

Partners Praying Together

May 2024



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
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.

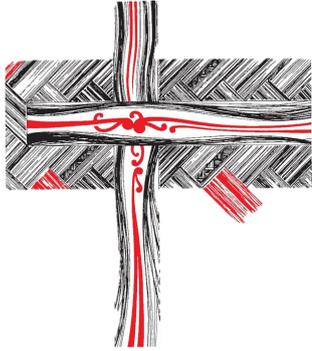
EACH DAY THIS MONTH

- ✝ Give glory to the King of kings. Give glory to the Lord of lords. Give Glory to Jesus who has ascended. Risen and ascended Jesus Christ, all authority in heaven and earth is Yours. We proclaim You as our Lord. We offer You our love, we give You our whole lives. Lord Jesus, may we enter Your kingdom and be with You in Your glory, where You are with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.
- ✝ Pray for those families impacted by miscarriage and stillbirth.
- ✝ Give thanks for acts of heroism during mass attacks and pray for all whose lives are impacted by such violent episodes.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ We pray with great joy, praise, and happiness as we celebrate Jesus' entering into glory and we look expectantly towards his second coming when we will meet face to face and be with him in glory.

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 those public servants in New Zealand who are facing job losses as a result of government reforms noting that many will have families.
- ✠ We pray for doctors, nurses and all hospital staff (especially those in after-hours and accident and emergency facilities) who are working long hours and sometimes in sub-optimal conditions to ensure people are given the care they need.
- ✠ We continue to pray for communities in northern and eastern parts of the North Island which continue to rebuild after last year's devastation wrought by Cyclone Gabrielle. Thank you for the ongoing commitment of the Anglican Church in supporting rebuilding and restoration efforts.
- ✠ We pray for all those participating in the General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānau in May. May the discussions and decisions be inspired and led by the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ We give thanks for Bishop Anashuya Fletcher who was installed as Assistant Bishop of Wellington on 13 April in a joy-filled service. We pray for her ministry especially as she settles into this new role.

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer, go to

anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx

香港聖公會

The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

The Anglican Church of Hong Kong

- ✠ Pray for the 5-3-1 initiative of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island: urging members of the Diocese to daily pray for 5 of their friends, and later invite 3 of them to church activities, with the hopes that 1 would be moved to join the church. May the Holy Spirit teach us the way to be good Christians, and show our families and friends with our actions the loving and moving fellowship of and in Christ.
- ✠ Pray for the clergy visit to Europe with as part of a delegation with the Hong Kong Christian Council, for ever closing ties with our brothers and sisters in Christ across geographical boundaries.
- ✠ Pray for St Christopher's Home and their ministry for homeless children. Give thanks that last Mothering Sunday they raised funds with knitted flower bouquets. May we all remember all those who need and lack a mother's love.
- ✠ Pray for the visiting clergy from New Zealand, that we may learn from each other, especially in our approaches to inculturation and Christian expression.



日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

The Anglican Communion in Japan

- ✠ As Rikkyo Gakuin (Anglican Elementary, Junior High, High School and University) celebrates its 150th anniversary this month, give thanks for all past and present students and staff and ask God to guide the leadership as they continue to strive to educate and enlighten the youth of today.
- ✠ As we enjoy the beauty of Spring in Japan, please pray that we may live respecting God's created world and always seek to maintain the integrity of this planet, which is not ours to own.
- ✠ With a recent spate of scandals within the central and local government, give thanks for all those who devote their lives to public service and pray that they may never abuse that power or the trust people have in them.
- ✠ With the return of tourism to Japan to pre-Covid levels coupled with a weak Yen, pray for all working in the hospitality industry, especially as Japan welcomes tourists who may not completely understand the country's cultural norms



- ✦ As North Korea continue to test launch missiles towards and over the Japanese archipelago, give thanks for continuing strong Korea-Japan relations and pray that these may deepen.
- ✦ This month sees the biennial convening of the NSKK General Synod, so please pray for this 68th general meeting and that God will inspire all discussion and decisions and especially the election of a new Primate.



The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East

الكنيسة الأسقفية في القدس والشرق الأوسط

- ✦ Pray for those suffering hunger, thirst, and deprivation in Gaza.
- ✦ Pray for the release of all captives associated with the Gaza War.
- ✦ Pray for protection for those facing settler and IDF attacks in the West Bank.
- ✦ Pray for an immediate and prolonged Ceasefire in the Gaza War.
- ✦ Pray for relief for the flood victims in the Gulf states.

The Anglican Church of Kenya



- ✦ Pray for His Grace Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit for the enormous task of leading the Anglican Church in Kenya and his role as the spiritual leader assisted by his Personal Assistant and Provincial Secretary, the Rt Rev Prof Joseph Galgalo. That God may grant them wisdom, the spirit of discernment and good health.
- ✦ Pray for all our Bishops spread out across the Province of Kenya that they may proclaim the gospel in accordance with Christ's commission to make disciples for all nations.
- ✦ Thank God for successful elections in the three dioceses – Nambale, Nyahururu and Nakuru and the Bishops-elect in those dioceses as they prepare for consecration and enthronement services.
- ✦ Thank God for the organisation and success of the Sunday School Teachers' Conference from 22-26th April in Nairobi, which was organised by the Mission Directorate

- ✠ Thank God for the blessings of rain across the country as well as pray for God's protection from the effects of floods across the country.
- ✠ Pray for the end of the doctors' strike that has seen the medical doctors down their tools of work for the last month. Pray that the Government will move with speed to prioritize human life to ensure the strike ends amicably.
- ✠ Pray for Kenya following the loss of the Chief of the Defence Forces General Francis Ogolla and especially his family that God will give us peace.
- ✠ Pray for the consecration service for the Ven John Kimani Nthiga as Assistant Bishop in the ACK Diocese of Mbeere. May God's presence go with him in his new Episcopal assignment.
- ✠ Give thanks for our country's children who had school holidays during April.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✠ Pray that all church members will seek God's blessing and presence in their marriages from the inception of these life-long partnerships.
- ✠ Pray for the upcoming 11th Provincial Synod of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines on 14-16 May 2023 and the pre-Synod preparations underway as the province launches into the second half of its decade long Vision 2028 to become a Scripture-rooted, Spirit-fired, Discipled community of faith.
- ✠ Give thanks for the 60 communities within the Visayas Mission Area participating in the Episcopal Care Foundation's Receivers-to-Givers Practice and pray for the success of the proposed self-supporting Visayas Missionary Diocese with financial support from these communities.
- ✠ Pray for peaceful resolutions to the territorial disputes within the Southeast Asia region, especially for the ceasing of unauthorised incursions into the West Philippine Sea exclusive economic zone within the South China Sea resulting in the destruction of the marine ecosystem and economic loss for the fishing industry.
- ✠ Pray for the more than one million farmers, farm workers, and fisherfolk across the Philippines being plagued by severe drought caused by El Niño.





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

Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counsellors there is safety.

– Proverbs 11.14

Welcome to the fifth month of the year in which we invite you to stand with us as we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa. We lift up prayer of thanksgiving for the Primate, the **Most Rev Albert Chama**, his College of Bishops and others who share the leadership of the church in the constituent dioceses in Botswana, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Join us to pray for the national, community and sectional leaders in the countries of the province, who together with the church, work towards the peace of the nations and provide accountable leadership and stewardship of God's people. Join us to pray for wisdom and for any virtue that these leaders need to shepherd the people of faith and none and that enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they will pursue justice, peace and respect for each other in their various faith, clan and sectional communities. Join us to pray for godly leadership in the missional, institutional and socio-economic development projects in all dioceses in the province and in the countries that constitute the province.

WEEK 2

A Prayer for Mercy, Healing and Fruitfulness

But the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

– Exodus 1.7

In the second week of the month, we pray that God will make his people in the churches in Botswana, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe to be fruitful, to increase and multiply and be healed of all their infirmities and diseases. We pray for God's comfort and restoration for those who were affected by the floods in the Kaonga and Nkhotakota districts in the Northern and Central Lakeshore regions of Malawi, for the drought stricken country of Zimbabwe, that the Lord will pour rain on their land and cause the land to be fruitful as he assured Isaac in Genesis 26. Let us pray for fairness in the various food aid distribution initiatives in Zimbabwe. We pray for the many

young people who out of frustration and despair have taken to drugs and substance abuse and other anti-social behaviours in Zimbabwe that the Lord will come through with the right counselors for them and heal them. We remember and pray for the many people who have migrated from their communities to seek greener pastures both within and outside their countries, that the Lord will shepherd them through wise counselors and prudent leadership of their nations and communities. Let us pray for the various health and healing ministries of the Church and for all whose work brings healing and restoration to the sick, the traumatized and those challenged emotionally and psychologically.

WEEK 3

A Prayer for Peace

Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. – John 14.27

This third week of May, we invite you to pray for the peace of the constituent nations and dioceses of the province. We pray for God's peace to undergird and rule in the church and in the nations and for the pursuit of justice and godly actions in governance, commerce and trade, education and life molding actions and within the judiciary. Let us pray that all the countries and its people will know and experience the peace of God during the difficult and challenging socio-economic situation and low economic situation in especially Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Let us pray for peaceful social and political relations between various ethnic groups and peoples in the countries of the province for the betterment of the nations and her people.

WEEK 4

A Prayer for Love

But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. – Psalm 86.15

In the fourth week of the month, let us join together to pray for endearing love among the various sections and people of the various dioceses and nations of the province. Let us pray for love among people of differing faith, tribe, and political and economic affiliations in the constituent parishes, dioceses and countries of the province. Let us pray that all people will bear the burden of loving another and experience same in their personal and communal lives even as they undertake their various missions and ministries. Let us pray that the actions and thoughts of leaders and members of the church and communities 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

- ✠ We join the Diocese of Kajo Keji in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan to celebrate the welcome of the Bishop (the Church) back to their episcopal home after many years of operating in the diaspora following the return of peace to the diocesan jurisdiction of the church. As the rejoice and celebrate the return of the Bishop (and his family and team), join us to pray for the Lord to continue to preserve the peace of the land, to provide the resources for the reconstruction and re-organization of the various facilities and infrastructure needed for the various ministries of the church.
- ✠ We join the Diocese of Mahajanga in Madagascar (Church of the Province of Indian Ocean) to give thanks for the ministry of Bishop Hall Speers. A ceremony of farewell and thanksgiving service which was witnessed by loved ones and supports from the diocese, the country, province and by relatives from England was held in Madagascar recently to celebrate the occasion. We join the province and the sister dioceses in Madagascar to share in the joy of the ministry of Bishop Hall Speers and pray that the Lord will guide the next phase of his life and ministry. Join us to also pray for a smooth transition to a new leadership in the diocese of Mahajanga in Madagascar.
- ✠ Join CAPA and the Diocese of Northern Zambia (Church of the Province of Central Africa) to give thanks for the election of our brother and friend the Rev Prebendary John K. Kafwanka as the new bishop of the diocese. Prebendary John Kafwanka was at the time of his election, the Vicar of St. Augustine Parish, Twickenham in the Diocese of London. Before then, he was the Director of Mission in the Anglican Communion Office and previously served as the CMS-UK Regional Manager for Southern Africa. We pray for him, his family (Martha, Mwila and Limbani) as they prepare for their new ministry and we remember the diocese as they prepare to receive and share ministry with Prebendary John. Ba Fr. congratulations!!!!
- ✠ Join us to give thanks for the life and ministry of the Rt Rev William Joseph Mchombo, current Bishop of Eastern Zambia who will be translated to the Diocese of Upper Shire (Malawi) as the new Diocesan Bishop. Bishop William is currently also serving as the Provincial Secretary and the lead Bishop for Theological Education in the Episcopal Synod. Bishop William will be enthroned on 18 May 2024 in his new Diocese. Bishop Bill, congratulations!!!

New Ministries

- ✠ Join us to pray for the ministries of the newly ordained Priest and Deacons of the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast (Internal province of Ghana in the Church of the Province of West Africa). We give thanks and pray for the Rev Fr Abraham Nkum

(Priest), the Rev Lawrence Owusu (Deacon) and the Rev Albert Arko Cobbah (Deacon) as they commence their ministries in the Holy Church of God. Please pray for greater anointing and grace for ministry and discernment for their individual and corporate call to ministry.

- ✝ Join us to give thanks to God for the ministries of the various theological education institutions in the province – St. John Theological Seminary, Kitwe, Zambia, St. Augustine Theological College, Botswana, Bishop Gaul Theological College, Zimbabwe, Leonard Kamungu Theological College and Lake Malawi University both of Malawi.

Prayer Requests from Various Provinces

Zimbabwe

- ✝ Pray that God will provide for the communities and the nation through the drought affecting the country. Pray for the National Food Security efforts and for the fair distribution of food aid to affected communities and individuals
- ✝ Join us to pray that God will help the nation of Zimbabwe to find a lasting solution to the prevailing socio-economic challenges that has driven the youth to habits of drug and substance abuse and other anti-social actions.
- ✝ Pray for resources and good counsel for the efforts of the Zimbabwe Anglican Council in its efforts to develop the national office's infrastructure and investments as first steps towards the actualization of the Provincial decision to form national provinces for Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Malawi

- ✝ Join us to pray for the country of Malawi as they face economic hardships which is worsened by the impact of the El Niño phenomenon causing drought in some parts of the country and floods in others. Pray for relief for the nation that is reeling under the burden of massive currency devaluation that has resulted in severe economic hardship for people at the lower levels of the economic ladder.
- ✝ Let us continue pray for those who were affected by Cyclone Freddie which left thousands of people dead, homeless and especially for the residents of the 23 districts that have been declared disaster zones and have been placed under a State of Emergency.

Zambia

- ✝ Join us to pray for the ministry of the Zambia Anglican Council which coordinates various national initiatives of the Anglican Church in Zambia. Please remember and pray for the Zambia Anglican Outreach Programme (ZACOP) and their social ministries in the various dioceses. Give thanks for the project monitoring visits of ZACOP projects being supported by ABM/AID, Australia. The visits were undertaken

by Dr Julianne Stewart (ABM/AID, Australia) and the Ven Kofi deGraft-Johnson (CAPA General Secretary) between 14 and 22 April.

eSwatini (formerly Swaziland)

- ✚ Please lift up the Diocese of eSwatini (Anglican Church of Southern Africa) and their collaboration with CAPA and give thanks for a series of CCMP Leadership Envisioning (which took place from 7 to 12 April) and Facilitators' training. Give thanks for the CAPA Team and for the leadership of the Diocese of eSwatini as they experienced God's grace throughout the processes.

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 –

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

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May	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
Wed 1	<p>Philip and James, Apostles and Martyrs</p> <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> See p. 6 	
Thu 2	<p>Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher († 373)</p> <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"> World Tuna Day
Fri 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rod Chiswell, the clergy and people 	<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"> World Press Freedom Day

<p>Sat 4</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"> • World Portuguese Language Day
<p>Sun 5</p>	<p>Easter 6</p> <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 • <i>CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks</i> 	
<p>Mon 6</p>	<p>John, Apostle and Evangelist</p> <p><i>If not observed on 27 December</i></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 • <i>E-CARE, a community development organisation of the ECP</i> • <i>See p. 7</i> 	
<p>Tue 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop 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 • <i>The Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk</i> • <i>See p. 6</i> 	

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Wed 8	<p>Julian of Norwich, Holy Woman an Mystic († 1417)</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 – (<i>Iglesia Filipina Independiente</i>, IFI) VIMROD – the <i>Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War
Thu 9	<p>Ascension Day</p> <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 	
Fri 10	<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 The <i>Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i> See p. 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Argania

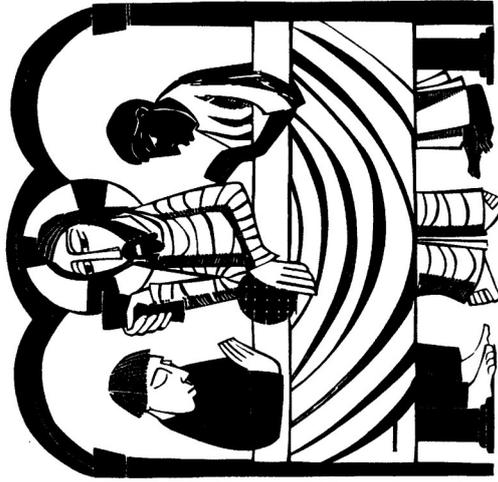
Sat 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Hong Kong – <i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> – 香港聖公會 <i>See p. 5</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Migratory Bird Day
Sun 12	<p>Easter 7</p> <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) <i>See p. 5</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Plant Health
Mon 13	<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 	
Tue 14	<p>Matthias, Apostle and Martyr <i>If not observed on 24 February</i></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 	
Wed 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Families
Thu 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Living Together in Peace International Day of Light

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Fri 17	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
Sat 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Darrell Parker, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of South India 	
Sun 19	Pentecost / Whitsunday <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) 	
Mon 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"> World Bee Day

<p>Tue 21</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"> • International Tea Day • World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
<p>Wed 22</p>	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Day for Biological Diversity
<p>Thu 23</p>	<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"> • Nungalinga College, Darwin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon • International Day to End Obstetric Fistula
<p>Fri 24</p>	<p>John († 1791) and Charles († 1788) Wesley, Evangelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diocese of the Murray – the Ven Simon Waters (Administrator), the clergy and people • Pray for the Rt Rev Sean Semple, who is to be consecrated and enthroned at St Christopher’s Cathedral, Manama in the Kingdom of Bahrain today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns 	

May	Lectionary and ABM Commemorations and the Australian Cycle of Prayer	ABM Partner + <i>development arm</i> – where <i>appropriate</i>	UN Days see www.un.org/en/observances/international-days-and-weeks for more information about each
Sat 25	Bede of Jarrow, Priest and Teacher († 735) <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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories begins (till 31 May)
Sun 26	Trinity Sunday <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) 	
Mon 27	<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) 	
Tue 28	<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 	

<p>Wed 29</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 UN Peacekeepers
<p>Thu 30</p>	<p>THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION</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. 8</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of the Potato
<p>Fri 31</p>	<p>THE VISITATION OF THE BVM TO ELISABETH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religious Orders of the Anglican Church of Australia 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World No-Tobacco Day
<p>Displacements and/or Omissions this month</p> <p>19 May – Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury († 988)</p> <p>26 May – Augustine of Canterbury, missionary and bishop († 605)</p>			



Personal Prayers



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