

Partners Praying Together

April 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.

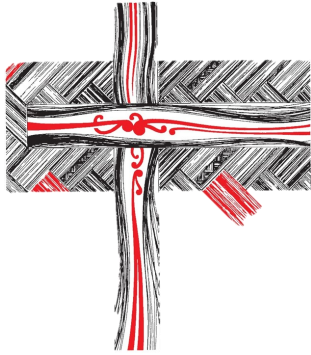
EACH DAY THIS MONTH

- ✠ Risen Lord Jesus, reveal to us the love and radiance of the Father, You bring us peace that passes all understanding. We rejoice in Your presence in the glory of Your resurrection. Strengthen our faith, O Lord Jesus, so we will live with You in eternity.
- ✠ Pray that Australia's native wildlife can be protected from invasive species.
- ✠ Pray that Australia can reach its housing targets.
- ✠ Give thanks for the rise in renewable energy and pray that climate services may be delivered and used in all countries around the world.
- ✠ Give thanks for the contribution made by Pacific Islanders in Australia.
- ✠ 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.
- ✠ Lord Jesus, we pray with thankfulness for Your shepherding of us, and own you as a Good Shepherd in whom we are kept safe forever.

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 people struggling to make ends meet, especially we head into winter. We pray for Anglican parishes that are reaching out into communities to provide help and support and for agencies like the City Mission that are committed to providing shelter, food, clothes and hope.
- ✚ We give thanks for the recent ORAC (Oceania Regional Advisory Council) meeting in Cairns chaired by the Rev Dr John Deane and for the outcomes of which many are to do with strengthening community resilience. We give thanks for the work of the Anglican Alliance led by the Rev Rachel Carnegie.
- ✚ In the lead-up to Easter and as we focus on the Holy Land, we pray for innocent civilians on both sides of the hostilities. We pray for a cessation of war and for a lasting ceasefire and for the Diocese of Jerusalem. We pray especially for the safety of staff and patients at the Al Ahli Arab Hospital. We give thanks to those who are supporting the Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal for Gaza. May we look to the example of Jesus who preached and lived peace.
- ✚ We pray for the Anglican Church in Polynesia and Melanesia as they stand poised to respond to natural disasters. We give thanks that the annual Pacific Tropical Cyclone season has remained relatively quiet to date.
- ✚ We pray for farmers and people living and working in rural communities which are facing drought.

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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 a rejuvenation of faith in this Eastertide. As we celebrate Christ's triumph over death, may we also find new life in our service as his disciples.
- ✠ Pray for the Province's Women's League, and their celebrations for their 25th anniversary. May their retreat to Macau be a fruitful time for reflection and spiritual growth.
- ✠ Pray for the youth ministry of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island, and their new initiative of a monthly discipleship gathering. May it bring more of our younger generations into the active fold of the Church.
- ✠ For the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Archives, and their planned exhibition on the early history of the Anglican Church in Hong Kong. May we all learn from our roots, that the future of the Church in Hong Kong may grow all the stronger.



日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

The Anglican Communion in Japan

- ✠ As the Sakura blooms throughout Japan, give thanks for the beauty of God's created world
- ✠ As April marks the start of the year for many, please pray for those entering new schools or companies and ask God to bless them in their new environments
- ✠ Give thanks for those who have been part of the project to repurpose the former Provincial Office in Tokyo as 'NSKK Kagurazaka' and pray that income from this office/apartment complex might be used wisely to enhance the mission of the Anglican church in Japan
- ✠ Pray for all students at the two seminaries: Central Theological Seminary in Tokyo and Bishop Williams Theological Seminary in Kyoto, and ask God to inspire them in their studies and formation
- ✠ As the warmer weather comes bringing overseas tourists, give thanks for all those working in the tourism and hospitality sectors and pray for them as they offer a welcome to all visitors
- ✠ Pray for all in positions of leadership within the Nippon Sei Ko Kai and ask God to bless them as they lead his church in this country





The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East

الكنيسة الأسقفية في القدس والشرق الأوسط

- ✦ Continue to pray for our staff, volunteers, and patients of al-Ahli Hospital, Gaza
- ✦ Pray for an end to the violence and bloodshed emanating from the war
- ✦ Pray for a renewed and vigorous recommitment of the world to working towards a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.
- ✦ Give thanks for the election of the Rev Sean Semple to be the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.



The Anglican Church of Kenya

- ✦ Thank God for the first quarter of year 2024.
- ✦ Thank God for a successful online House of Bishops meeting held on 12th March 2024.
- ✦ Thank God for the peaceful transition processes that are ongoing in the Dioceses of Nambale, Nakuru and Nyahururu.
- ✦ Prayer for successful elections in the three dioceses that will happen on 6th April 2024.
- ✦ Pray to the end of Doctor's strike across the country and that both the Doctors' Body and Government will come to an agreement that will end the doctor's strike.
- ✦ Pray for safety in our roads. We have experienced many road accidents leading to loss of life.
- ✦ Pray for citizens who are discouraged and in state of hopelessness following introduction of many taxes with very little service from the Government of the day.



The Anglican Church of Melanesia

- ✦ National General Election – The Solomon Islands is having a national general election this month. Prayers for peaceful Elections and Justice in the process.
- ✦ Climate Change and Sea level rise – For the work of our climate observatory team and for those communities affected by sea level rise.
- ✦ Some parts of Melanesia had been affected by cyclone and flooding. – We need prayers for the work of the work of the

Church in coordinating the recovery process on those who had been affected by natural disasters.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

- ✠ Pray for the stability of PNG Government and for the economic crises the country is currently undergoing.
- ✠ PNG health and education is in desperate need of rehabilitation as it is a fundamental human right. Government must take every opportunity to ensure that all facilities do not become a liability but provide vital services to the people in the communities.
- ✠ We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for igniting the spirit of evangelism and intentional discipleship in every home, cell groups, workplaces, media and the province as a whole.



The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✠ Give thanks for the award of Trinitian Fellow 2024 to the Most Rev Brent Harry W Alawas by the ECP's Trinity University of Asia on the occasion of its 61st Founding Anniversary, and pray that this honor will open more opportunities to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom to the wider academic community.
- ✠ Give thanks for the long-term visit to the ECP's Saint Andrew's Theological Seminary of Dr Paulo Ueti, Anglican Communion Advisor on Theological Education & Interpretation/Translation, and pray that this opportunity to teach in the Philippines will inspire new appreciation for the Bible and the good news that it brings.
- ✠ Pray for the communities affected by flooding across Mindanao, especially for the ongoing emergency relief efforts.
- ✠ Pray with the National Council of Churches in the Philippines that the Philippine government will stamp out corruption, boost local agricultural production through genuine agrarian reform, deliver basic social services, and protect national sovereignty; and that the public will refrain from signing the current petition for a Charter Change to the 1987 Philippine Constitution being promoted at the wrong time, for the wrong reasons, and through deception.
- ✠ Give thanks for the successful solarization project at St Vincent's Episcopal Church in Tabuk City established under the ECP Decarbonization Program which has already reduced its carbon footprint by 37%, and pray for the success of more projects to achieve the ECP's target of net zero Greenhouse gas emissions.





The Episcopal Church in South Sudan

- ✠ Let us thank God for calm that returned to Yei as many returnees continued coming back from Uganda and Congo and residents continue to be engaged in trade and farming production, according to a senior yei county official.
- ✠ Let us continue to pray against violence in Unity state where Cattle raiders kill two men in Mayom, took 50 cattle and abducted two children, according to a senior state government officials.
- ✠ Let us pray for proper funding of justice institutions in the country as United Nations Human Rights Commission in

South Sudan lamented the ineffective presence of judiciary in most parts of the country due to lack of resources.

- ✠ Let us pray for justice institutions to be in a place to address the persistent human rights violations; the widespread of sexual and gender-based violence, child and women abductions and inter-communal violence.
- ✠ Let us continue to pray against cattle raiding in Lakes state as a police sergeant in Malek Payam of Rumbek Central County was killed during an attempted cattle raid by armed raiders, Let us pray for the police to identify and apprehend the perpetrators and bring them to book.
- ✠ Let us continue to pray against cattle raiding in Jonglie state where at least five people were killed, a girl child abducted, and 200 cattle raided in a separate attack by armed youth in Akobo and Uror Counties of Jonglei State, according to an official.
- ✠ Let us continue to pray against the increase of child and women abduction in Jonglie and Greater Pibor Administrative area that leads to killings, forced marriages, sexual slavery, and even trafficking by armed youth.
- ✠ Let us pray for UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) that is helping the humanitarian response by ensuring a consistent protective presence through patrols in the area and fostering harmonious relationships between host communities and new arrivals along the border between South Sudan and Sudan given that scarce resources are bound to cause friction.
- ✠ Let us continue to pray for peace in Sudan as South Sudan urge African Union (AU) intervention to restore peace and stability in Sudan.
- ✠ Let us to pray for peace in Sudan, as conflict continues unabated in Sudan, the influx of returnees and refugees continues into South Sudan. Every day, the transit camp in Renk receives between 1,000-1,500 new arrivals, according to a humanitarian worker.



The Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa
Prayer Focus this month:
The Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo

WEEK 1

A Prayer for the Leadership of the Church and the Nations

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. – Hebrews 13.7

In this fourth month of the year, we invite you to join us to pray for the Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (with extension of ministry into Congo Brazzaville). Let us lift up prayer of thanksgiving for the Primate, the **Most Rev Dr Andre Titre George**, his College of Bishops and others who share the leadership of the church in these troubled regions of D.R. Congo and Congo Brazzaville. Lift up prayer for the national, community and sectional leaders who together with the church work towards the peace of the nations and provide accountable leadership and stewardship of God's people in the resource-rich countries. Join us to pray for wisdom and for any virtue that these leaders need to lead 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 diocese in the two countries.

WEEK 2

A Prayer for Mercy, Healing and Fruitfulness

Behold, I will bring [to them] health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. – Jeremiah 33.6

In the second week of April, we pray that God will remember his word through the prophet Jeremiah and bring health and healing, prosperity and security to the nations of D.R. Congo and Congo Brazzaville. We pray that God's permanent healing will be bestowed on traumatized persons and communities affected by the incessant fighting among the various armed groups, people displaced by the crises of war and natural disasters and for the many women, girls, elderly and vulnerable children and elders who face all forms of abuse and for young maidens who become sex slaves to the armed rebels.

We remember and pray for the many Internally Displaced Persons and refugees from the two countries and continue to remember and pray for migrant workers and various categories of people from the various countries in other places across the globe. We pray that these persons will contribute to the fruitfulness of the economies of their host nations, foster healing, and healthy relations and that they will live in harmony with their host communities and show mercy one to another. 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

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

– 2 Corinthians 13.11

This third week of April we invite you to pray for the peace of the nations of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Congo Brazzaville. 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 for peaceful social and political relations between various ethnic groups and peoples in the two nations especially for the tensions between the armed groups and government forces. Pray for the work of the United Nations Mediation Team and for all other interest groups in the resource-rich countries that they will value the sacredness of human life, respect the rights of all persons and work towards peaceful dialogue of their differences devoid of personal interest but rather seek for the betterment of the nations and her people. Let us pray for security in Eastern Congo and Plymouth areas and for the efforts of the Church to provide support for the affected persons.

WEEK 4

A Prayer for Love

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

– 1 John 4.7-8a

For the fourth week of the month, let us join together to pray for endearing love among the various faith, tribal, sectional and political communities in the countries of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Congo Brazzaville. Let us pray that all people in the constituent dioceses and communities of the province 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 Church of Nigeria to give thanks and praise to God for their 45th Anniversary of being a full province within the Anglican Community. Until 1979, the Church of Nigeria was part of the Church of the Province of West Africa which was made up Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and The Gambia. On February 24, 1979, with 16 dioceses Nigeria became an independent province with Archbishop Timothy O. Olufosoye as the Primate and Metropolitan Archbishop of the province. As at today, the Church of Nigeria has 161 dioceses under the leadership of the current Primate and Metropolitan Archbishop Henry Ndukuba. Let us celebrate the Lord's goodness on the Church of Nigeria.

✠ Join us to give thanks to God for the success of the Evangelistic Revival crusade in the Diocese of Rokon in South Sudan. The four-days programme was attended by over 3,000 people from all parts of South Sudan and neighbouring countries of Uganda and Congo. Seven Bishops from different dioceses attended the conference.

The closing day of the conference was attended by the Vice President of the Republic, Dr. James Wani Igga, Governor of the Central Equatoria State, Hon. Emmanuel Adil Anthony, Commissioner of Juba County Eng. Charles and two other Commissioners from Western Equatoria State. The aim of the Revival conference was to bring people to listen to God's words of salvation, to pray for healing in the land and to pray for peace and reconciliation.

✠ Let us join the Diocese of Akoko (Church of Nigeria) to give thanks to God for the successful completion, consecration and opening of the new Cathedral Church of St. Stephen in Ikare. The service was attended by a cream of Bishops from the Church of Nigeria.

✠ Give thanks to God for protection and journey mercies for Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo (Episcopal Church of Sudan) during his pastoral visit to his members in the Nubia mountains.

✠ We stand in prayer of thanksgiving with Bishop Sergio Bambo, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Tete (Igreja Anglicana de Moçambique e Angola, the Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola) as he opened and closed the Diocesan CCMP training and commissioned the first batch of the Facilitators in the Diocese.

New Ministries

- ✠ We give thanks and commit to God our dear Brother and Father-in-God, the Rt. Rev. Stafford Moses who has been consecrated as the Third Bishop of the Diocese of False Bay of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Bishop Stafford is married to Bishop Yvette Moses of the Cape District of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. The consecration service was presided over by His Grace Archbishop Thabo Makgoba of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and Presiding Bishop Pumla Nzimande of the Methodist Church. *“Their marriage across racial, nationality and church barriers has always cemented ecumenical and cross-cultural partnerships wherever they have served. Today that partnership is taken to another level and shows what Jesus truly yearns for - That they may be One. (John 17:21)”* We stand with them in prayer.
- ✠ Give thanks to God for the election of four new Bishops in the Church of Nigeria. The newly elected Bishops are: the Venerable Owen Ukafia (Diocese of Uyo), the Venerable Nuhu Yohanna (Diocese of Katsina), the Venerable Matthew Ogaze (Diocese of Ogbia) , and the Venerable Ikechukwu Egbonu (Diocese of Oji River). Please stand with them in prayers as they prepare to take up their new pastoral and episcopal roles and to join the College of Bishops within God’s Holy Church in Nigeria.
- ✠ Let us give thanks and pray for the commencement of ministry of the newly preferred Honorary Canons of the Cathedral Church of Saints Alban and Matthew in the Anglican Diocese of Tema (Church of the Province of Ghana). The new Honorary Canons and their Stall names are: the Ven Kofi deGraft-Johnson (St Francis of Assisi), the Rev Canon Jacob Teye Botchway (St Augustine of Hippo), the Rev Canon Christian Kalitsi (St Ambrose), the Rev Canon Major Richmond Clottey (St. Athanasius), the Rev Canon Michael Anang-Aboh (St Boniface), the Rev Canon Eric Agba (St Anthony of Padua) and the Rev Canon Frances Quist (St Catherine of Alexandria).
- ✠ Join us to pray for the ministries of the newly installed Lay Ministers in the Diocese of Mthathia in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Please pray for greater anointing and grace for ministry and discernment of their individual and corporate call to ministry.
- ✠ Join the Province of Indian Ocean and in particular the dioceses in Madagascar who (through their Primate) share their story of gratitude for the generous support they received during the period of natural disasters and famine that hit the country last year. See <https://www.facebook.com/100004283772829/posts/2670492893103477/?mibextid=6aamW6>

Join us to give thanks to God for the significant increase in the number of trained personnel in the service of the Church through the enhanced theological education initiative of the province.

Prayer Requests from Various Provinces

The Democratic Republic of the Congo

- ✠ Pray for the DR Congo's Goma region which has been besieged by armed rebels M23 which launched an offensive in 2022 causing thousands of residents in the area to flee. Despite the military intervention and mediation efforts, calm has still not returned to the region which faces recurrent insurrections and incessant attacks of residents.
- ✠ The Provincial Office gives thanks to God that The Anglican Church in Congo is generally functioning well, despite the insecurity in the country. They ask that we pray that God will give wisdom to politicians to put an end to the war in Congo.
- ✠ Pray that God will help the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Congo and the members of the Provincial Office by providing them with the material and financial resources they need to carry out their activities.
- ✠ Pray for the resources of transportation, equipment and other resources to enable the relocation of the Provincial Secretary from Bunia for Kinshasa.

Province of Central Africa

- ✠ Join us to give thanks for the Church of the Province of Central Africa's successful Episcopal Synod and in particular for the election of the Rt Rev William Mchombo and the Rev Prebendary John Kafwanka as the Bishops of Upper Shire (Malawi) and Northern Zambia respectively. Join us to lift them up in prayer as they prepare for their new roles.

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 –

- 4 April The Republic of Senegal: Independence Day
- 18 April The Republic of Zimbabwe: National Day
- 26 April The United Republic of Tanzania: Union Day
- 27 April The Republic of Sierra Leone: Independence Day
 The Republic of South Africa: Freedom Day
 The Togolese Republic: Togolais National Day

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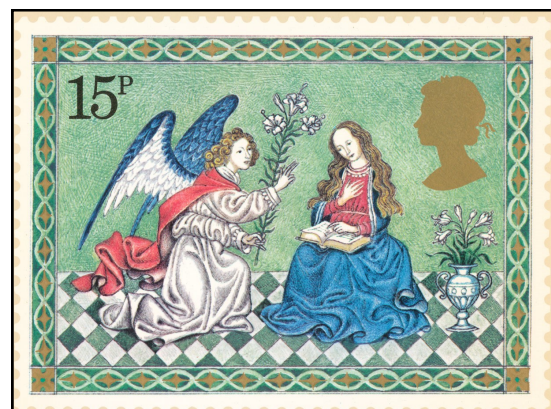
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celebrated this year on 8 April**



Apr	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
Mon 1	<p>Easter Monday</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 	
Tue 2	<p>Easter Tuesday</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> See p. 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Autism Awareness Day
Wed 3	<p>Easter Wednesday</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> See p. 7 	

<p>Thu 4</p>	<p>Easter Thursday</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 for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
<p>Fri 5</p>	<p>Easter Friday</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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Day of Conscience
<p>Sat 6</p>	<p>Easter Saturday</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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
<p>Sun 7</p>	<p>Easter 2</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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda • World Health Day

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Mon 8	<p>The Annunciation to the BVM</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> 	
Tue 9	<p>William Law, priest and teacher († 1761) Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian († 1945)</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 	
Wed 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 	

Thu 11	<p>George Augustus Selwyn, first missionary Bishop of New Zealand († 1878)</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 – <i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> – 香港聖公會 <i>See p. 5</i> 	
Fri 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Anglican Church of Japan – <i>Nippon Sei Ko Kai</i> – 日本聖公会) <i>See p. 5</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Day of Human Space Flight
Sat 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 	
Sun 14	<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 Chagas Disease Day
Mon 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 	
Tue 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 	

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Wed 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 	
Thu 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 	
Fri 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Kate Wilmot, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of South-East Asia (covers Malaysia and Singapore, with missionary congregations in Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand and some parts of Indo-China) 	
Sat 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> <i>See p. 8</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese Language Day

<p>Sun 21</p>	<p>Easter 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop Peter Grice, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Sudan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Creativity and Innovation Day
<p>Mon 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 Mother Earth Day
<p>Tue 23</p>	<p>George, martyr († ca. 303)</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"> World Book and Copyright Day English Language Day Spanish Language Day
<p>Wed 24</p>	<p>The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood († 2003)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Murray – the Ven Simon Waters (Administrator), the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Immunization Week begins (till 30 April) International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace

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Thu 25	<p>Mark, evangelist and martyr ANZAC Day</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 Girls in ICT Day World Malaria Day International Delegate’s Day
Fri 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 Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day World Intellectual Property Day
Sat 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"> USPC (UK and Ireland) 	
Sun 28	<p>Easter 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Day for Safety and Health at Work

<p>Mon 29</p>	<p>Catherine of Siena, spiritual teacher († 1380)</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 	
<p>Tue 30</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 <p>See p. 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Jazz Day

Displacements and Omissions this April

- 3 April – Richard of Chichester, bishop († 1256)
- 6 April – Frederic Barker, Bishop of Sydney and pioneer of theological education and the General Synod († 1882);
- 8 April – The Annunciation (transferred from 25 March)
- 8 April – Georgiana Molloy, pioneer church leader and botanist from Western Australia († 1843)
- 21 April – Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, teacher († 1109)



Personal Prayers



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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.