

Partners Praying Together

December 2025



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. – Psalm 32.6a

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Who are ABM's Partners?

WE ARE ASKING YOU to remember our each of our Australian dioceses, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partners (such as NATSIAC, Wontulp-Bi-Buya College and Nungalinga College), as well as 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, the *Daehan Seonggonghoe* 대한성공회
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.

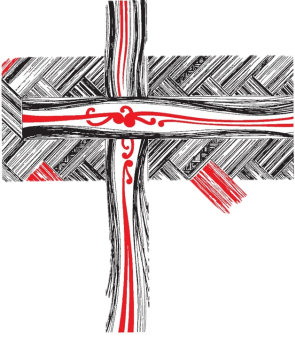
EACH DAY THIS MONTH

- ✙ Holy God, Holy and Strong One, Holy and Mighty One, protect us by Your power, provide us with Your peace, and fill our lives with Your presence. Awaken us to Your coming as a baby, born and swaddled in a manger to be our Servant and Redeemer King.
- ✙ Pray for all those in war zones, and those displaced by war, especially the people of the occupied Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Iran and Israel, as well as Yemen, Sudan and Ukraine. May genuine and lasting ceasefires in Iran, Israel, Gaza and Ukraine come to pass so that reconstruction and rehabilitation can begin.
- ✙ Pray for rental affordability across regional and rural areas in Australia.
- ✙ Pray for the safety of children in childcare across Australia and the world
- ✙ Give thanks that the Holy Spirit calls women and men to the Church's ordained ministry and to Religious Orders.
- ✙ Pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury-Elect, as she prepares to take office.
- ✙ Thank You, Father of hope, for the way You surprise us with joy and show us the extraordinary and the wonderful in the ordinary things of life. Alleluia.

Prayer Points

from our

Overseas Partners



The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Te Hahi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tirenī, ki Nga Moutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa

- ✠ We pray for Archbishop Sione Ulu'ilakepa and the Diocese of Polynesia as they prepare for Synod in early December. May your Holy Spirit guide the decisions that will be made.
- ✠ We pray for those struggling in Aotearoa New Zealand with the cost of living especially as we settle in for the Christmas season with all the financial expectations that come with that.
- ✠ We give thanks for the way in which the Diocese of Polynesia has prepared for the current annual cyclone season with the support of Anglican Missions. Thank you for the generosity of parishes and individuals who continue to support Anglican Missions as it works with the Diocese to secure pre-positioned supplies.
- ✠ We give thanks for the extraordinary Anglican agencies across the motu (country of Aotearoa New Zealand) who support selflessly and generously those who are vulnerable and struggling: for example Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch City Missions and the Anglican Care Network.



The Church of Ceylon

- ✠ Pray for our clergy, that they may continue to carry out God's ministry faithfully, with spiritual strength, wisdom, and discernment.
- ✠ Pray for the successful opening of Kurunagala Bishop's College in January, that all final preparations will go smoothly and that the institution will be a blessing to the community.
- ✠ Pray for the ongoing construction of the new church in Mawathagama, that God will provide safety, resources, and guidance until its completion.

- ✙ Pray for the youth and children of our Diocese, that they may grow in faith, find encouragement in the Church, and be equipped to face the challenges of today with hope and resilience.
- ✙ Pray for our diocesan initiatives for women's empowerment and community development, that these programmes will continue to uplift families, promote justice, and strengthen the spiritual and social well-being of our communities.

香港聖公會

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

- ✙ Pray for the courage and willingness to love in this Advent and Christmas: as we receive the greatest gift we could in the incarnation of Jesus Christ, may we also take the step in giving unto others, and do a small piece of charity in our ordinary lives. As we experience the joy of giving, may we make it the first step of many to come, building bit by bit the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth.
- ✙ Pray for all the parishes, volunteers, and social services who will be visiting the elderly, the lonely, the hospitalised, the imprisoned, and the neglected this Winter. Pray for genuine care for the needy, and for their comfort in times of distress.
- ✙ Pray for the newly elected legislative council members of Hong Kong; may they exercise their power for the good of all, guided by the wisdom of God.



The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

لكنيسة الأسقفية في القدس والشرق الأوسط

- ✙ Pray for Divine Protection and earthly sustenance for the hundreds of thousands of refugees who have been forced to evacuate their homes in Gaza City.
- ✙ Pray for similar protection and sustenance for those who have chosen to remain in their homes and workplaces in Gaza City, especially those sheltering in Holy Comforter and St Porphyrios churches, and in Al-Ahli Anglican Hospital.



- ✠ Pray for a massive increase of food, potable water, fuel, and medical supplies for the civilians inside Gaza.
- ✠ Pray for a successful negotiated release of all captives, including any still being held in Gaza and the 11,000 being held as political prisoners in Israeli detention camps.
- ✠ Pray for Holy protection against settler violence in the West Bank, especially for the Christian village of Taybeh, which has been the subject of many recent attacks.
- ✠ Pray for justice for Layan Nasir and Shadeh Khoury who face many months of military detention on false charges.
- ✠ Pray for a speedy end to the war and a rapid movement towards a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land, under an equitable Two-State solution.



대한성공회

Daehan Seonggonghoe The Anglican Church of Korea

- ✠ **Advent and Christmas Season:** As we enter the season of Advent and prepare for Christmas, please pray that all members of the Anglican Church of Korea may deeply reflect on the meaning of our Saviour's birth and the redemption given through Jesus Christ. May this be a time of renewed awareness of God's love and grace. Pray also for the Christmas services and baptisms being planned in each parish—that they may be held in God's abundant blessing, and that through them the faithful may once again experience the joy of being one body in Christ.
- ✠ **Confirmation at Seoul Cathedral – 7 December:** Please pray for the confirmation service to be held at Seoul Cathedral on 7 December. May those who receive confirmation be strengthened in their love for the Church and grow in deeper devotion to the Lord. Pray that they may remain steadfast in their faith journey, growing into the full stature of Christ, and ultimately share in the resurrection life with Him.
- ✠ **World Day of Prayer Service by the Korean Church Women United – 10 December:** Please pray for the World Day of Prayer service to be held on 10 December at Seoul Cathedral, hosted by the Korean Church Women United. As Christians from different denominations gather to worship and praise God with one voice, may the Lord grant us true unity in Christ, reminding us of one baptism, one Spirit, and one body.

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer 2023–2026, go to
anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

This December most of our ministerial groups and religious orders will be traveling to different dioceses for the Christmas mission. So our prayer needs are as follows:

- ✦ Please pray for the management board meeting
- ✦ Please pray for the Melanesian Brotherhood's mission to Western Province
- ✦ Please pray for the Community of the Sisters of the Church's mission to the Diocese of South Malaita and Sikaina
- ✦ Please pray for the Society of St Francis' Mission to the Russell Islands.
- ✦ Please pray for the Sisters of Melanesia's Christmas mission



The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✦ Give thanks for the successful ecumenical gathering at the ECP's St. Andrew's Theological Seminary to celebrate the 1700th Anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea and the Nicene Creed, and pray that churches will engage in dynamic conversations on the relevance and impact of the Creed in their missions in the current social context of the Philippines.
- ✦ Give thanks for the successful Mission Conference and Annual Planning of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines, and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide both its clergy and laity in building missional communities, strengthening partnerships, and carrying out the Great Commission with passion, unity, and renewed purpose.
- ✦ Give thanks for the resilience and generosity shown by the ECP's congregations and E-CARE Foundation partner communities in the Visayas Missionary Diocese recently affected by Typhoon Tino, and pray for the successful acquisition of land for homeless families and rebuilding of livelihoods through the initiatives of the E-CARE Foundation.
- ✦ Give thanks for the active participation of all ECP dioceses in the All White Sunday Against Corruption initiative as a powerful symbol of the ECP's commitment to exposing darkness and standing for righteousness, and pray that the Philippines may be renewed in honesty and service so that all may live in peace and dignity.
- ✦ Give thanks for the successful ecumenical tree planting activity in the Episcopal Diocese of Santiago held in Sitio Keon, Barangay Bitnong, Dupax del Norte, and pray that mining exploration will cease in the area.





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

Welcome to the month of December, the last month of the year. In this month, we kindly invite you to join us in giving thanks to God for bringing us this far in the year and to lift up prayer for the Church of Uganda under the primacy of the Most Rev Dr Stephen Samuel Kaziimba Mugalu. Join us to remember and pray for the College of Bishops, Clergy and lay leaders who, together with the Primate, provide both spiritual and temporal leadership to the members of the Churches and their communities in Uganda. We remember in our prayers the national and political leaders and all those to whom leadership responsibilities have been entrusted. We pray for unity and single-mindedness among the ministers (both the ordained and lay) and also among the political, social, and tribal leaders who, together with the church, work toward the well-being of the people, their prosperity, and the peace of the nations. Pray for wisdom, accountable leadership, and stewardship, and that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, all leaders in Uganda will work toward the pursuit of justice, peace, and respect for one another in their various faith and tribal communities.

WEEK 2

A Prayer for Mercy, Healing and Fruitfulness

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. – 1 Cor 1.3-4

In the second week of the month, join us to pray for fruitfulness, good health, and the mercies of God for the people of Uganda and in all the place where the ministries of the Church reach. We pray that the people will increase and multiply in all their undertakings and be healed of all their infirmities and diseases. We pray for God's mercy and healing of the trauma suffered by the many families and communities affected by conflicts, tribal infractions, and economic and political challenges, and for those devastated by continued fighting between various groups in northern Uganda. We pray for political and economic

stability and for the safety of women, youth, children, and the elderly who are adversely impacted by the challenges caused by the effects of the conflicts, political and economic difficulties exacerbated by the activities of armed bandits and other issues. Join us to pray for the various health and humanitarian ministries of the Church and for all those whose work and ministries bring healing and restoration to the sick, the traumatized and those challenged emotionally and psychologically within the dioceses of the provinces of Uganda and their communities especially for the various groups of people who are taking refuge within the borders of Uganda.

WEEK 3

A Prayer for Peace

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. – John 16.33

In the third week of December, we invite you to join us in praying for peace in the provinces, dioceses, and communities that make up the country of Uganda. We pray for the peaceful coexistence of the various political, tribal, and faith groups in Uganda and for all whose efforts and actions engender peace among the people and faith communities. Join us to pray for PEACE in the period before, during, and after the national elections slated for 15 January 2026. We pray that God's peace would undergird the ministries and mission of the Church and the nation, especially those mediating for peace and for the pursuit of justice and godly actions in governance, commerce and trade, education, and life-molding actions within the various institutions of the nation and the Church. We pray that Uganda and its faith and tribal communities will know and experience the peace of Christ in their political and socio-economic circumstances, and for peaceful social and political relations between the various ethnic groups and peoples, as well as political parties and faith groups, for the betterment of the nation and its people.

WEEK 4

A Prayer for Love

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony – Colossians 3.14

In the fourth week of December, we come together to pray for enduring love among the various tribes, communities, and the members of the dioceses of the Church of Uganda. We pray for love among people of differing faith, tribes, and political and economic affiliations in the constituent dioceses and provinces of Uganda, that all people of faith and none will bear the burden of loving one another and experience the same in their personal and communal lives, even as they undertake their various missions and ministries in love and in service to each other. We pray that the policies, programmes, actions, and thoughts of leaders and members of the church and other faith communities, as well as those of the political

leadership, will be directed and motivated 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 Lord. Pray for all who are socially disconnected, lonely, and without any social connections or support.

Additional Prayers

New Ministries

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Natal (Anglican Church of Southern Africa)*

Join us to give thanks to God and to celebrate the commencement of the new ministry of the Rt Rev Amos Nkosi, who was consecrated on 18 October (Philip Quaque's Day) as the Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Natal. The service was held at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa under the patronage of the Most Rev Dr Thabo Makgoba, Metropolitan Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Please join us to pray for Bishop Nkosi in his new ministry in the Diocese of Natal and as he takes his place within the Council of Bishops of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. To God be the glory.

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Central Zambia (Church of the Province of Central Africa)*

Join us to give thanks to God and to celebrate the new ministry of the Rt Rev Emmanuel Chikoya who has been enthroned and installed as the 5th Diocesan Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Northern Zambia, with its headquarters in Ndola, Zambia. Prior to his election as the Diocesan Bishop of Central Zambia, Bishop Emmanuel Chikoya was the Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Lusaka and the General Secretary of the Zambia Council of Churches. In attendance at the enthronement service were bishops from Zambia and other countries of the province, ecumenical Church leaders, and other dignitaries, including the immediate retired Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt Rev Derek Gary Kamukwamba. Please join us to pray for the new season in the life of Bishop Emmanuel Chikoya and of the Diocese of Central Zambia.

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Pretoria (Anglican Church of Southern Africa)*

We join the Diocese of Pretoria in prayer as they prepare for the enthronement of their 12th Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Rev Dr Vicentia R Kgabe, on Saturday 13 December 2025 at the Cathedral Church of St Alban the Martyr. The service to be presided over and officiated by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba will be the final stage of the translation of Bishop Vicentia from the See of Lesotho to the See of Pretoria. Please join to pray for the Pretoria Diocese and for Bishop Vicentia as they both commence new seasons in their lives and ministries.

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Tema, Ghana (Church of the Province of West Africa)*

We join the Anglican Diocese of Tema under the leadership of the Rt Rev Dr George Kotei Neequaye and the families and relations of the nine persons who were ordained into the priesthood and whose wives were also admitted into the ministry of the

Anglican Clergy Spouses' Association (Tema Diocesan Chapter). As we give thanks to God for the success of the ordination service, we kindly invite you to join us in praying for these new priests as they commence their new ministries, some in very distant communities and yet they are areas where the love of Christ must be shared and experienced through ministries of the Church. Join us in praying that these young priests will have the mindset of John Wesley, who once said, 'the whole world is my parish, and wherever the Lord sends me I will go'. Pray that the Lord will bless their ministries, those of their wives, and that of the Diocese of Tema.

✠ *Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) – Consecration of fifteen bishops and Inauguration of fourteen newly created dioceses*

The Primate of the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion, the Most Rev'd Henry C Ndukuba, led other Archbishops and Bishops to consecrate fifteen newly elected bishops on Sunday 9 November at a service held at the Cathedral Church of the Advent, Lifecamp in Abuja. These new dioceses and the newly elected bishops were the outcome of the Episcopal Synod held on Thursday 18 September at the Cathedral Church of Emmanuel, Okesha, Ado-Ekiti, in Ekiti Diocese. The consecration service confirmed the new episcopal leaders for these Dioceses after which the Primate proceeded to inaugurate fourteen out of the fifteen newly created Dioceses in the Church of Nigeria. Join us in praying for these new leaders of Christ's Church.

✠ *Church of Uganda (Anglican Communion)*

Join us to pray for the Rt Rev Prof Dr Grace Lubaale, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Busoga, who has been appointed by the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, the Most Rev Dr Stephen Samuel Kaziimba Mugalu, to coordinate and strengthen the Pastors' Children Network (PK Network) across the Province. The announcement was made during the GSFA New Bishops' and Spouses' Formation Retreat at Lweza, where the Archbishop emphasized leadership, mentorship, and the family as the foundation of ministry. Pray for this new ministry in the Church of Uganda and in the Diocese of Busoga.

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Wanyjok (Episcopal Church of South Sudan)*

Join us to give thanks and celebrate the Rev Canon James Dut Majok who has been officially announced as the Archdeacon of Wunlang Archdeaconry in the Diocese of Wanyjok in South Sudan. Revd Canon James Dut Majok has officially taken up his newly assigned duty at the Archdeaconry headquarters at St Matthew's Parish in Wunlang. In his address to the congregation during the introduction service, the new Archdeacon appreciated the Bishop and thanked the faithful for the warm welcome and pledged to work with them hand in hand, noting that no achievement will come through him alone but 'we should seek God's guidance and protection' and commented that we should join our hands together to achieve what God has called us for. Join us in praying for the new season in Canon James' ministry and in the life of the new Archdeaconry.

✠ *Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

We join the leadership of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) to give thanks to God in celebrating the appointment of the Ven Barrister Festus C Opara, PhD, and the Ven Dr Simon Akponorie as the new General Secretary and Director of Youth Ministries respectively, in the Church of Nigeria. The General Secretary serves as the chief administrative officer of the Church, working closely with the Most Rev Dr Henry C Ndukuba, Primate of All Nigeria to coordinate national activities, communications, and governance in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Church of Nigeria. As Director of Youth Ministry, Ven Akponorie will be responsible for overseeing all youth-related programmes and initiatives across the provinces and dioceses with a focus on discipleship, leadership development, and mission engagement. Join us to pray that the Lord will grant these brothers wisdom, grace, and strength to serve faithfully in their new ministries.

✠ *Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa – Shelter Agnes Mushipe*

We invite you to join us in welcoming the new member of the CAPA Secretariat Team to be leading our thematic focus on Gender and Disaster Response. Shelter Agnes Mushipe is a dedicated professional who is results-driven, with a strong background in program management and community development. She has demonstrated extensive experience in coordinating several projects that promote social impact, gender equality, health and well-being, health systems strengthening, and community resilience in several African countries. Throughout her career, Shelter has worked with underserved communities, faith-based organizations, and civil society organizations to design, implement and monitor projects that empower vulnerable populations. She also served as an educator, a skill that she has utilized in facilitating and training community members on key public health and emergency issues. She is passionate about advancing initiatives that build strong partnerships, fortify emergency preparedness and response and long-term community resilience after disasters. Shelter is from Zimbabwe. Join us in praying for her new season with CAPA and her work with the provinces.

Thanksgivings and Celebrations

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Northern Zambia (Church of the Province of Central Africa)*

We join the leadership of the Anglican Diocese of Northern Zambia, led by the Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Rev John Kafwanka, his wife, Mrs. Martha Sakala Kafwanka, the Country Director of the Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Program (ZACOP) as they lead the Clergy and their spouses to stand in solidarity with survivors of gender-based violence in the diocese and across Zambia. Spotting the Thursday in Black insignia, the leadership of the diocese and all its operatives have lent their support to the global action to highlight the plight of persons who have survived gender-based violence, communities affected, and to raise awareness and campaign against all forms of gender-based violence and gender injustice. Join us in praying for the victims and

perpetrators of all forms of gender injustice, for the conviction of perpetrators, for grace for survivors, and importantly, for a louder voice of the Church as it leads various actions to address gender injustice in their spheres of influence. The Diocese is committed in providing safe spaces, protecting those at risk, preventing abuse, and responding effectively to incidents of abuse, and to be a church where every person feels welcome, is safe, and is able to use their God-given gifts to God's glory, regardless. The training was made possible thanks to the partnerships of the Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Programme (ZACOP) and USPG.

- ✠ *Anglican Diocese of Upper Shire (Church of the Province of Central Africa)*
18 October is marked globally within Christian circles as St Luke's Day, to commemorate the ministry of Luke, the Apostle and the Patron Saint of Health Workers and Institutions. We join the Anglican Diocese of Upper Shire in Malawi, under the leadership of the Rt Rev William Mchombo who led the commemoration of the day at the St Luke's Hospital and College of Health Sciences in Malosa in the Diocese of Upper Shire. The occasion was marked by the recognition of the exceptional contributions of staff and students to the ministries of the hospital and the college. At the celebration of the Eucharist, the Bishop, in his homily, encouraged the hospital staff to emulate the example of St Luke, who took care of those in need irrespective of class, tribe, gender, or race, and extended help with empathy and humility. As we thank God for the ministry of St Luke's Hospital and College of Health Sciences, join us in praying for all other health ministries of the various dioceses of the Anglican Communion and those within various communities of our parishes, dioceses, and provinces.
- ✠ *Anglican Diocese of Northern Zambia (Church of the Province of Central Africa)*
Under a partnership between the Zambia Anglican Council and the Diocese of Bath and Wells, the leadership of the Anglican Diocese of Northern Zambia handed over 50 citrus trees to the leadership of the Kamakonde Primary School for their new orchard, with more trees expected to be planted during the rainy season. This effort is to boost the green credentials of the school and to support the Creation Care priority of the Diocese. As we join the Diocese of Northern Zambia to give thanks, we celebrate their efforts and those of all parishes, dioceses, and provinces in their contributions to the 5th Mark of Anglican Mission and to the ministry of Creation Care. May the Lord pour rain on these and other seedlings and raise caretakers for these seedlings.

Necrology

- ✠ *Diocese of Kaduna (Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion))*
Pray for the family and friends of the Ven Edwin Achi who has died in captivity following his kidnapping on 28 October. Pray for his wife, Sarah and their daughter – both still in the hands of the kidnappers.

- ✠ *Anglican Diocese of Lesotho (Anglican Church of Southern Africa)*
From the Office of Bishop Kgabe: It is with deep sorrow that we share the news of the passing of the Rev Tebello Bernard Duma, former Dean of the Cathedral of St Mary and St James. Rev Duma faithfully served the Diocese in various parishes, including St Agnes' – Teya Teyaneng, All Saints' – Hlajoane, St James' – Mants'onyane, and St John the Baptist's – Tebellong. His ministry touched many lives, and his quiet strength and devotion to the Church will be remembered with gratitude. We hold Rev Duma's family, friends, and all who mourn his death in our prayers, trusting that the God of all comfort will surround them with peace. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory. Join us to stand in prayer with the Diocese of Lesotho, the family, and friends of Rev Duma and all who have been called to eternal rest in the service of the Church.

Updates and Upcoming Events

- ✠ *Tanzania:* We invite you to join us in praying for peace in Tanzania. Killings took place following the disputed poll at the end of October. Pray for the repose of their souls.
- ✠ *Cameroon:* Please join us in praying for Cameroon following the political clashes between the supporters of the incumbent President and the members of the opposition party on various claims of the outcome of their electoral polls. Pray for the repose of the souls of those who have been confirmed dead following various clashes between the police and demonstrators in Douala.
- ✠ *Diocese of Eswatini CCMP Champions:* We stand in prayer and in celebration with the CCMP Champions in the Zandondo, Hhohho and the Usuthu Mission parishes who are living out the mantra of CCMP - "right knowledge in the head, Christ in the heart; food on the table; money in the pocket; right relationships with God, neighbours and the environment." Join us in thanking God and celebrating the initiatives of these parishes in expanding their garden initiatives. The Usuthu Mission parish has harvested their beans and have received an order to supply 5000 heads of cabbage to Smiling Through. They have since commenced the planting of two hectares of beetroot ahead of the festive season. We say a big thank you to the Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Rev Dr Dalcy Dlamini and the Archdeacons for their personal involvement and encouragement.
- ✠ *Anglican Development Services, Eastern (Kenya):* Join us to stand in prayer for the ministry of the Anglican Development Services, Eastern, as they commence the construction of sand dams that will provide water for communities in arid parts of eastern Kenya. These communities are in hard to reach places with very low chances of getting government assistance to develop their water sources. These projects are being supported by the Australian Board of Mission in collaboration with Anglicans in Development, who are partners of ADSE. Join us in praying for the success of the initiatives and for the safety of the workers during the construction of the dams. Join us in thanking God for the success of the 19th AGM of the ADSE and the launch of their new strategic plan.

- ✠ *Anglican Church of Southern Africa:* The Provincial Standing Committee of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa has resolved and requested all dioceses to take key actions, including preparing a disaster readiness plan and setting aside parcels of land as part of their commitment to the Communion Forest Initiative. In a statement issued at the end of their deliberations and signed by the Primate, the Most Rev Dr Thabo Magkoba, the province noted the imperative to act as the Southern Africa region is facing the triple planetary crises of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss. Join us in praying for their resolve to carry through the decisions made during the meeting.
- ✠ *Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and Haiti:* We invite you to join us in offering prayers for our brothers and sisters who have been affected by the devastating impact of Hurricane Melissa, remembering those sheltering from the storm, the first responders and emergency workers, and all those whose efforts in the current circumstances provide hope and protection for children, the elderly, and the most vulnerable in these countries. Pray for the long road to recovery and reconstruction. May the Lord come through for them especially for the residents of Blackriver Town in Jamaica, which has been completely destroyed.
- ✠ *CAPA Assembly:* Following a meeting between the CAPA Executive Committee and the host Province, the proposed CAPA Assembly has been postponed to a date to be communicated. The theme and all other arrangements previously communicated remain the same. A new date will be communicated once announced.

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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Mon 1	Andrew, apostle and martyr The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Geoff Smith; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee	The Anglican Church of Kenya <i>ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services</i>	World AIDS Day
Tue 2	Frances Perry, founder of the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne († 1892) The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoff Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Tim Harris, and Sophie Relf-Christopher, the clergy and people	The Anglican Church of Melanesia <i>The ACOM Board of Mission</i> <i>See p. 7</i>	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
Wed 3	Francis Xavier, priest and missionary († 1552) The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rod Chiswell, the clergy and people	The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Thu 4	Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer († 1637) The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, Bishop Scott Lowery, the clergy and people	- The Church of the Province of Central Africa <i>The Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program</i>	- International Day of Banks - International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures

Fri 5	The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Mark Calder, the clergy and people.	- The Church of the Province of Myanmar <i>CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desk</i>	- International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development - World Soil Day
Sat 6	Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist († ca. 342) The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people	- The Episcopal Church in the Philippines <i>E-CARE, a community development organisation of the ECP</i> See p. 7	
Sun 7	Advent 2 The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Jeremy Greaves, Bishops Cameron Venables, John Roundhill and Sarah Plowman, the clergy and people	- The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East <i>The Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk</i> See p. 5	International Civil Aviation Day
Mon 8	THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people	- The Philippine Independent Church – (<i>Iglesia Filipina Independiente</i>, IFI) <i>VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development)</i>	

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Tue 9	The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short (Primate-Elect); Bishops Carol Wagner and Vanessa Bennett, the clergy and people	The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China	- 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
Wed 10	Ministry to the Forces – Bishop Grant Dibden, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia <i>The Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i> <i>See p. 4</i>	Human Rights Day
Thu 11	The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people	The Anglican Church of Hong Kong – <i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> – 香港聖公會 <i>See p. 5</i>	International Mountain Day
Fri 12	The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people	The Anglican Church of Japan – <i>Nippon Sei Ko Kai</i> – 日本聖公会)	- International Day of Neutrality - Universal Health Coverage

Sat 13	Lucy, martyr and virgin († 304) Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people	The Anglican Church of Korea – Daehan Seonggonghoe – 대한성공회 <i>See p. 6</i>	
Sun 14	Advent 3 Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people	The Church of Bangladesh	
Mon 15	The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop -Elect Rick Thorpe; Bishops Andrew Curnow, Paul Barker, Genieve Blackwell, Brad Billings, Kate Prowd, the clergy and people	The Church of Ceylon <i>See p. 4</i>	
Tue 16	The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart; Bishops Charlie Murry and Sonia Roulston, the clergy and people	The Church of North India	
Wed 17	The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people	The Church of Pakistan	
Thu 18	The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Darrell Parker, the clergy and people	The Church of South India	- International Migrants Day - Arabic Language Day
Fri 19	The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishops Kate Wilmot, Hans Christiansen and David Bassett, the clergy and people	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)	

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Sat 20	The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people	- The Episcopal Church of South Sudan <i>The Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA</i>	International Human Solidarity Day
Sun 21	Advent 4 The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop Peter Grice, the clergy and people	The Episcopal Church of Sudan	- World Basketball Day - World Meditation Day
Mon 22	Thomas, apostle and martyr The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Kanishka Raffel; Bishops Peter Lin, Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Gary Koo, Peter Hayward, the clergy and people	NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council	
Tue 23	The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, Bishop Chris Jones, the clergy and people	Nungalinya College, Darwin	

Wed 24	The Diocese of The Murray – the Ven Simon Waters (Administrator), the clergy and people	Pray for the staff and students of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns, as they grieve the college's closure.	
Thu 25	The Birth of Our Lord The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people	Episcopal Relief and Development (USA)	
Fri 26	Stephen, deacon and first martyr The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people.	Alongside Hope (formerly the Primate's Fund for World Relief and Development, Canada)	
Sat 27	John, apostle and evangelist Jeremy James TSSF, the clergy and people	USPG (UK and Ireland)	International Day of Epidemic Preparedness
Sun 28	Christmas 1 or Holy Innocents' Day Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers	Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy	

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Mon 29	Thomas Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury, martyr († 1170) Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia	Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life	
Tue 30	Josephine Butler, social reformer († 1905) Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia	CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa See p. 8	
Wed 31	John Wyclif, teacher and reformer († 1384) Religious Orders of the Anglican Church of Australia	The Mothers' Union	
Displacements and/or Omissions this month: 1 Dec – Andrew, apostle and martyr (transferred from 30 Nov) 7 Dec – Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher († 397) 14 December – John of the Cross, mystic and teacher († 1591) 22 Dec – Thomas, apostle and martyr (transferred from 21 Dec)			



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