

# Partners Praying Together

## May 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?

**W**E 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**

- ✠ Glory to You, Lord Christ our King. You came down to lift us up. You became human that we might share in the divine. Lift our hearts and minds that we may behold Your glory and proclaim you as our Saviour and our King.
- ✠ Pray for all those in war zones, and those displaced by war, especially the people of the occupied Palestinian Territories, Lebanon and Israel, as well as Yemen and Ukraine. May a genuine ceasefire in Gaza come to pass so that reconstruction and rehabilitation can begin. May genuine ceasefires come to pass in Ukraine and Palestine.
- ✠ Pray for those who need facial prosthetics in Australia but who cannot afford them.
- ✠ Pray for the success of the Garma Institute, a First Nations educational institution to be established in Arnhem Land.
- ✠ Pray that Australia may be spared an onslaught of political misinformation and disinformation from any source as the Federal election approaches;
- ✠ Pray that the rate of measles immunisations climbs so that children are not affected by the disease.
- ✠ We praise and bless You, God our Creator, for the way You draw us deeper into the meaning of life. May we become daily more like Jesus as we follow in His footsteps.

# Prayer Points

from our

## Overseas Partners



### The Anglican Church of Ceylon

- ✠ Pray for vocations for the ministry in the Diocese of Kurunagala – we need more full-time priests.
- ✠ Pray for Kurunagala Bishop's College. Since we have begun the process of starting a new school for the Diocese with the support of ABM AID, please pray for all our future endeavours for the much-needed mission of the Diocese.
- ✠ Pray for all of our activities during the season of Easter.
- ✠ Pray for the spiritual upkeep of all our members and clergy.
- ✠ Pray for the Sri Lankan government and leaders - let these changers establish good governance and justice in the Sri Lankan context.



### 香港聖公會

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

- ✠ Pray for the province's youth ministry, and their new regular retreat every two months, with the first one happening in May. Pray for the church's continued reaching out to the younger generation, and for existing members of the church to have a welcoming heart to all who have yet found faith in Christ.
- ✠ Pray together with Anglicans worldwide in Thy Kingdom Come 2025, due to start on 29 May, joining us Hong Kong Anglicans who will be echoing the call to pray for 5 people in our lives who have yet to turn to Christ.
- ✠ Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar, many of whom have been devastated by the recent earthquake, with homes and churches destroyed.

日本聖公会

**The Nippon Sei Ko Kai**

**The Anglican Communion in Japan**



- ✙ As Japan enjoys the extended Golden Week holiday period, give thanks for all who work in the hospitality industry
- ✙ Pray for those meeting this month to prepare for the upcoming CCEA Youth Conference, and pray that God might inspire all delegates
- ✙ Give thanks for all those who devote time and energy to upholding the human rights of others and ask God to bless meetings this month addressing such issues as discrimination
- ✙ Please pray for all following the Thy Kingdom Come programme: that their walk with Jesus might be deepened and their faith strengthened
- ✙ Give thanks for all peacemakers in our world, and in Japan and pray that God will encourage the meeting this month discussing the Japanese constitution and its pacifist clause
- ✙ As EXPO 2025 gets underway in Osaka, pray for all the encounters and conversations this event will create and that God's presence may be recognized at the heart of it all

الكنيسة الأسقفية في القدس والشرق الأوسط

**The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East**



- ✙ Pray for an end to the renewed violence in Gaza and a return to negotiations as previously agreed in the earlier ceasefire framework.
- ✙ Pray for the speedy release of all hostages and political prisoners through good-faith negotiations.
- ✙ Pray for strength of perseverance for our hospital staff and volunteers at St Luke's Hospital in Nablus and Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City. Al-Ahli was attacked, for the fifth time, on Palm Sunday.
- ✙ Pray for protection of ethnic and religious minorities (including Christians) in Syria.



## The Anglican Church of Kenya

- ✠ Thank God for the Anglican Church in Kenya fraternity under the leadership of His Grace, the Archbishop, the Most Rev Dr Jackson Ole Sapit.
- ✠ Pray for His Grace the Archbishop for divine wisdom and protection especially because of his new pronouncements that politicians will not be allowed to give speeches in Anglican Church sanctuaries. This is to uphold the sanctity of our worship spaces and protect them from utterances that defile worship places.
- ✠ Pray for our Bishops that God may grant them divine wisdom and patience as they lead the flock of Christ under their care in the various dioceses across the country.
- ✠ Thank God for successful consecration and enthronement services for Nairobi and Mt Kenya West Dioceses respectively. Pray for the Holy Spirit guidance for the new bishops as they take up leadership role in the respective dioceses:
  - The new bishop in Nairobi Diocese is the Rt Rev Jonathan Kabiru Kariuki – consecrated and enthroned on 16 March 2025
  - The new bishop in Mt Kenya West Diocese is the Rt Rev Gerald Mwangi Murithi – consecrated and enthroned on 23 March 2025
- ✠ Pray for the Diocese of Maseno East where the consecration service was halted due to a court case. Pray that this will be resolved amicably with a possibility of an out of court agreement and settlement, so as to allow the diocese to get a chief shepherd to lead the Christians in the said diocese.
- ✠ Thank God for the rains and pray for God to bless our land to yield its fruit and food for His people.
- ✠ Pray for political tolerance among leaders and citizens of different political persuasions, ideologies and stand.
- ✠ Pray for school going children that God will protect them from all harms and that they will be safe both in schools and at home.
- ✠ Pray for Spiritual leaders and Christians during this season of lent that they will experience renewal and restoration in their journey of faith.
- ✠ Pray for the President and political leaders for divine wisdom so as to practice integrity, honesty and fairness in their dealings and also seek for genuinely fight corrupt a cancer eating our families, society and heritage.
- ✠ Pray for the forth coming Safe Church Conference scheduled for 1-4 May 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya. Pray for delegates, speakers, journey mercies, service providers etc.



# 대한성공회

## *Daehan Seonggonghoe*

### The Anglican Church of Korea



#### ✠ 60th Anniversary of the Dioceses of Seoul and Daejeon:

Please pray for the Diocese of Seoul and the Diocese of Daejeon as they celebrate their 60th anniversaries on 27 May.

The Diocese of Seoul was established on 27 May 1965, when the first Korean bishop of the Anglican Church of Korea, Bishop Paul Lee Cheon-Hwan, was enthroned. This marked the end of the missionary bishop era and the beginning of a self-governing Korean diocese. Today, Bishop Elijah Kim Jang-Hwan serves as the 7th diocesan bishop, leading the diocese in active mission and ministry.

The Diocese of Daejeon was also established in 1965 when the church was reorganized into two dioceses under Bishop Lee's leadership. Currently, Bishop Titus Kim Ho-Wook serves as the 8th bishop, continuing the diocese's vibrant mission. Please pray for the Thanksgiving Eucharists and commemorative events being held in both dioceses, that they may bring glory to God and unity to the Church.

- ✠ **Centenary of the Mothers' Union in Korea:** Please pray for the Centenary Planning Committee of the Mothers' Union of the Anglican Church of Korea. Pray that the leadership and members will be guided by God's grace and love as they prepare for the Thanksgiving Eucharist and the publication of the 100-Year History of the Mothers' Union, both scheduled for September. May this centenary be a time to give thanks for God's faithful guidance over the past 100 years, and may it be a celebration that give glory to God and strengthens the unity of the Church.

### The Anglican Church of Melanesia

- ✠ Give thanks for Religious orders who conducted missions during Holy Week in various parishes.
- ✠ Pray for effective Safeguarding Program roll outs.
- ✠ Give thanks for Evangelism and Intentional Discipleship workshops taking place in the dioceses.
- ✠ Give thanks for the Positive Parenting program being taught by the Mothers' Union at the prison.
- ✠ Pray for the success of the Mothers' Union leaders' meetings in May.





- ✠ Pray for the preparations for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of ACOM which will happen in June.
- ✠ Give thanks for the Melanesian Brotherhood festivity on 26-27 April.

## The Church of the Province of Myanmar

- ✠ **Earthquake Relief:** Pray for all those affected by the recent earthquake. May God comfort those who mourn loved ones. Pray for an effective rehabilitation process in the country.
- ✠ **Cessation of Civil War:** Pray for an end to the civil war in Myanmar and the establishment of genuine, lasting peace and reconciliation throughout the country.
- ✠ **Support for Affected Dioceses:** Of our nine dioceses, eight are located in war zones. Pray for the displaced individuals and refugees in these areas, including our church members.
- ✠ **Church Resilience:** The ongoing civil war has severely impacted the church in Myanmar—socially, economically, financially, psychologically, and spiritually. Pray for strength and resilience during these challenging times.
- ✠ **Protection for Youth:** Many young people are attempting to evade conscription laws by fleeing to neighboring countries, often without proper documentation. Pray for their safety and for their parents, who are experiencing immense distress.
- ✠ **Archbishop's Safety:** Pray for the Archbishop, who leads the Christian Peace Supporting Committee and faces threats to his life.
- ✠ **Construction Projects:** CPM has to build a church, an Anglican Peace Center, and a parsonage on government-donated land. These projects are to be completed within four to five years, despite lacking firm financial security. Pray for the necessary resources and support.





- ✠ **Christian Unity:** Pray for all Christian churches in Myanmar to unite in Christ.

## **The Episcopal Church in the Philippines**

- ✠ Pray for Bishop-elect Richard Stone B Banagui as he prepares to be ordained and consecrated as the Bishop of North Central Philippines on May 1, and especially that he may faithfully proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom by representing Christ and his Church; guarding the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; proclaiming the Word of God; acting in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and ordaining others to continue Christ's ministry.
- ✠ Give thanks for the approval of the first trial use Book of Common Prayer in the Filipino language and for the hard work of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines Committee on Liturgy. Pray that this initiative will contribute to bearing fruit in teaching, baptising and nurturing new believers.
- ✠ Give thanks for the close relationship between The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) and The Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM), and for the willingness of the people of the ECP to give generously to the CPM's Myanmar Earthquake Response Initiative. Pray that this contribution will serve as a beacon of hope and compassion for those in desperate need.
- ✠ Pray with The National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) that the arrest of former President Rodrigo Roa Duterte shall be guided by the principle of due process and that this will serve as an inspiration for all, and that truth and justice will prevail in the end.
- ✠ Give thanks for the planting of 210 seedlings during the Pacific Coast Deanery's join Lent retreat of the Brotherhood of St Andrew (BSA), Episcopal Church Women (ECW), and SKEP youth organization in the Episcopal Diocese of Santiago. Pray that these seedlings will become mature trees and contribute to safeguarding the integrity of creation, and sustaining and renewing the life of the earth.



## **The Episcopal Church of South Sudan**

- ✠ Please continue to pray for the Church in its endeavour to engage the government to resolve the ongoing conflict in Upper Nile.



## The Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa

### Prayer Focus this month:

### The Church of the Province of Central Africa

#### WEEK 1

##### **A Prayer for the Leadership of the Church and the Nations**

*Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*

– Acts 20.28

We come into the fifth month of the year with grateful hearts and lift up prayers to God as we bring before Him the Church of the Province of Central Africa under the **Most Rev Albert Chama**. We 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 Church and their communities in the constituent countries of the province (Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe). We remember in our prayers the national leadership in the constituent countries and in all the other places where the ministry of the Church is shared. 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 towards the well-being of the people, their prosperity and the peace of the nations. Join us to pray that the leaders (both spiritual and temporal) will be guided by wisdom to provide accountable leadership and stewardship and be enlightened by the Holy Spirit in their pursuit for justice, peace, and respect for each other in their various faith and tribal communities.

#### WEEK 2

##### **A Prayer for Mercy, Healing and Fruitfulness**

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

– Micah 6.8

In the second week of May, we pray for fruitfulness, good health, and mercy for God's people in the Church of the Province of Central Africa and its constituent countries. We pray for the constituent dioceses of the province and the countries of the province that their peoples 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 the human and natural disasters, especially

in Malawi, and for those affected by the mining spillage in the Copperbelt of Zambia. Let us pray for political and economic stability in the countries of the province. Join us to pray for the safety of women, young girls, children, and the elderly who are adversely impacted by challenges caused by the impacts of climate change and other challenges. 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 province and their communities.

### **WEEK 3**

#### **A Prayer for Peace**

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.*  
– 2 Thessalonians 3.16

In the third week of the month, we invite you to join us to pray for the peace of the Church and the countries that make up the province. We pray for the peaceful coexistence of the various political, tribal, and faith groups in the countries and their neighbours. We pray for all whose efforts and actions engender peace among the people and faith groups and pray for God's peace to undergird the ministries and mission of the Church and in the nation and for the pursuit of justice and godly actions in governance, commerce and trade, education and life-molding actions and within the various institutions of the nation and the Church. We pray that the countries of the province and their neighbours will know and experience the peace of Christ in their challenging political and socio-economic circumstances. We pray for peaceful social and political relations between the various ethnic groups and peoples, as well as political parties and faith groups, in the countries and 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 May, we join together to pray for enduring love among the various tribes, communities, and the members of the dioceses of the Province of Central Africa and in the constituent countries. Join us to pray for love among people of differing faiths, tribes, and political and economic affiliations in the constituent dioceses and countries of the province of Central Africa. We pray 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 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 connection or support.

## **Additional Prayers**

### **Thanksgiving and Celebration**

#### **✠ *Zambia Anglican Council***

We join the leadership of the Zambia Anglican Council (ZAC) and the Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Programme (ZACOP) for their efforts to raise awareness and promote the rights and equality of women in the Church's ministries and to mainstream the same across the communities where the ministries of the Church are shared. We join ZAC and ZACOP to thank God for the success of their marking of the 2025 International Women's Day.

#### **✠ *Anglican Diocese of Northern Zambia***

We give thanks to God for the ministry of the Diocese of Northern Zambia under the leadership of the Rt Rev John Kafwanka who led members of the Cathedral Church of St Michael and All Angels to undertake the patching of the road passing in front of the Cathedral. This was part of the Social Responsibility of the Cathedral Parish of Michael and All Angels. Well done, members and leaders of the Cathedral Parish in Kitwe.

#### **✠ *Episcopal Church of South Sudan***

We join the Primate and leadership of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan to give thanks for the successful meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. Join us to continue praying for the Church and the country of South Sudan especially for the threatening and uneasy political situation in the country that could potentially plunge the country into another civil war. Let us pray for peace in the Church, especially for the Jonglei region and the leadership challenges in the area.

#### **✠ *Green Anglicans Movement – Malawi***

We give thanks to God for the ministry of the Green Anglicans Movement in Malawi under the leadership of the various Diocesan and Eco-Bishops who are championing the Care for Creation mandate under the Five Marks of Anglican Mission. Indeed, God commissions us to care for the environment.

#### **✠ *Episcopal Church of Alexandria – Diocese of North Africa***

We join the Diocese of North Africa (Province of Alexandria) to give thanks to God and to celebrate the growth of the St. George's Anglican Church in Tunis, Tunisia. The church held its mini assembly recently with joy and jubilant celebrations.

✠ *Anglican Church of Ghana – St Nicholas’ Seminary*

The National Council of the Guild of the Good Shepherd - Anglican Church of Ghana has donated assorted items to St Nicholas’ Seminary as part of the Guild’s support to the training institution. The items included bags of rice, gallons of cooking oil, canned tomato paste, flour, and margarine, amongst others. Making the presentation at a brief ceremony in Cape Coast, Sister Emma Evangelina Yemoley, National Master Shepherd of the Guild, said the donation was an act of Christian charity, meant to support the upkeep of the seminarians and to enhance their welfare on campus. Receiving the items on behalf of the Seminary, the Very Reverend Justice Bain-Duodu, Dean of the Seminary, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Guild. He indicated that it was appropriate for Christians to demonstrate the love of Christ, and commended various guilds and individual parishioners for their diverse contributions to the Seminary.

✠ *Diocese of Nampula – Mozambique*

Wonderful news from the Diocese of Nampula (northern Mozambique, a Diocese of IAMA) in celebration of the well-earned award of an Honorary Doctorate degree in Humanities to Bishop Manuel Ernesto on 20 March 2025. The event was held in Lilongwe, Malawi and was attended by other fellow graduates from South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Malawi. It was in recognition of the practice of reconciliation through the Interfaith Peacebuilding Ministry at peace clubs. Bishop Manuel has written a paper on ‘Church and Theology in the Context of Forced Migration’. To God and His work in the Community be the Glory!

✠ *Commission on Theological Education in the Anglican Communion – CTEAC*

Join us to celebrate the appointment of the Rt Rev Victor Reginald Atta-Baffoe, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast in Ghana (Church of the Province of West Africa) who has been appointed to Chair the Commission on Theological Education in the Anglican Communion (CTEAC). He takes over the chairmanship from Archbishop Gregory Howard, former Bishop of the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and the Primate of the West Indies, who has since retired. In his acceptance remarks to the meeting of the Commission on 19 March, Bishop Victor said, “Theological education is not just about imparting knowledge. It is about shaping how we think, pray, and relate to one another. CTEAC can help Anglicans understand one another more deeply and engage with both commonalities and differences in faith.” Prior to being elected as the Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Victor, was the Dean of St Nicholas’ Seminary and the Canon Theologian of the Diocese of Cape Coast. He is currently the lead Bishop of Theological Education in the Church of the Province of West Africa. CTEAC supports theological education across the Anglican Communion, strengthening networks and developing resources.

✠ *Theological Education in the Province of Central Africa*

We invite you to join us to give thanks for the gathering of the Deans and other

leaders of theological education institutions in the Province of Central Africa who met in Blantyre last month to give thought and develop strategy on how to improve and grow theological education in the province. The institutions involved are Leonard Kamungu Theological College and Lake Malawi University (both in Malawi), St John's Seminary (Zambia), Bishop Gaul Theological College (Zimbabwe) and St Augustine's Theological College (Botswana).

✠ *Diocese of Southern Malawi*

We join the Bishop and the members of the Diocese of Southern Malawi to give thanks to God for the success of their Diocesan celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) which they call Mary's Day. Addressing the members, the Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Rev Alenafe Kalemba encouraged the members to follow the example of Mary, who had profound faith and was obedient to God's call to participate in the salvation of humankind. He emphasized that God does the impossible to bring change and salvation. He further called the faithful not to be intimidated or allow themselves to be used or manipulated by the politicians who make a lot of promises but never deliver. This is ahead of the country's General Elections in September. He advised against the instigation of violence and instead called on all Malawians to be vigilant. Join us to pray for peaceful election campaigns before, during, and after the process.

✠ *Anglican Church of Kenya*

The Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya has placed a "pulpit gag" on all politicians in all Anglican Church in Kenya. Speaking at the consecration and enthronement service of the Bishops of Nairobi and Mount Kenya West (see below), the Archbishop directed that no politician (including the President) will be allowed to address the members in any Anglican Church space during the service. He indicated that the politicians can address the members after the service.

## **New Ministries**

✠ *Anglican Church of Kenya*

We join the Archbishop and the leadership of the Anglican Church of Kenya to give thanks to God and celebrate the successful election, consecration, and enthronement of the Rt Rev Jonathan Kabiru Kariuki as Bishop of Nairobi Diocese and the Rt Rev Gerald Mwangi Murithi as the Bishop of the Diocese of Mount Kenya West. Join us to pray for our dear Brothers and Fathers in God as they provide leadership for God's children in the two dioceses. Let us also pray for the processes towards the filling of the episcopal vacancies in the Dioceses of Machakos and Garissa, all of the Anglican Church in Kenya.

✠ **Ordination of first batch of female deacons – Diocese of Botswana**

The Anglican Diocese of Botswana is set to admit the first batch of fourteen (14)



women as deacons in the province. The ordination service, slated for 4 May 2025 will be historic as the Church of the Province of Central Africa has never admitted women into Holy Orders. A resolution of the 2023 Provincial Synod on the admission of women into the ordained ministry paved the way for Botswana to be the first to ordain women. These women have had various levels of training and preparation through St Augustine's Theological College. Please pray for the bishop, the clergy and particularly for the ordinands as they prepare for, and begin their ministerial journey.

## Upcoming Events

### ✠ CAPA Triple Event:

Please join us to pray for the CAPA Triple Event which takes place in 2025.

The Primates, in their October meeting, approved the dates and themes for the events as follows:

CAPA ASSEMBLY Date: 9th-11th June (Arrival will be 8th June)

Theme: CAPA – an authentic instrument of Anglican Mission in Africa

### CAPA@45

This will be an evening event of celebration and awards for the 45 years of ministry of CAPA. Primates approved the suggestion for awards to be given to some deserving individuals, partners and institutions.

### AABC III

Date: 11th-15th June (Early arrivals from 10th June and departures on 16th)

Theme and sub-themes:

Main Theme: The African Anglican Mission Agenda

Sub-Themes:

- a. The Africa Anglican Spirituality and Identity
- b. Holistic Gospel Proclamation for a Self-Sustaining Anglican Church in Africa
- c. The Anglican Church's Response to the paradoxes of the continent
  - i. Poverty in the midst of plenty
  - ii. Environmental and Climate Justice
  - iii. Gender-Based Violence and the integrity and safety of women and girls
- d. An Africa Anglican Youth Ministry Agenda

Please join us to pray towards the success of the Triple Events and for the needed resources. Pray especially for the work of the Planning Committee under the leadership of Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate of Kenya and the Vice Chairman of CAPA.

## Pray for CAPA's Ministry

**We invite you to pray for CAPA's work in the year 2024 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 ...**

- ✦ 2024 Core Budget funding and Programmes
- ✦ Church and Community Mobilization Process (CCMP) Envisioning and Facilitators' training in Eswatini
- ✦ Sustainable Theological Education in Africa in 2024

## National Days

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

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| 20 May | The Republic of Cameroon: National Day                    |
| 25 May | Africa Union: Africa Day                                  |
| 28 May | The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia: National Day |

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
Thu 1	<p>St Philip and St James, apostles and martyrs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Geoff Smith; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing</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> <i>See p. 6</i></li> </ul>	
Fri 2	<p>Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, teacher († 373)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoff Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Tim Harris, and Sophie Relf-Christopher, 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> <i>See p. 7</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Tuna Day</li> </ul>
Sat 3	<p>SS Philip and James may be observed today</p> <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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Press Freedom Day</li> </ul>
Sun 4	<p>Easter 3</p> <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</li> <li><i>The Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program</i></li> </ul>	

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Mon 5	<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</li> <li>CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks</li> </ul> <p>See p. 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Portuguese Language Day</li> </ul>
Tue 6	<p>John, Apostle and Martyr – Unless 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</li> <li>E-CARE, a community development organisation of the ECP</li> </ul> <p>See p. 8</p>	
Wed 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Jeremy Greaves, Bishops Cameron Venables, John Roundhill and Sarah Plowman, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East</li> <li>The Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk</li> </ul> <p>See p. 5</p>	

<b>Thu 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>Iglesia Filipina Independiente</i>, IFI)</li> <li>• <i>VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development</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>Fri 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short; Bishops Carol Wagner and Vanessa Bennett, 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>Sat 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</li> <li>• <i>The Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Migratory Bird Day</li> <li>• International Day of Argania</li> </ul>
<b>Sun 11</b>	<p><b>Easter 4</b></p> <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 – <i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> – 香港聖公會</li> </ul> <p><b>See p. 4</b></p>	
<b>Mon 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 – <i>Nippon Sei Ko Kai</i> – 日本聖公会)</li> </ul> <p><b>See p. 5</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon</li> <li>• International Day of Plant</li> </ul>

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Tue 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people</li> </ul>	<p>The Anglican Church of Korea – Daehan Seonggonghoe – 대한성공회 See p. 7</p>	
Wed 14	<p>Matthias, Apostle and Martyr – Unless observed on 25 February</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>	
Thu 15	<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>	<p>The Church of Ceylon See p. 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Families</li> </ul>
Fri 16	<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>
Sat 17	<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>



Sun 18	Easter 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Darrell Parker, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Church of South India</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UN Global Road Safety Week begins (ends 25 May)</li> <li>World Fair Play Day</li> </ul>
Mon 19	Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury († 988) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishops Kate Wilmot, Hans Christiansen and David Bassett, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Bee Day</li> </ul>
Tue 20	<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</li> <li><i>The Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA</i> <i>See p. 9</i></li> </ul>	
Wed 21	<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>
Thu 22	<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>

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<b>Fri</b> 23	<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>Sat</b> 24	<p>John († 1791) and Charles Wesley († 1788), evangelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of the Murray – the Ven Simon Waters (Administrator), the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray for the staff and students of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns, as they grieve the college's closure.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of the Markhor</li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b> 25	<p><b>Easter 6</b></p> <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>Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories begins (ends 31 May)</li> <li>World Football Day</li> </ul>
<b>Mon</b> 26	<p>Augustine of Canterbury, missionary and bishop († 605)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alongside Hope (formerly the Primate's Fund for World Relief and Development, Canada)</li> </ul>	

<b>Tue</b> <b>27</b>	<p>Week of Prayer for Reconciliation begins (till 3 June)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeremy James TSSF, the clergy and people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USPG (UK and Ireland)</li> </ul>	
<b>Wed</b> <b>28</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>Thu</b> <b>29</b>	<p><b>Ascension Day</b></p> <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>Fri</b> <b>30</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 <i>See p. 10</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of the Potato</li> </ul>
<b>Sat</b> <b>31</b>	<p>The Visitation of the BVM to Elizabeth</p> <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>
<p><b>Displacements and/or Omissions this month:</b></p> <p>25 May – Bede of Jarrow, priest and teacher († 735)</p>			

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