

# Partners Praying Together

May 2023 – Covid-19 Special Edition



**B**ECAUSE OF THE RAPID CHANGES brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic across the globe much of ABM's normal project work has been disrupted. Because of that, we have asked our Overseas Partners to supply us with prayer points that reflect the situation in their country. Included in this edition of *Partners Praying Together* are the prayer points that we have received. We have included these so that you can show prayerful concern for them as they, who like us are 'wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world' (as the prayer from Compline puts it), adjust to living in a time of global pandemic. You'll also find the usual things we would normally have: the feasts and commemorations from the lectionary, the Australian Cycle of Prayer, and commemorations from the United Nations calendar. All the material is designed to inform your prayers for our Overseas Partners, the bishops and dioceses of our Church and for wider global concerns. With the Psalmist let us pray, 'Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, Lord, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice' (141.2).

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## Who are ABM's Overseas Partners?

**T**HIS MONTH WE ARE ASKING YOU not only to remember our each of our Australian dioceses as they grapple with the Covid-19 pandemic, but also each of our each of our Overseas Partners as they deal with it too. Our Overseas Partners consist of Activity Partners (with whom we currently have joint activities), Relational Partners (with whom we have historical relationships) and Networking Partners (with whom we work overseas, or with whom we share information). We have, as the well-used Anglican phrase describes it, strong *bonds of affection* for all of them. Because our overseas work involves both the Church, through our Church-to-Church Unit, and communities, through our Anglicans in Development Unit, we often relate to our partners both through the Church itself and through a particular Church's community development arm. So, as you pray, we ask you to remember each of our Partners (and their community development arms) some of whom are more able to weather through the coronavirus storm than others:

### Activity Partners

1. The Anglican Church of Kenya (*ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services*)
2. The Anglican Church of Melanesia (*The Anglican Church of Melanesia's Board of Mission*)
3. The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (*Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*)
4. The Church of the Province of Central Africa (*the Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program*)
5. The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (*the CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks*)
6. The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (*E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP*)
7. The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East (*the Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk*)
8. The Philippine Independent Church – *Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI (VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI)*

### Relational Partners

9. The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China
10. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia (*Anglican Missions Board, AMB*)
11. The Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui* 香港聖公會
12. The Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* 日本聖公會
13. The Anglican Church of Korea
14. The Church of Bangladesh
15. The Church of Ceylon
16. The Church of North India
17. The Church of Pakistan
18. The Church of South India
19. The Church of the Province of South East Asia (covers Malaysia and Singapore)

20. The Episcopal Church of South Sudan (*the Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA*)
21. The Episcopal Church of Sudan

### **Networking Partners**

22. Episcopal Relief and Development (USA)
23. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (Canada)
24. USPG (UK and Ireland)
25. Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy
26. Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life
27. CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa
28. The Mothers' Union

Please remember all our partners in your prayers. Whether they are in Seoul, Yangon or Nairobi, they need our prayers.

Information from our Partners regarding Covid-19 will be put up on our website as it comes to hand.

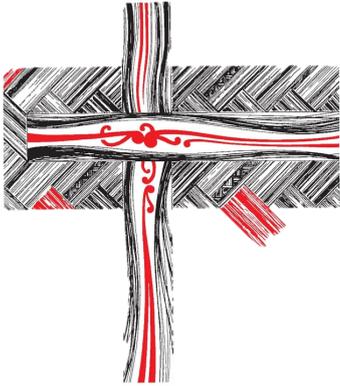
### **EACH DAY THIS MONTH**

- ✠ Father, guide us so that we may walk in Your way, rejoice in Your truth and be kept for ever in the life which You give, which is eternal; through Him Who lived and died and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Saviour.
- ✠ **Pray for:** for all those who have been affected by natural disasters in Australia, especially those still without permanent homes and those whose businesses have been badly affected; for the 4000+ Ukrainian asylum seekers in Australia, here as a result of the Russian invasion; for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who represent 3% of the population but who are overrepresented at 29% of the adult prison population. Pray that the systemic issues that cause this may be addressed; for children's rights in Australia – that the minimum age of criminal responsibility be raised from 10 to 14, the internationally-accepted age; for Indigenous children who are 20 time more likely to be incarcerated than their non-Indigenous peers; that Australia will endorse the Safe Schools Declaration, an intergovernmental pledge now supported by 112 countries to protect education in times of conflict.
- ✠ **Give thanks** for the medical staff who have been working so tirelessly during the pandemic; for the development of vaccines; for the way in which people have been flexible and managed to cope despite the difficulties; for all those who have shown kindness to their neighbours throughout the course of the pandemic so far; for Australia's low unemployment rate; for the Federal Government's commitment to end violence against women and children within a generation; for the recent establishment of the national anti-corruption commission; for all those who volunteer in organisations to help Australia to become a better place.
- ✠ Father, we thank You for showing us the Way, in human terms that we find easier to understand.

# *Prayer Points*

from our

## *Overseas Partners*



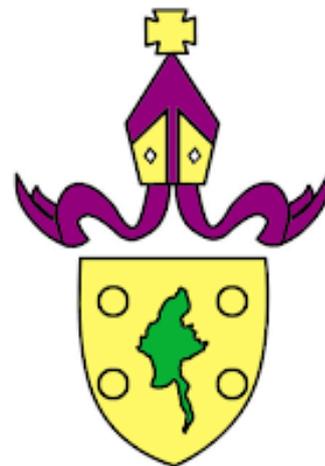
### **The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia**

- ✦ Please continue to pray for communities impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle and for the role that the Anglican Church has in recovery efforts. Thank you for the way so many parishes and individuals are supporting those in need.
- ✦ We give thanks for the generosity of parishes, agencies and individuals in raising over \$365,000 for the Anglican Missions Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal. We pray for guidance for the small working group appointed to make decisions on the allocation of those funds.
- ✦ We give thanks for the vision of Henry and William Williams who came to Aotearoa NZ in 1823 and 1826 (respectively) and their commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi, land, Māori education and translating the Bible. The bicentenary of their arrival has just been celebrated. Give thanks for the generosity of family trusts that continues to support mission in Aotearoa and the Pacific.
- ✦ As we approach winter, we pray for the homeless and for families struggling to make ends meet. Thank you for church agencies committed to supporting those in our communities who are most in need.
- ✦ We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Pacific who face the ongoing challenge of climate change and for the role the Anglican church plays in supporting communities to be better prepared for and able to respond to natural disasters.

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# The Anglican Church of The Church of the Province of Myanmar

- ✠ Pray for the Anglican Training and Resource Centre building as we are working on the paper works to get the legal permit to use this building by June 2023.
- ✠ Pray for Holy Cross seminarians as we are operating classes both in person in online.
- ✠ Pray for our faculty and their families.
- ✠ Pray for our country.



## The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

- ✠ For migrant expatriate workers at all levels in our Province, from many lands, especially those resident in the Gulf, that they may be employed and treated legally and justly
- ✠ For Israel and Palestine, that bigotry and hate-filled extremism may be rejected and that the authorities may govern and rule for all, not just for groups and interests
- ✠ For the women and men of Iran in unremittingly harsh times, and especially for the Anglican diocese and its faithful remnant
- ✠ For further rapprochement between Iran and Saudi Arabia, that it may have an effect on the tragic war in the Yemen
- ✠ For the huge number of refugees, internally displaced persons, and asylum seekers in our region, as well as those who find themselves here in their search for a better life, and for those who befriend and offer concern and care.



## The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✠ We praise God for the successful Annual Conventions of all the dioceses of the ECP. We pray that all the plans made be acceptable to Him.
- ✠ We join in the celebration of the works of women all over the world. For the Episcopal Church Women in the Phils for their ministry in and outside the church.
- ✠ We pray for peace and reconciliation all over the country especially for the communities affected by tribal wars and armed conflicts between our government troops and the New People's Army.



- ✦ We continue to pray that assets of households be maximized as we cope up with the effects of inflation.
- ✦ Pray for all students, that they keep their focus, believe in themselves, and achieve their goals.

## 香港聖公會



### **The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui The Anglican Church of Hong Kong**

- ✦ May the joys of Easter be heard far and wide, and that the hope born of Christ's resurrection be found in all our hearts, knowing that death has no more sting, and Christ's light is always present no matter what darkness we find ourselves in.
- ✦ We praise God for his continued guidance as we celebrate the 180th year of Anglican faith in Hong Kong and Macau.
- ✦ May God grant our educators and policy makers wisdom in this continuing emigration wave. As schools and healthcare now look to a shrinking student and labour pool, may our leaders in these fields be guided, that our students and patients could still be educated and looked after with love.

## 日本聖公会



### **The Nippon Sei Ko Kai The Anglican Communion in Japan**

- ✦ With the celebration of Children's Day this month, give thanks for all church-based youth ministries and organizations, and pray that the NSKK may be inspired to find new ways to reach out to the young of the nation
- ✦ As the country marks Constitution Memorial Day, pray that Japan may continue to preserve and work to uphold the current peace constitution
- ✦ Give thanks for the close ecumenical relations enjoyed by Christian churches in Japan, and ask that this month's meeting – in solidarity against caste discrimination in Japan – will be productive and help resolve some of the outstanding issues
- ✦ As the G7 summit takes place in Hiroshima, ask that God inspires the leaders of attending nations to work for the peace which the host city symbolizes, and to promote that in their home countries

- ✦ Give thanks for the establishment of a new Human Rights Workshop in Osaka and Nara and pray God's blessing upon them as they meet this month
- ✦ Pray for all the elected leaders of this nation as they try to carry out their duties and fairly represent the general population, and for their safety

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer, go to  
[anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx](http://anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx)**



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God of all,  
bless the Anglican Board of Mission  
as it serves the Church in Australia  
and our partner churches overseas.  
Inspire its work and its vision  
that all may come to know your justice,  
your peace and your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May	Lectionary and ABM Commemorations and the Australian Cycle of Prayer	ABM Partner + development arm – where appropriate	UN Days see <a href="http://www.un.org/en/observances/international-days-and-weeks">www.un.org/en/observances/international-days-and-weeks</a> for more information about each
<b>Mon</b> <b>1</b>	<p><b>St Philip and St James, apostles and martyrs (or 3 May)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Anglican Church of Kenya <i>ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Tue</b> <b>2</b>	<p><b>Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher († 373)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Denise Ferguson and Tim Harris, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Anglican Church of Melanesia <i>The ACOM Board of Mission</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Tuna Day</li> </ul>
<b>Wed</b> <b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rod Chiswell, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea <i>Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Press Freedom Day</li> </ul>
<b>Thu</b> <b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Church of the Province of Central Africa <i>The Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program</i></li> </ul>	

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<b>Fri</b> <b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Mark Calder, the clergy and people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Church of the Province of Myanmar <i>CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon</li> <li>World Portuguese Language Day</li> </ul>
<b>Sat</b> <b>6</b>	<p><b>St John, Apostle and Evangelist</b> – if not observed on 27 December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Episcopal Church in the Philippines <i>E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP</i></li> <li>See p. 5</li> </ul>	
<b>Sun</b> <b>7</b>	<p><b>Easter 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Brisbane – Bishops Jeremy Greaves, John Roundhill and Cameron Venables, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East <i>The Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk</i></li> <li>See p. 5</li> </ul>	
<b>Mon</b> <b>8</b>	<p>Julian of Norwich, holy woman and mystic († 1417)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Philippine Independent Church – (<i>La Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI</i>) <i>VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time of remembrance and reconciliation for those who lost their lives during the Second World War</li> </ul>
<b>Tue</b> <b>9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short; Bishops Carol Wagner and Stephen Pickard, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China</li> </ul>	

<b>Wed</b> <b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry to the Forces – Bishop Grant Dibden, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia <i>Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i></li> </ul> <p><b>See p. 4</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Argania</li> </ul>
<b>Thu</b> <b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui 香港聖公會)</li> </ul> <p><b>See p. 6</b></p>	
<b>Fri</b> <b>12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Anglican Church of Japan (Nippon Sei Ko Kai 日本聖公会)</li> </ul> <p><b>See p. 6</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Plant Health</li> </ul>
<b>Sat</b> <b>13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Anglican Church of Korea</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Migratory Bird Day</li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b> <b>14</b>	<p><b>Easter 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Church of Bangladesh</li> </ul>	
<b>Mon</b> <b>15</b>	<p><b>Matthias, Apostle and Martyr</b></p> <p>– if not observed on 24 February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier; Bishops Andrew Curnow, Paul Barker, Genieve Blackwell, Brad Billings, Kate Prowd, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Church of Ceylon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Road Safety Week begins (till 21 May)</li> <li>International Day of Families</li> </ul>

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<b>Tue</b> <b>16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart; Bishops Charlie Murry and Sonia Roulston, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Church of North India</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Living Together in Peace</li> <li>International Day of Light</li> </ul>
<b>Wed</b> <b>17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Church of Pakistan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Telecommunication and Information Society Day</li> </ul>
<b>Thu</b> <b>18</b>	<p><b>Ascension Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Church of South India</li> </ul>	
<b>Fri</b> <b>19</b>	<p><b>Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury († 988)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Kate Wilmot, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<p>The Church of the Province of South-East Asia (covers Malaysia and Singapore, with missionary congregations in Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand and some parts of Indo-China)</p>	
<b>Sat</b> <b>20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Episcopal Church of South Sudan <i>The Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Bee Day</li> </ul>

<b>Sun</b> <b>21</b>	<b>Easter 7</b> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (southern hemisphere) begins (till eve of Pentecost) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop Peter Grice, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Episcopal Church of Sudan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Tea Day</li> <li>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development</li> </ul>
<b>Mon</b> <b>22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Kanishka Raffel; Bishops Peter Lin, Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Gary Koo, Peter Hayward, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day for Biological Diversity</li> </ul>
<b>Tue</b> <b>23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, Bishop Chris Jones, clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nungalinya College, Darwin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day to End Obstetric Fistula</li> </ul>
<b>Wed</b> <b>24</b>	<b>John († 1791) and Charles († 1788) Wesley, evangelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of the Murray – Bishop Keith Dalby, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns</li> </ul>	
<b>Thu</b> <b>25</b>	<b>Bede of Jarrow, priest and teacher († 735)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Episcopal Relief and Development (USA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories begins (till 31 May)</li> </ul>
<b>Fri</b> <b>26</b>	<b>Augustine of Canterbury missionary and bishop († 605)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (Canada)</li> </ul>	

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<b>Sat</b> <b>27</b>	Week of Prayer for Reconciliation begins (till 3 June) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop Jeremy James TSSF, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USPG (UK and Ireland)</li> </ul>	
<b>Sun</b> <b>28</b>	<b>Pentecost</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy</li> </ul>	
<b>Mon</b> <b>29</b>	<b>Ember Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of UN Peacekeepers</li> </ul>
<b>Tue</b> <b>30</b>	<b>Ember Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa</li> </ul>	
<b>Wed</b> <b>31</b>	<b>The Visitation of the BVM to Elizabeth</b> <b>Ember Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Religious orders of the Anglican Church of Australia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mothers' Union</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World No Tobacco Day</li> </ul>

**There are no Calendar Displacements or Omissions in May this year.**

# *Let us pray for our sisters and brothers throughout the world...*

*Let all who take refuge in you rejoice, O Lord; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may exult in you. – Psalm 5.11*

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN AFRICA. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in the Sao Tome and Principe, Mauritania and Cabo Verde. Large raw numbers of new cases have been reported recently by South Africa, Mauritius and Ethiopia.

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice, O Lord:  
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WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE AMERICAS. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Saba, Saint Barthélemy (St Barts) and Cuba. Large raw numbers of new cases have been reported recently by the United States of America, Brazil and Chile.

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice, O Lord:  
Let them ever sing for joy.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AROUND THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Somalia, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Large raw numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Iran, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice, O Lord:  
Let them ever sing for joy.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN EUROPE. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Monaco. Large raw numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Russia, France and Germany.

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice, O Lord:  
Let them ever sing for joy.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Nepal, India and the Maldives. Large raw numbers of new cases have been reported recently by India, Indonesia and Thailand.

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice, O Lord:  
Let them ever sing for joy.

AND WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN OUR OWN REGION, THE WESTERN PACIFIC. A large proportional increase in Covid case numbers has recently been seen in Samoa, the Marshall Islands and American Samoa. Large raw numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Japan, China and Australia.

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Let them ever sing for joy.

*\* Statistics are the latest available from the WHO and are accurate as of 19 April 2023. Infection rates are now decreasing in most parts of the world., however, there is concern over new variants and over the effects of long covid. Death rates are continuing to fall in most parts of the world.*

