abmission.org/pages/leave-a-bequest.html + abmission.org/GiftsInWillsOfficer	wangeratta-anglican.org.au
27	bathurstanglican.org.au/announcements/looking-forward-looking-back	diowillochra.org.au
28	saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com	anglicare.asn.au
29	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 47-48	anglican.org.au/theological-education + anglican.org.au/anglican-schools
30	<i>Project Book</i> , p 8	abmission.org

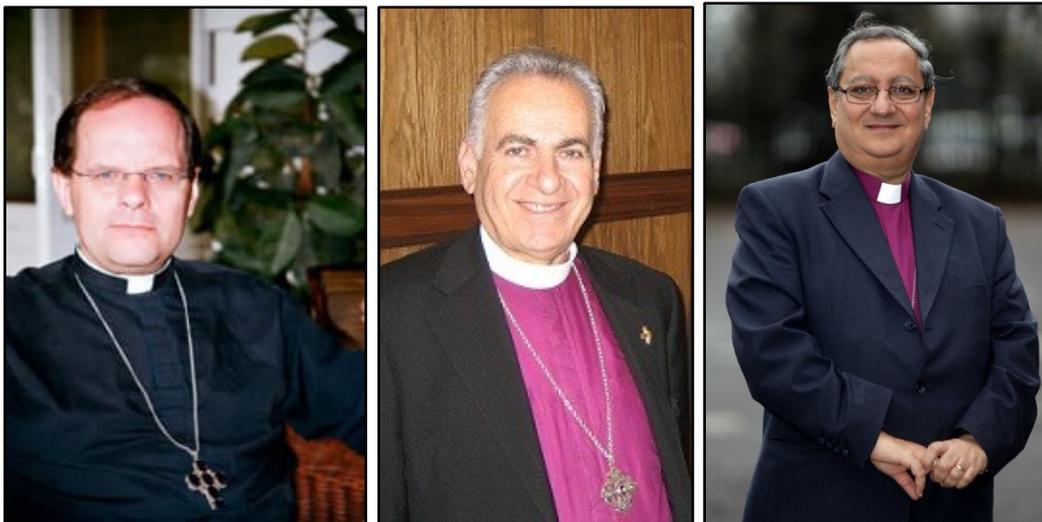
Partner Profile

The Episcopal Church of the Jerusalem and the Middle East

ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE CHURCHES within the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East reminds us of the story in Acts 2 where the Holy Spirit descends on believers in Jerusalem and they speak in recognizable languages from around the Mediterranean world. On any given Sunday, the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East worships in English, Arabic, Greek, Hebrew, Farsi, Somali, Amharic, Opo, Nuer, Anuak, Mandarin and other languages. One of the characteristics of the Church is that it operates in countries where overt Christian evangelism is outlawed. They follow the maxim of St Francis of Assisi who said: 'Preach the Gospel at all times – if necessary, use words'. So, through healthcare and educational initiatives the Church shows Christ's love for all people to all those who come to it for schooling, training, or medical care. In the Gulf, particular care is given to construction workers from the Sub-continent.

Further information can be found at the following websites:

- ≈ j-diocese.org
- ≈ dioceseofegypt.org
- ≈ cypgulf.org



From left to right –

The Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf, the Rt Rev Michael Lewis; the Archbishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East, the Most Rev Suheil Dawani; the Bishop of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa, the Rt Rev Dr Mouneer Anis