

Partners Praying Together

December 2023



ABM's *Partners Praying Together* is designed to link our supporters with our partners. Each month we present the prayer requests we receive from our Overseas Partners. Together with that we have the feasts and commemorations from the lectionary, the Australian Cycle of Prayer (which allows you to pray for ABM's Australian Partners), and commemorations from the United Nations calendar. All of these are designed not to tell you *how* to pray, but to prompt you to pray in whatever way you prefer.

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you . Ps 32.6a

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Who are ABM's Overseas Partners?

WE ARE ASKING YOU to remember our each of our Australian dioceses as well as each of our each of our Overseas Partners. They 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, though Anglicans in Development, we often relate to our partners both through the Church itself and through a particular Church's community development arm.

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 Ceylon
5. The Church of the Province of Central Africa (*the Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program*)
6. The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (*the CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks*)
7. The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (*E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP*)
8. The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East (*the Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk*)
9. The Philippine Independent Church – *Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI (VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI)*

Relational Partners

10. The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China
11. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia (*Anglican Missions Board, AMB*)
12. The Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui* 香港聖公會
13. The Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* 日本聖公会
14. The Anglican Church of Korea
15. The Church of Bangladesh
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
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 Vancouver, Honiara or Lahore, they need our prayers.

EACH DAY THIS MONTH

- ✠ Thank you, Father, for this new year in the church's calendar. Come, Lord, come down among us. Enter our darkness with Your light. Fill our darkness with Your presence, for without You we have no message, we have no power. Lord, make us aware of Your coming, that we may reveal Your glory in all the world.
- ✠ Pray for young people in Australia, because they are bearing the brunt of the economic stress at present.
- ✠ Pray for those who will suffer this summer from extreme weather events. May their preparations be adequate and keep them safe.
- ✠ Pray for all those facing homelessness as Australia grapples with a shortage of housing.
- ✠ Pray for all those in war zones, and those displaced by war, especially the people of the occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel, as well as the Ukraine.
- ✠ Give thanks as Archbishop-elect Jeremy Greaves is installed as Archbishop of Brisbane, and Metropolitan of the Province of Queensland, at St John's Cathedral on Saturday 16th December 2023 at 10.30am.
- ✠ God of warmth and brightness, we praise You for all our many blessings, but above all for Jesus' coming to save and set us free to live with you eternally.

Prayer Points

from our

Overseas Partners



The Church of the Province of South-East Asia

- ✠ **Extraordinary Provincial Synod:**
Praise God for the anointing of His Holy Spirit, who guided the entire proceedings of the Extraordinary Provincial Synod. We give thanks to God for the Archbishop-Elect, The Right Reverend Dr Titus Chung Khiam Boon, Bishop of Singapore who was elected as the 7th Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church in South East Asia.
- ✠ Pray for Archbishop-elect, Bishop Dr Titus Chung that the Lord will use Him for His purposes in this time and season, to lead our Province forward in witnessing for Jesus in our region and in relation to the worldwide Anglican Communion.

- ✠ **Prayers for the Province:**
As dioceses are moving toward creating area dioceses and strengthening mission deaneries, pray that the Province will be empowered by the Holy Spirit and persevere to establish God's Kingdom on earth.
- ✠ Pray for all the preparations for Christmas, that churches will use the opportunity to share Christ's hope and love with our neighbors in our respective context in the nations of our Province.
- ✠ Pray for the nations in our Province to be free from the effects of geopolitical conflicts, either within our region or outside our region. Pray for the Church to be peacemakers in any hostile situation.

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East

- ✠ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
- ✠ Pray for the staff and patients of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City.

A Prayer found in St George's Anglican Cathedral, Jerusalem:

Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli.

Pray rather for ourselves

That we might not divide them in our prayers
But keep them both together in our hearts.

- based on the prayer of a Palestinian Christian



The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✠ Give thanks for the ministry of the Most Rev Brent H W Alawas, and pray for successful preparations for the election of the next Prime Bishop at next year's Synod to enable the Episcopal Church in the Philippines to effectively carry out its mission in this world.
- ✠ Give thanks for the 18 people received and 31 people confirmed at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church's new Barangay Lonoy preaching station in the Municipality of Sapián, Province of Capiz, as a result of the community's partnership with the E-Care Foundation. Pray for the congregation's successful admission as an organized mission in 2024 and for further opportunities to teach, baptise and nurture new believers in the Lonoy community.
- ✠ Give thanks for 120 years of loving service of St Luke's Medical Center and pray for the success of its College of Medicine's expansion plan.
- ✠ With the ECP Council of Bishops, pray for and be in solidarity with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and with all people in the Holy Land as they cry and plead for an immediate end to violence.
- ✠ Pray for all those affected by the earthquake that struck near General Santos City, especially for the injured and bereaved, as well as for the rebuilding of infrastructure.



香港聖公會

The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

The Anglican Church of Hong Kong

- ✠ For all the recent graduates from Minghua Theological College; may the light of God shine through their service, in schools, social services, and the church.
- ✠ For the well-being of our schoolchildren, especially their mental health, in light of recent school closures and increase in suicide rates. We pray that God would grant them hope and the strength to persevere, and we pray that schools and the government can give them the support they need.
- ✠ For the newly elected district councillors in December, may their service to their community be guided with wisdom, that those truly in need may receive the help they lack.





日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

The Anglican Communion in Japan

- ✠ Give thanks for those who manage the accounts and financial business of the province and dioceses and pray for them as they meet this month
- ✠ As we remember all who suffer from domestic violence in Japan, please pray especially for the eradication of violence against women (as part of the wider 16-day campaign against gender violence)
- ✠ Thank God for the opportunity for people to gather together last month at the NSKK's Mission Consultative Forum and pray that they remain inspired to search out new ways to share the Good News of Jesus, and to enable Christ's church to reach out to people in today's world
- ✠ As the weather becomes colder, please pray for the homeless in Japan and all those who run soup kitchens and care for them
- ✠ Give thanks for all Christmas pageants and activities which will take place throughout the NSKK this year: especially at social welfare facilities, schools, kindergartens/ nursery schools, and other NPOs. Pray that they might be a means by which others recognize Emmanuel - God with us
- ✠ And as we come to the celebration of the birth of Jesus, please pray that all in Japan may know the true light and love of our Lord and that the warm joy of Christmas might be shared with all

Pray for
ABM

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.



The Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa

Prayer Focus this month:

The Church of Uganda

WEEK 1

A Prayer for the Leadership of the Church and the Nations

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. *– Hebrews 13:7*

We are in the eleventh month of the year and we invite you to join us give thanks to God for His faithfulness which are new every morning. As we give thanks to God, we invite you to join us to pray for the Church of Uganda, for the Primate, the **Most Rev Dr Stephen Kazimba**, and the Bishops of the constituent dioceses in Uganda. Join us to lift in prayer the community and political leaders of Uganda as we pray for wisdom, and for every virtue that these leaders and others require to rule the nation and to lead the Church of God in the country. Let us pray for the leaders of other faith communities within the country that enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they will pursue justice, peace and respect for each other in their various faith and clan communities.

WEEK 2

A Prayer for Mercy, Healing and Fruitfulness

But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandoned them, for you are a gracious and merciful God. *– Nehemiah 9:31*

In the second week of the month, we invite you to pray for God's mercy, compassion, healing, and restoration on the people and communities of Uganda remembering in particular those in the northern communities that border the troubled areas of DR Congo and those affected by various forms of conflicts, displacement and insecurity. Join us to pray for the many displaced persons (especially from South Sudan) being hosted by Uganda that will know the peace of Christ and safety under His everlasting arms. Join us to pray for the displaced, migrant workers and various categories of people of Ugandan origin across the world that they will contribute to the fruitfulness of the economies of their host nations, foster healing, and healthy relations and that they will live in harmony with the indigens and show mercy one to another. Let us pray for the various ministries of

the Church that provide health and healing and for all whose work brings healing and restoration to the sick, the traumatized and those challenged emotionally and psychologically. Join us to pray for the victims (mainly women and children) and perpetrators of gender-based and domestic violence, and for all who work to help victims in that sector.

WEEK 3

A Prayer for Peace

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety

– Psalm 4:8

In the third week of the month, we stand in prayer for the peace of the nation of Uganda – within her communities, among the various people groups and with her neighbours. We pray for God's peace and leadership in various church and national processes and for the pursuit of justice and godly actions in governance, commerce and trade, education and life molding actions and within the judiciary. Join to pray for peaceful social and political relations between various ethnic groups and peoples in the nation of Uganda and for peaceful co-existence among people of all faith and none.

WEEK 4

A Prayer for Love

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.

– Leviticus 19:18

In the fourth week of the month, join us to pray for endearing love among the various faith and tribal communities in Uganda, that love will undergird all relations between faith, ethnic and communities. Let us pray that all people in the constituent dioceses of the Church of Uganda will bear the burden of love and experience same in their personal and communal lives even as they undertake their various missions and ministries; that their actions and thoughts will be directed by love for one another regardless of gender, ethnicity, creed, and nationality; that the mission of the church will be motivated and undergirded by genuine love for all people of faith and none, acknowledging that all are created in the image and likeness of our Sovereign God. Pray for all who are socially disconnected, lonely and without any social connection or support.

Additional Prayers

Thanksgiving and Celebration

- ✠ Join us to celebrate and give thanks to God for the various accomplishments across the provinces in Africa.
- ✠ Join the Diocese of Katanga to give thanks for the success of the weeklong retreat and capacity enhancement training for the Clergy facilitated by CAPA in Lubumbashi, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Please continue to pray for the leadership of the Diocese under the episcopacy of the Rt Rev Bertin Subi Mwale. If you can read French, see the article at <https://magazinelaguardia.info/2023/10/30/eglise-anglicane-evangile-ou-commerce-les-pretres-ont-le-choix>

New Ministries

- ✠ Join us to celebrate and thank God for the commencement of new ministries for the newly ordained persons – 9 Deacons and 9 Priests in the Diocese of Katanga in the Province of Congo.

Prayer Requests from Various Provinces

Kenya

- ✠ Give thanks for the success of the Provincial Synod of the Anglican Church of Kenya and for the statements and engagements with the various stakeholders in ensuring peace, economic benefits for honest labour, call on the government to attend to matters of the economy – the rising cost of living and increased taxes. Pray for the leadership of the Church as they stand as a voice of conscience in the country.

Malawi

- ✠ We ask for your prayers to give thanks for the Provincial Synod of the Church of the Province of Central Africa which sat in Blantyre from 2-6 November under the chairmanship of the Most Rev Albert Chama. Give thanks for the delegates and other invited guests – for safe travels from their constituent dioceses and countries and their safe return, and for the leading of the Holy Spirit in the deliberations of the synod.

Sudan

- ✠ Please join us to continue lifting up prayer for Sudan and the on-going war and for efforts to broker peace and ceasefire among the warring factions. Pray for the Joint Ecumenical Prayer and Action towards peace in Sudan.

Mozambique

- ✠ Join us to pray for peace in Mozambique after the local elections and as they prepare towards the national elections later in the year. Pray for the electoral commission

under the leadership of Archbishop Carlos Matsinhe and for the various arms of government whose work will promote peace and justice in the country.

South Sudan

- ✠ Let us give thanks for the leadership of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS) under the leadership of Most Rev Dr Justin Badi Arama as the Episcopal Synod met last month to fellowship and attend to matters for the furtherance of the mission and ministry of the Church. Give thanks for the fruitful deliberations and successful outcomes of the meeting.

Climate Emergency

- ✠ Pray for those already being affected by the impact of Climate Change and acts of Climate Injustice across the world, especially in Africa – droughts and floods that have destroyed lives and properties, for the impact of the El Niño phenomenon that will cause bushfires and hot summer in the southern hemisphere and heavy rains and possible floods around the equator region. Let us pray for the various service groups that are and will be involved in handling the outcomes of the impact of the climate phenomenon.

The Holy Land

- ✠ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. Pray for peace in place across the world where there is an upsurge in antisemitism and islamophobia since the Hamas attack and Israeli counteroffensive. Join us to pray for the affected and displaced persons and for safe passage for those needing to be evacuated from the various health facilities in Gaza. Please pray for the Anglican Church and the various faith communities in the Middle East remembering especially the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East and especially for the leadership of Archbishop Hosam.

Mission Partnerships

- ✠ Join us to pray for the sustainability and growth of various mission and ministry partnerships across the Anglican Communion. Pray for fledging and prospective new mission and ministry partnerships that these relationships will be true and genuine in support of God's call to support each other.

Pray for CAPA's Ministry

We invite you to pray for CAPA's work in the year 2023 and for our role expressed as in the acronym SPAACER

- ✦ **Sustainability** – of the Church's presence and ministry on the continent
- ✦ **Public Image** – shaping and upholding a positive image of the Anglican Church within Africa and in the global space.
- ✦ **Accompanying** – Provinces in various processes and initiatives, including peace building
- ✦ **Advocacy** – Shaping, coordinating, and participating in advocacy initiatives with Provinces and other organizations.
- ✦ **Coordinating** – creating safe space for Provinces to interact and engage on relevant pastoral issues with some sense of coherence.
- ✦ **Equipping** – the Church leadership at various levels with appropriate skills for effective functioning as transformational leaders
- ✦ **Renewing** – Church life and fellowship between the provinces as well as their commitment to the Africa transforming agenda

For resource support and commitment to ...

- ✦ The CAPA 45th Anniversary, 13th General Assembly and the Third All Africa Bishops' Conference (AABC III) which are scheduled to take place in Kenya after Easter in 2025.
- ✦ For the finalization of the CAPA 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and review of the mandate and strategic focus of CAPA in the face of the current dynamics on the continent and with the global space and in the church.

National Days

Join us to remember and pray this month for the Independence Anniversaries and/or National Days of –

1 December	The Central African Republic: National Day
11 December	Burkina Faso: National Day
12 December	The Republic of Kenya: Jamhuri Day
18 December	The Republic of the Niger: National Day
24 December	The State of Libya: National Day

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer, go to
anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx



A Maltese postage stamp featuring San Gwann Tas-Salib, St John of the Cross, the Spanish priest and Carmelite friar

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New South Wales 1230.

Dec	Lectionary and ABM Commemorations and the Australian Cycle of Prayer	ABM Partner + development arm - where appropriate	UN Days see www.un.org/en/observances/international-days-and-weeks for more information about each
Fri 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Geoff Smith; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Kenya <i>ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World AIDS Day
Sat 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoff Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Denise Ferguson and Tim Harris, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Melanesia <i>The ACOM Board of Mission</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
Sun 3	<p>Advent 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rod Chiswell, the clergy and people <p>6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea <i>Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Mon 4	<p>Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer († 1637)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of Central Africa <i>The Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Banks

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Tue 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Mark Calder, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of Myanmar CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development World Soil Day
Wed 6	<p>Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist († ca. 342)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church in the Philippines E-CARE, a community development organisation of the ECP <p>See p. 5</p>	
Thu 7	<p>Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher († 397)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop-Elect Jeremy Greaves, Bishops Cameron Venables and John Roundhill, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East The Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk <p>See p. 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Civil Aviation Day
Fri 8	<p>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Philippine Independent Church – (Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI) VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Sat 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short; Bishops Carol Wagner and Stephen Pickard, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime International Anti-Corruption Day
Sun 10	Advent 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry to the Forces – Bishop Grant Dibden, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia <i>The Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Rights Day
Mon 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Hong Kong – <i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> – 香港聖公會 <p><i>See p. 5</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Mountain Day
Tue 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Japan – <i>Nippon Sei Ko Kai</i> – 日本聖公会) <p><i>See p. 6</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Neutrality International Universal Health Coverage Day
Wed 13	<p>Lucy, virgin and martyr at Syracuse († 304)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Korea 	

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Thu 14	<p>John of the Cross, mystic and teacher († 1591)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Bangladesh 	
Fri 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier; Bishops Andrew Curnow, Paul Barker, Genieve Blackwell, Brad Billings, Kate Prowd, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Ceylon 	
Sat 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart; Bishops Charlie Murry and Sonia Roulston, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of North India 	
Sun 17	<p>Advent 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Pakistan 	
Mon 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of South India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Migrants' Day Arabic Language Day

Tue 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Kate Wilmot, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) <i>See p. 4</i> 	
Wed 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of South Sudan <i>The Church’s Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Human Solidarity Day
Thu 21	<p>Thomas, apostle and martyr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop Peter Grice, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Sudan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Basketball Day
Fri 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Kanishka Raffel; Bishops Peter Lin, Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Gary Koo, Peter Hayward, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council 	
Sat 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, Bishop Chris Jones, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nungalinya College, Darwin 	

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Sun 24	Advent 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Murray – Bishop Keith Dalby, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns 	
Mon 25	The Birth of our Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Episcopal Relief and Development (USA) 	
Tue 26	Stephen, deacon and first martyr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (Canada) 	
Wed 27	John, apostle and evangelist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop Jeremy James TSSF, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USPG (UK and Ireland) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Epidemic Preparedness
Thu 28	Holy Innocents’ Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy 	

Fri 29	<p>Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury († 1170)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
Sat 30	<p>Josephine Butler, social reformer († 1905)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa <i>See p. 7</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare
Sun 31	<p>Christmas 1 or The Epiphany of our Lord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religious Orders of the Anglican Church of Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mothers' Union 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Displacements and Omissions this December			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 December: Francis Xavier, priest and missionary († 1552) 31 December: John Wyclif, teacher and reformer († 1384) 			

