

Partners Praying Together

February 2025



ABM's *Partners Praying Together* is designed to link our supporters with our partners. Each month we present the prayer requests we receive from our Overseas Partners. Together with that we have the feasts and commemorations from the lectionary, the Australian Cycle of Prayer (which allows you to pray for ABM's Australian Partners), and commemorations from the United Nations calendar. All of these are designed not to tell you *how* to pray, but to prompt you to pray in whatever way you prefer.

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you. – Psalm 32.6a

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Who are ABM's Partners?

WE ARE ASKING YOU to remember our each of our Australian dioceses, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partners (such as NATSIAC, Wontulp-Bi-Buya College and Nungalinga College), as well as our Overseas Partners. They consist of Activity Partners (with whom we currently have joint activities), Relational Partners (with whom we have historical relationships) and Networking Partners (with whom we work overseas, or with whom we share information). We have, as the well-used Anglican phrase describes it, strong *bonds of affection* for all of them. Because our overseas work involves both the Church, through our Church-to-Church Unit, and communities, though Anglicans in Development, we often relate to our partners both through the Church itself and through a particular Church's community development arm.

Activity Partners

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

Relational Partners

10. The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China
11. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia (*Anglican Missions Board, AMB*)
12. The Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui* 香港聖公會
13. The Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* 日本聖公會
14. The Anglican Church of Korea, the *Daehan Seonggonghoe* 대한성공회
15. The Church of Bangladesh
16. The Church of North India

17. The Church of Pakistan
18. The Church of South India
19. The Church of the Province of South East Asia
20. The Episcopal Church of South Sudan (*the Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA*)
21. The Episcopal Church of Sudan

Networking Partners

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

Please remember all our partners in your prayers. Whether they are in Vancouver, Honiara or Lahore, they need our prayers.

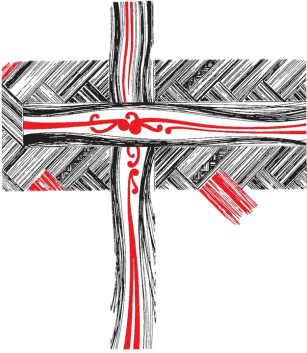
EACH DAY THIS MONTH

- ✠ Lord our God, You created us out of love, You redeemed us by Your love, You sustain us with Your love. Let the glory of Your love be seen in us, that we may reflect Your presence and show forth Your love in the world.
- ✠ Pray for all those in war zones, and those displaced by war, especially the people of the occupied Palestinian Territories, Lebanon and Israel, as well as Yemen and Ukraine. May the ceasefire in Gaza hold so that reconstruction and rehabilitation can begin
- ✠ Pray for the people of PNG as HIV rates have rapidly increased in the country recently.
- ✠ Pray that attacks on places of worship, especially synagogues, will cease in Australia.
- ✠ Pray for the homeless and those agencies who work to help them.
- ✠ Give thanks for Federal anti-violence programs in communities in the Northern Territory and Western Australia
- ✠ Pray that the long-running industrial dispute between the NSW government and the unions involved in the train system is resolved so that further major disruption to passengers and businesses is avoided.
- ✠ Lord God, we thank You for the way You show us ourselves and still accept us with love.

Prayer Points

from our

Overseas Partners



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

**The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand
and Polynesia**

- ✚ Please pray for people who struggle with poverty, domestic violence, addictions or loneliness. We give thanks for all agencies who look out for and support those who are most vulnerable in our communities during what is supposed to be a festive time.
- ✚ We continue to pray for unity and respect in light of growing tensions following one of the biggest protests in the history of Aotearoa, primarily sparked by the Government's Treaty Principles Bill.
- ✚ We pray for a quiet tropical cyclone season the Pacific and give thanks for the considerable work being put in by the Diocese of Polynesia to be well prepared.
- ✚ We give thanks for the generosity of churches and individuals who continue to support Anglican Missions. This enables it to continue to witness and work in an increasingly dark world.



The Anglican Church of Ceylon

For the Church

- ✚ Pray for the Bishop of Kurunagala, the Rt Rev Nishantha Fernando, and the Bishop of Colombo, the Rt Rev Dushantha Rodrigo, asking God to grant them wisdom, discernment, and strength as they lead their dioceses. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit and continue to inspire the clergy and congregations.
- ✚ Lift up the clergy of each diocese, asking for God's guidance in their ministry. Pray that they may be examples of faith, love, and service, effectively ministering to their congregations and the wider community. Additionally, we ask for God's provision of more servants to work in His vineyard within each diocese.

- ✚ Pray for the future spiritual growth of both dioceses. Ask for innovative and effective programs to deepen faith and discipleship among church members, fostering a vibrant and engaged community.
- ✚ As the Diocese of Kurunagala approaches its 75th anniversary, pray for a spirit of gratitude and celebration. May this milestone be an opportunity to reflect on God's faithfulness, inspire renewed commitment to the mission, and encourage new outreach efforts. We would like to request your prayers for the upcoming anniversary service and the various programs planned throughout the year.
- ✚ Pray for the mission and outreach programs of the two dioceses. Ask that God provides resources and volunteers, enabling the church to reach those in need and effectively share the love of Christ in their communities.
- ✚ Lift up the various social work activities undertaken by both dioceses. Pray for God's blessing upon these efforts, that they may bring hope, healing, and assistance to the marginalized and vulnerable populations.
- ✚ Pray for unity among the parishes, clergy, and congregations within the Church. May they work together harmoniously towards common goals and support each other in mission.
- ✚ Pray for the youth of each diocese, asking that they be nurtured in their faith and find ways to engage in the church's mission. May they become the future leaders of the church and the community.
- ✚ Please, pray asking for divine wisdom and knowledge to manage the properties of Kurunagala diocese. May they be guided in using their resources effectively to further God's mission and bring greater benefits to our church and wider community.
- ✚ Please, pray especially for the journey we have embarked on to open a new school for Kurunagala diocese, let us seek God's guidance every step of the way and God's help to make decisions that reflect His will and serve the needs of his people and children. Pray for God to grant us insight and clarity as we lay the foundation for this educational endeavour.

For the Country of Sri Lanka

- ✚ Pray for lasting peace and stability in Sri Lanka as the nation navigates through challenges. Ask for God's intervention to heal divisions and promote unity among all communities.
- ✚ Lift up prayers for the economic recovery of Sri Lanka. Ask for wisdom for leaders and policymakers to implement effective solutions that address the financial difficulties facing the country and its citizens.
- ✚ Pray for those suffering from the impacts of economic hardship, including food shortages and lack of essential services. May assistance reach those in need, and may communities come together to support one another.

- ✠ Pray for the political leaders and governance of Sri Lanka to be filled with integrity, compassion, and wisdom. Ask that they prioritize the well-being of all citizens and serve the country with dedication.
- ✠ Pray for healing and reconciliation among different ethnic and religious groups in Sri Lanka. Ask for God's love to transform hearts and bring about mutual respect and understanding.
- ✠ Lift up the youth of Sri Lanka, asking for opportunities in education and employment. Pray that they find paths of hope and that future generations can lead the nation towards a brighter future.
- ✠ Pray for the spiritual revival of the people in Sri Lanka. May many turn to faith for hope, strength, and guidance, finding peace in God during turbulent times.

香港聖公會

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



- ✠ Pray for St Christopher's Home, once our church orphanage, now our provider for child-related services, and their home-based child carer recruitment drive. For enthusiastic, resourceful, and experienced adults to be willing to step forward and look after children who come from families where the parents may not be able to be present at all times. For the love that drives us to actively reach out to the needy, and offer whatever service we could in humility.
- ✠ Pray for the Diocese Hong Kong Island and their 'Liturgy Day' on 15 February, for the liturgy workshops to be held on the day, which will cover different roles ranging from lay reader to intercessor, reader, and server. For a wider and deeper understanding of liturgy in our Christian life for all the members of the diocese. For a closer walk with God as we participate actively in worship under different roles.
- ✠ Pray for families and friendships as we celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Snake. May old quarrels be mended, may fading relationships be strengthened, and may all of us be charged to exercise that Christian love which commands us to help those who are most needy of it.

For access to the electronic version of the worldwide

Anglican Cycle of Prayer 2023–2026, go to

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

日本聖公会

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

The Anglican Communion in Japan



- ✠ Give thanks for the continuing close relationship between regional Anglican churches and especially the Anglican Church of Korea, and pray for the ACK-NSKK cooperation meeting this month
- ✠ Please pray for all students taking exams this month throughout the country and especially for those theological students studying for the General Ordination Exam
- ✠ Give thanks for the work of all those tasked with addressing issues of harassment and discrimination within the church and society, and pray for their assembly this month
- ✠ Following a series of scandals in the political and show-business worlds, pray for more accountability and integrity for those in positions of power or status
- ✠ As the cold winter weather persists, give thanks for those who care for the homeless, offering food, clothing and shelter and a warm welcome
- ✠ As the House of Bishops meet this month, pray that God will inspire and enable them to continue to lead his church in this land accepting and embracing the need for change

الكنيسة الأسقفية في القدس والشرق الأوسط

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East



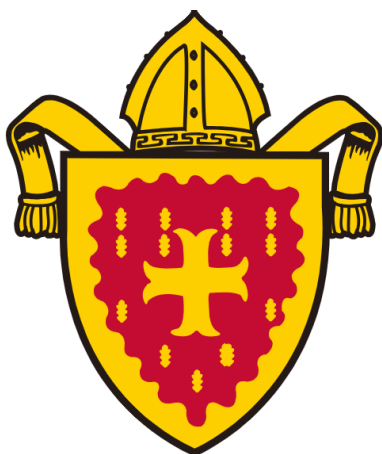
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the Ceasefire in the Gaza War, with prayers for the adoption of its later phases, bringing the war to an end
- ✠ Strengthening of our Ahli Arab Hospital staff as they continue Christ's healing ministry
- ✠ Calm in the West Bank, with a stop to the settler violence against Palestinian towns and villages.
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the inauguration of Joseph Aoun as the new President of Lebanon, with prayers for the rebuilding of that country
- ✠ Thanksgiving for an end to the 14-year Civil War in Syria, with prayers for a just and lasting peace there, and protection of all minorities.



The Anglican Church of Kenya

- ✠ We thank God for the blessing of a new year 2025.
- ✠ Thank God for the leadership of the Anglican Church in Kenya especially the Most Rev Dr Jackson Ole Sapit - Archbishop of Kenya, the Rt Rev Prof Joseph Galgalo - Provincial Secretary and all ACK Bishops.
- ✠ Thank God for the various transitions in the Church.
- ✠ Thank God for successful bishopric election in Nairobi Diocese and preparation for consecration and enthronement service of the Ven Canon Jonathan Kabiru, the Bishop-elect.

- ✠ Pray for the Diocese of Mt Kenya West as they prepare for bishopric election on 8 February 2025.
- ✠ Pray for the Diocese of Maseno West where there is a disputed bishopric election.
- ✠ Pray for smooth leadership transition in the Dioceses of Garissa and Machakos.
- ✠ Pray for a successful forthcoming Bishops workshop in Church Community Mobilization Process.
- ✠ Pray for President Dr William Ruto, his cabinet and various political leaders to uphold democracy in country.
- ✠ Pray for school going children especially those in play groups, kindergarden and lower classes for safety and protection.



대한성공회

Daehan Seonggonghoe

The Anglican Church of Korea

- ✠ **Youth United Camp in the Seoul Diocese:** Please pray for the Youth United Camp of the Seoul Diocese, scheduled from 21 to 23 February. Under the theme 'We are God's Missionaries,' this camp offers a precious opportunity for the youth of the Seoul Diocese to gather for prayer, worship, learning, and fellowship. Pray that during this time, the youth may walk closely with the Lord, gain a deeper understanding of God's kingdom and the gospel, and shine the light of Christ in the world as missionaries of God's kingdom.

- ✠ **100th Anniversary Celebration of the Mothers' Union:** With gratitude for your prayers, the first preparatory meeting for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Mothers' Union in the Anglican Church of Korea was successfully held on 11 January. Please pray that the plans and decisions made during this meeting proceed smoothly under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Above all, pray that the clergy and members involved may fulfill their responsibilities with the strength and wisdom granted by the Lord.
- ✠ **Prayers for the Bishops:** Please pray for Bishop Elijah Kim Jang-hwan of the Seoul Diocese, Bishop Titus Kim Ho-uk of the Daejeon Diocese, and Bishop Onesimus Park Dong-shin of the Busan Diocese. In particular, as Primate Onesimus Park Dong-shin marks the 13th anniversary of his consecration on 18 February, we thank God for His guidance over the past 13 years. Pray that he may continue to fulfill his duties, entrusted by the Lord, within God's love and grace.
- ✠ **Korea-Japan Cooperation Committee Meeting:** The Korea-Japan Cooperation Committee meeting between the Anglican Church of Korea and the Nippon Sei Ko Kai is scheduled for February. Pray that the exchanges between Korea and Japan may serve as valuable channels for pursuing the Lord's peace and collaboratively proclaiming the gospel of God's kingdom to the world. Additionally, pray that through our cooperation, we may shine the light of the Lord's reconciliation and peace in the world.
- ✠ **Prayer for Peaceful and Just Recovery Political Turmoil Korea:** Please pray that the recovery from political turmoil in Korea may proceed peacefully and justly, guided by the principles of the Constitution and democracy.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

- ✠ Pray for people in Vanuatu affected by the recent earthquake.
- ✠ Pray for the upcoming visit of Bishop Anthony Poggo, the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion.
- ✠ Pray for the upcoming Youth Convention in June. Preparation starts this month.
- ✠ Pray for the upcoming Mission Symposium later this year.
- ✠ Join with us as we praise God for 50 years since the inauguration of the Anglican Church of Melanesia, which occurred on 26 January 1975.
- ✠ Give thanks for the Melanesian Brotherhood which celebrates its centenary in October this year.





Angliken Sios bilong Papua Niu Gini

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

- ✠ Pray for the Papua New Guinean Government to have the reverence and fear of the Lord to lead the people of this nation,
- ✠ Pray for the Law Enforcement Department to work hand in hand to fight corruption in the nation.
- ✠ Pray that Government will establish enough area medical stores to supply medicines to all urban and rural aid posts, health centres and hospitals.
- ✠ Pray that the Government will not levy more taxes on goods and services.
- ✠ Pray for all the family altars to be revived and renewed and not to be robbed or influenced by social media and outside cultures.



The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✠ Give thanks for the initial meetings between leaders of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines, *Iglesia Filipina Independiente* (Philippine Independent Church), and *Iglesia Unida Ekyumenikal* (United Ecumenical Church) as they look into the possibility of establishing a covenant of partnership for mission, and pray that as they attempt to build up Christ's kingdom together that the default mode of churches should always be towards Christian unity.
- ✠ Give thanks for 120 years of St Mary's School of Sagada in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines and pray that while it honours its heritage, it will embrace a progressive future.
- ✠ Give thanks for the encouraging passing results of all nursing graduates from ECP institutions in the November 2024 Philippine Nurses Licensure Examination: St Luke's College of Nursing at Trinity University of Asia (99.19%), Easter College Department of Nursing (97.93%), and Brent College of Nursing at Brent Hospital & Colleges (81.98%), and pray that they will be inspired to respond to human need by loving service throughout their new careers.
- ✠ Give thanks for the official announcement that Ms Mary Jane Veloso, who has been on death row in Indonesia for the past 14 years, will be transferred back to the Philippines, and pray with Migrante International that President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. will demonstrate compassion for a victim of human trafficking by granting Mary Jane clemency and that her traffickers in the Philippines will be held fully accountable.

- ✠ Give thanks for the participation of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) in the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) as it strives to uphold its values of truth, justice, and solidarity which strengthen its resolve for climate action and ecological justice; and pray that the demand by communities for accountability and rights will be listened to, major polluters will fulfill their moral and historical obligations and debt to humanity through sufficient, concrete and people-centered climate finance, and that there will be support for the global call to phaseout fossil fuels through the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa

Prayer Focus this month: The Episcopal Church of Alexandria



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

As we continue to come into the new year with grateful hearts, we seek the face of our gracious Lord who walked with us (through thick and thin) in 2024. We experienced His bounteous graces and mercies as we prayed for our members and our leaders. As we commence the year, we bring before God the Episcopal Church of Alexandria under the leadership of the Most Rev Dr Samy Fouzy Shehata. We remember and pray for the College of Bishops, Clergy and Lay Leaders who (together with the Primate) provide both spiritual and temporal leadership to the members of the Church and their communities. We remember in particular the dioceses of North Africa and the Horn of Africa, the Church in Ethiopia and Egypt and all communities where the ministry of the Church is shared. We pray for unity and single-mindedness among the ministers (both the ordained and lay) and also among the political, social and tribal and sectional leaders who, together with the church, work towards the well-being of the people, their prosperity and the peace of the nations. Let us pray that the leaders will provide accountable leadership and stewardship. Join us to pray for wisdom for the leaders as they shepherd the people of faith and none, that being enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they would pursue justice, peace and respect for each other in their various faith and tribal communities.

WEEK 2

A Prayer for Mercy, Healing and Fruitfulness

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. – Isaiah 40.29

In the second week of the month, we pray for fruitfulness, good health and mercy for God's people in the Episcopal Church of Alexandria and its constituent dioceses and countries. We pray that the countries and their peoples will increase and multiply in all their undertakings and be healed of all their infirmities and diseases. We pray for God's continued mercy and healing of the trauma suffered by the many families and communities affected by the current challenges occasioned by both human and natural causes, those affected by political and economic instability in the countries of the province. Join us to pray for the safety of women, young girls, children and the elderly who are adversely impacted by challenging situations in the constituent countries and dioceses of the province and for those who have been displaced and are being hosted by the Church in Egypt and other countries. Join us to pray for the various health and healing ministries of the Church and for all those whose work and ministries bring healing and restoration to the sick, the traumatized and those challenged emotionally and psychologically within the dioceses of the province and their communities. We remember and pray for the ministries of the various groups in the Church, the Mothers' Union, the Mens' Ministries, the Youth and Children's ministries as well as the ministries of theological education and others, that they all will be sources of healing and fruitfulness both physically and spiritually.

WEEK 3

A Prayer for Peace

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. – Galatians 5.22-23

In the third week of the month, we invite you to join us to pray for the peace of the Church and the constituent countries of the province of Alexandria. We pray for the peaceful co-existence of the various political, tribal and faith groups in the constituent countries of the province and between the countries and their neighbours. We pray for all whose efforts and actions engender peace among the people and faith groups and pray for God's peace to undergird the ministries and mission of the Church and in the nations and for the pursuit of justice and godly actions in governance, commerce and trade, education and life-moulding actions and within the various institutions of the nation and the Church. We pray that the countries within the province and their peoples will know and experience the peace of Christ in their challenging political and socio-economic circumstances. We pray for peaceful social and political relations between the various ethnic groups and peoples as well as political parties and faith groups in the countries and for the betterment of the nations and their people.

WEEK 4

A Prayer for Love

Let all that you do be done in love.

– 1 Corinthians 16.14

In the fourth week of February, we pray for enduring love among the various faiths, tribes, communities and the members of the various dioceses and countries in the Episcopal Church of Alexandria. Join us to pray for love among people of differing faiths, tribes, and political and economic affiliations in the constituent dioceses and countries of the province. We pray that all people will bear the burden of loving one another and experience the same in their personal and communal lives even as they undertake their various missions and ministries in love and in service to each other. Let us pray that policies, programmes, actions and thoughts of leaders and members of the church and other faith 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 Lord. Pray for all who are socially disconnected, lonely and without any social connection or support.

Additional Prayers

Thanksgiving and Celebration

✠ *Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

We join the Episcopal Church of South Sudan to give thanks to God for the successful launch of their 'Climate Change Resilience' project in Juba emphasizing the Christians' role in creation care. The initiative aims to promote climate justice and provide support to the Green Anglicans South Sudan and to encourage all dioceses to uphold God's command to be stewards of creation. The project in addition seeks to raise awareness and build skills to empower communities in flood-prone areas to build resilience and safety during the annual rainy season.

✠ *Episcopal Diocese of Egypt*

We give thanks to God for the successful graduation of the leaders and employees of the 'Basic Counselling Training' programme run by the Family Service Committee in Abrushia of the Episcopal Diocese of Egypt. The graduation was attended by the Archbishop, the Most Rev Dr Samy Fouzy Shehata with the support of other leaders. Speaking at the graduation ceremony at the All Saints' Cathedral in Zamalek, Cairo, the Archbishop appreciated the great efforts and dedication of the Family Service Committee emphasizing their vital role in building capacity for the provision of counselling support services to the many clients who come to seek family counselling and support for psychosocial support in dealing with challenges that members encounter.

✠ *Episcopal Diocese of Egypt (Sudanese Community)*

The Anglican Diocese of Egypt hosts a large community of Sudanese migrants in Cairo and in other locations in Egypt. The community holds its services in the All Saints' Cathedral, Zamalek in Cairo where they also receive various support services including skills training, healthcare, counselling and educational support. We join the Diocese of Egypt to give thanks to God for the successful admission of 16 new members into the communion and membership of the church at a service held at the St John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Maadi. Ministering with the Archbishop was the Rev Emmanuel Sabana and other ministers who support the Sudanese ministries in Egypt.

✠ *Anglican Diocese of Accra*

We join the Anglican Diocese of Accra to give thanks for the successful induction into office of the 12th President and Executives of the Anglican Women's Fellowship (AWF) for the 2024-2028 term. The induction ceremony, under the theme: 'Being Relevant at All Times' (Matthew 5:16), took place at the St Joseph the Worker Anglican Church, Kaneshie, Accra. The newly inducted president, Mrs Caroline Naa Dodua Kotei-Robertson, leads a team of committed women poised to champion the mission of the fellowship. Serving alongside her are Vice President Mary Adukwei Ankrah, Secretary Emma Banafoe, Assistant Secretary Margaret Mensah, Treasurer Emelia Clottey, and Organizer Diana Mills. Others include Assistant Organizer Salome Sampang, Chaplain Doris Owoo, Assistant Chaplain Angelina Asumadu-Sakyi, Porter Mercy Aryee, and Assistant Porter Rita Jacobs.

Various Prayers

✠ *Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean*

We join the Anglican Diocese of Seychelles and the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean to give thanks for the service of the Most Rev Dr James Richard Wong Yin Song who brought his 15 years of service as Diocesan Bishop of Seychelles and seven years as Primate to a close after his Valedictory Service held at St Paul's Cathedral, Seychelles, on Sunday 12 January 2025. Let us pray for the Diocese of Seychelles as they prepare to elect a successor bishop.

✠ *Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola:*

We join IAMA to give thanks to God for the success of their provincial synod that elected the Rt Rev Vicente Msosa as the next Primate of the Church. Let us pray for Bishop Vicente who was installed on 26 January.

✠ *Ghana*

We join the Church and the people of Ghana to thank God for the successful run of the 2024 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections and for the swearing in of His Excellency John Dramani Mahamaas, the next President and for Prof Jane Naana

Opoku Agyeman as the first Female Vice President of Ghana, as well as the swearing in of the 275 members of Parliament on Tuesday 7 January 2025.

✚ *Mozambique:*

Let us continue to uphold the country of Mozambique in our prayers following the post-election crises that has led to riots, looting and high-handed dealing with demonstrators that has led to the death of over 270 persons and the displacement of thousands of households into Malawi another surrounding countries.

Upcoming Events

✚ *CAPA Triple Event:*

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

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

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

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

CAPA@45

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

AABC III

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

Theme and sub-themes:

Main Theme: The African Anglican Mission Agenda

Sub-Themes:

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

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

Pray for CAPA's Ministry

We invite you to pray for CAPA's work in the year 2024 and for our role expressed as in the acronym SPAACER

- ✦ **Sustainability** – of the Church's presence and ministry on the continent
- ✦ **Public Image** – shaping and upholding a positive image of the Anglican Church within Africa and in the global space.
- ✦ **Accompanying** – Provinces in various processes and initiatives, including peace building
- ✦ **Advocacy** – Shaping, coordinating, and participating in advocacy initiatives with Provinces and other organizations.
- ✦ **Coordinating** – creating safe space for Provinces to interact and engage on relevant pastoral issues with some sense of coherence.
- ✦ **Equipping** – the Church leadership at various levels with appropriate skills for effective functioning as transformational leaders
- ✦ **Renewing** – Church life and fellowship between the provinces as well as their commitment to the Africa transforming agenda

For resource support and commitment to ...

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

National Days

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

18 February The Republic of the Gambia: National Day

Feb	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
Sat 1	<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> <i>See p. 8</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Interfaith Harmony Week begins (till 7 Feb)
Sun 2	<p>Candlemas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoff Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Tim Harris, and Sophie Relf-Christopher, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Melanesia <i>The ACOM Board of Mission</i> <i>See p. 8</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Wetlands Day
Mon 3	<p><i>First Anglican Service at Sydney Cove, 1788</i></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>See p. 11</i> 	
Tue 4	<p>Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden († 865)</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 Human Fraternity

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Wed 5	<p>The Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki († 1597)</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 	
Thu 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 organisation of the ECP <i>See p. 10</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
Fri 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Jeremy Greaves, Bishops Cameron Venables, John Roundhill and Sarah Plowman, 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 <i>See p. 7</i> 	
Sat 8	<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 Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development 	

<p>Sun 9</p>	<p>Ordinary Sunday 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short; Bishops Carol Wagner and Vanessa Bennett, 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>Mon 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>The Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i> <i>See p. 4</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Pulses Day International Day of the Arabian Leopard
<p>Tue 11</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. 6</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Women and Girls in Science
<p>Wed 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 – <i>Nippon Sei Ko Kai</i> – 日本聖公会) <i>See p. 7</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism

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Thu 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people 	The Anglican Church of Korea – Daehan Seonggonghoe – 대한성공회 <i>See p. 9</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Radio Day
Tue 14	Cyril († 869) and Methodius, bishop († 885), missionaries to the Slavs <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 	
Sat 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 	The Church of Ceylon <i>See p. 4</i>	
Sun 16	Ordinary Sunday 6 <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 	

<p>Mon 17</p>	<p>Holy Innocents' Day - unless observed on 28 December</p> <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"> Global Tourism Resilience Day
<p>Tue 18</p>	<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 	
<p>Wed 19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishops Kate Wilmot, Hans Christiansen and David Bassett, 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) 	
<p>Thu 20</p>	<p>William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia († 1853)</p> <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 Day of Social Justice
<p>Fri 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 Mother Language Day

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Sat 22	<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 	
Sun 23	<p>Ordinary Sunday 7</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 	
Mon 24	<p>St Matthias' Day - <i>may be observed on 14 May</i></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"> Pray for the staff and students of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns, as they grieve the college's closure. 	
Tue 25	<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) 	
Wed 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alongside Hope (formerly the Primate's Fund for World Relief and Development, Canada) 	

<p>Thu 27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy James TSSF, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USPG (UK and Ireland) 	
<p>Fri 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy 	
<p>Displacements and/or Omissions this month: 23 Feb – Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr († ca. 155)</p>			

