

Partners Praying Together

June 2023 – Covid-19 Special Edition



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

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Who are ABM's Overseas Partners?

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

Activity Partners

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

Relational Partners

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

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

Networking Partners

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

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

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

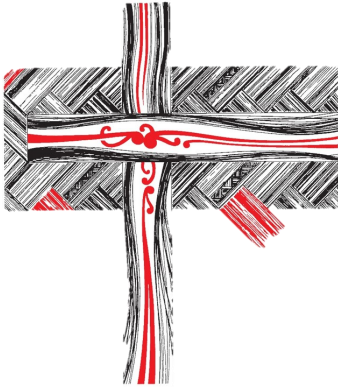
EACH DAY THIS MONTH

- ✠ Blessed Trinity, Eternal Unity, we pray that we find inspiration in Your bonds of love. May all our relationships with others be life-giving and grounded in love.
- ✠ **Pray for:** for all those who have been affected by natural disasters in Australia, especially those still without permanent homes and those whose businesses have been badly affected; for the 4000+ Ukrainian asylum seekers in Australia, here as a result of the Russian invasion; for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who represent 3% of the population but who are overrepresented at 29% of the adult prison population. Pray that the systemic issues that cause this may be addressed; for children's rights in Australia – that the minimum age of criminal responsibility be raised from 10 to 14, the internationally-accepted age; for Indigenous children who are 20 time more likely to be incarcerated than their non-Indigenous peers; that Australia will endorse the Safe Schools Declaration, an intergovernmental pledge now supported by 112 countries to protect education in times of conflict.
- ✠ **Give thanks for** the medical staff who have been working so tirelessly during the pandemic; for the development of vaccines; for the way in which people have been flexible and managed to cope despite the difficulties; for all those who have shown kindness to their neighbours throughout the course of the pandemic so far; for Australia's low unemployment rate; for the Federal Government's commitment to end violence against women and children within a generation; for the recent establishment of the national anti-corruption commission; for all those who volunteer in organisations to help Australia to become a better place.
- ✠ God of the universe, we thank You for revealing Yourself to us as Father, Son and Spirit. May we always follow Your way of self-giving love.

Prayer Points

from our

Overseas Partners



The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

- ✦ Pray for the families of those who recently lost loved ones in the recent fatal fire at a boarding hostel in Wellington. Pray for the residents who managed to escape - many of whom are vulnerable and struggling.
- ✦ Give thanks for the response agencies that acted so swiftly, for the Wellington City Mission and for the generosity of strangers. We pray that as a nation, ways can be found to better support those who are forced to live on the margins of society.
- ✦ Give thanks for the meeting of the Oceania Regional Advisory Committee (ORAC) in Honiara and for the valuable work carried out by its members including the Anglican Board of Mission and Anglican Missions (NZ).
- ✦ Pray for those struggling because of Cyclone Gabrielle and give thanks for the funds being distributed by Hāpaitia, the group charged with coordinating the Anglican Church's response.

The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East



- ✦ For an end to acts of religious hatred against Christians in the Holy Land
- ✦ For Archbishop Hosam Naoum, newly installed as Primate of the Province
- ✦ For Bishop Michael Lewis, former Primate, preparing to retire after 24 years' ministry as a bishop
- ✦ For those in the Province deeply concerned with climate justice and with action for a cleaner, more equitable Middle East

- ✦ For every Anglican congregation and church in the dioceses of the Province, especially those that are small and isolated.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✦ We give thanks for ecumenical partnerships: for the stronger concordat relations between the Philippine Independent Church and the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. For the success of joint programs between these churches including pilgrimages and tree planting activities.
- ✦ Pray that the dreaded El Niño phenomenon forecasted in the coming months up to the first part of 2024 be reversed so that there will be enough rains for irrigation and to fill up the water tables for household consumption.
- ✦ Pray for the on-going liturgical consultations that these will result in meaningful innovations in the liturgical life of the Church.
- ✦ Pray for the planned re-framing of the mission of Episcopal schools that this will result in the operationalization of the Five Marks of Mission as the distinctive element of these schools.



香港聖公會

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

- ✦ We pray in unity with Christians worldwide as we join the Thy Kingdom Come initiative, keeping in mind that in this world of increasing strife and dwindling faith, we may yet turn to God for love and peace.
- ✦ We pray for the Commission of Education and their ongoing efforts in improving religious education in our church-affiliated schools. May their recently published survey results and newly introduced diploma for training religious education teachers bear fruit towards the ideal of strengthened ties between parish and school.
- ✦ We give thanks to our Lord for the opening of a new elderly day care centre at Fo Tan. We pray for the bodily and spiritual well-being of all the vulnerable and forgotten people living underneath the urban glamour of Hong Kong.
- ✦ We continue to pray for God's blessings as we celebrate the 180th year of Anglican faith in Hong Kong and Macau.





日本聖公会
The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

The Anglican Communion in Japan

- ✦ As the weather becomes warmer, give thanks for the beauty of God's created world and pray that we might always be minded to care for what is not ours, and especially concerning the thorny issue of nuclear power; that the NSKK might stand as a beacon for environmental justice
- ✦ With the onset of the rainy season in Japan, we remember and pray for all those who are homeless, and that the government might find new ways to care for them
- ✦ As the diocese of Osaka celebrates 100 years since mission began, pray for the future of the NSKK as it considers mission in a very changing world; ask for God's inspiration to be with those who guide the Japanese church
- ✦ Give thanks for the work of the NSKK's House of Bishops and pray that God may bless their meeting together this month, and all they consider: especially any difficult issues
- ✦ As Japan remembers the horrific War in Okinawa, pray for those who still live with the legacy of that tragedy and ask for God's Spirit to bring healing where it is needed

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

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

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN AFRICA. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Cabo Verde, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Uganda. Large raw numbers of new cases have been reported recently by Mauritius, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Cabo Verde.

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

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE AMERICAS. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in the Turks and Caicos Islands, Guyana, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Large raw numbers of new cases have been reported recently by the United States of America, Brazil and Mexico.

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

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

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

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN EUROPE. Large proportional increases in Covid case numbers have recently been seen in Andorra, Sweden and San Marino. Large raw numbers of new cases have been reported recently by France, Russia, and Italy.

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

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

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

AND WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN OUR OWN REGION, THE WESTERN PACIFIC. A large proportional increase in Covid case numbers has recently been seen in Vietnam, Mongolia and the Philippines. Large raw numbers of new cases have been reported recently by South Korea, Japan, and Australia.

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

** Statistics are the latest available from the WHO and are accurate as of 18 May 2023. Infection rates are now decreasing in most parts of the world., however, there is concern over new variants and over the effects of long covid. Death rates are continuing to fall in most parts of the world.*



A postage stamp from Britain featuring St Columba of Iona, whose feast day is on 9 June

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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.

June	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
Thu 1	<p>Justin, martyr at Rome († ca. 167)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Kenya ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Day of Parents
Fri 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Denise Ferguson and Tim Harris, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Melanesia The ACOM Board of Mission 	
Sat 3	<p>The Martyrs of Uganda († 1886); Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, martyr († 1977); John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, reformer († 1963)</p> <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 Bicycle Day
Sun 4	<p>Trinity Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of Central Africa <i>The Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression

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Mon 5	<p>Boniface of Mainz, bishop and martyr († 754)</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 CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Environment Day International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
Tue 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church in the Philippines E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP See p. 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russian Language Day
Wed 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Brisbane – Bishops Jeremy Greaves, John Roundhill and Cameron Venables, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East The Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk See p. 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Food Safety Day
Thu 8	<p>THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION</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 – (La Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI) VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Oceans Day
Fri 9	<p>Columba of Iona, abbot and missionary († 597)</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 	

<p>Sat 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry to the Forces – Bishop Grant Dibden, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia <i>Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i> <p>See p. 4</p>	
<p>Sun 11</p>	<p>Either St Barnabas or Pentecost 2</p> <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 (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui 香港聖公會) <p>See p. 5</p>	
<p>Mon 12</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 (Nippon Sei Ko Kai 日本聖公会) <p>See p. 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Day Against Child Labour
<p>Tues 13</p>	<p>Anthony of Padua, missionary and preacher († 1231)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Korea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Albinism Awareness Day
<p>Wed 14</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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Blood Donor Day
<p>Thu 15</p>	<p>Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer († 1941)</p> <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"> World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

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Fri 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 Family Remittances
Sat 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 Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
Sun 18	<p>Pentecost 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of South India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for Countering Hate Speech Sustainable Gastronomy Day
Mon 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Kate Wilmot, the clergy and people 	<p>The Church of the Province of South-East Asia (covers Malaysia and Singapore, with missionary congregations in Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand and some parts of Indo-China)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
Tue 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 Refugee Day

Wed 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop Peter Grace, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Sudan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Yoga International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice
Thu 22	<p>Alban, first British martyr († ca. 209)</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 	
Fri 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, Bishop Chris Jones, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nungalinya College, Darwin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Public Service Day International Widows' Day
Sat 24	<p>The Birth of John the Baptist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Murray – Bishop Keith Dalby, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Women in Diplomacy
Sun 25	<p>Pentecost 4</p> <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"> International Day of the Seafarer
Mon 26	<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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

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Tue 27	Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and teacher († 444) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop Jeremy James TSSF, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USPG (UK and Ireland) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day
Wed 28	Irenaeus of Lyons, bishop and teacher († ca. 200) <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 	
Thu 29	Peter and Paul, apostles and martyrs <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 the Tropics
Fri 30	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Asteroid Day International Day of Parliamentarism

There are no Calendar Displacements or Omissions in June this year.

