

Partners Praying Together

January 2021 – Covid-19 Special



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* 日本聖公会
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 Port Moresby, London or Seoul, 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

✠ *ABM Prayer Theme: Pray for* all those affected by the Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) whether here in Australia, within ABM's Overseas Partners, or beyond – for the souls of all who have died; for the families and friends they have left behind; for the sick; for those so overwhelmed by anxiety that they have resorted to panic buying and hoarding; for children who are now scared of dying; for those in self-isolation or in quarantine; for those unable to work from home; for those whose businesses have been negatively affected; for those whose income is now reduced or who have been laid off; for those more susceptible to the disease – whether by age or underlying medical condition; for those who are unable, for any reason, to worship in their churches or synagogues, mosques or temples. **Give thanks** for all the doctors, nurses, and other medical staff who are tending to the sick; for the epidemiologists and other scientists who are working towards a vaccine; for those who show kindness to others through 'social distancing', through buying groceries for the elderly, or through phone calls to the isolated; for all those businesses who are able to let their staff work from home; for those who have been buying responsibly in the supermarkets; for those churches who are finding creative ways to engage in worship and prayer online or outside; for all who minister to others in Christ's name in this season of anxiety.

Christmas Greetings

**From the Most Rev Philip Richardson (*Tikanga Pakeha*), the Most Rev Don Tamihere (*Tikanga Maori*) and the Most Rev Fereimi Cama (*Tikanga Pasefika*),
Archbishops and Primate of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand
and Polynesia**

In the midst of all of the beauty of this world, its fragility and vulnerability (which we have seen so much of in 2020), in the midst of our individual and collective joy, celebration, and suffering, God is with us. Because God is with us, we have hope for a better tomorrow. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

‡ Philip ‡ Don ‡ Fereimi

From the Most Rev Leonard Dawea, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Melanesia

A warm and blessed Christmas greetings to you all, AMB and the Anglican Church in Australia. May you all be filled with joy and gladness as once more we celebration God's connection with us in human form through the Baby Jesus in the manger. It is the celebration of God's love and grace for us who crave salvation and freedom. In the dark night of the birth of Christ, God breaks into the darkness of our own lives giving light and life. As God connects himself to us, it is our mission to connect with each other at all levels with the love, joy and peace of Christ. May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year festive celebrations.

‡ Leonard

From the Most Rev Melter Jiki Tias, Archbishop and Primate of the Church of the Province of South- East Asia

Greetings in the Priceless Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The world has both witnessed and encountered one of the most challenging times in human experience this year. During this Advent season, we remember the words that describe the condition of the people surrounding the First Coming of Jesus:

The people who walked in darkness, have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

Many today are confronted with some sort of 'shadow of death' in more than one sense. The comforting truth for us is that Jesus, the Light of the World has come. He still shines amidst darkness and into the shadow of death. May I wish all of you, my sisters and brothers in Christ, that during this Christmas and in the year ahead, you will find peace, hope and joy in Jesus and His words.

May you find the presence of Jesus a constant reality in your lives. Blessed and happy Christmas! With love and every blessing in Christ,

‡ Melter

From the Most Rev Michael Lewis, Primate of Jerusalem and the Middle East

To all in Australia, warmest and most thankful greetings in the name of Christ, incarnate Son of God among us. Greetings especially to fellow Anglicans for these seasons of Christmas and Epiphanytide. May both we and you inhabit and value our treasured inheritance of profound and dignified worship, rich encounter with Scripture, Spirit-led reason, and committed service to all humanity. God grant us a heart to adore and a will to love.

‡ Michael

From the Most Rev Paul Kwong, Primate of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

There's no hiding the fact: it's been a tough year. Politics and pandemic have made for a year that most of us would like to put behind us. As we draw close to Christmas, we have an opportunity in these difficult times to remember the gift that God offers us, the joy which cannot be taken away.

When Jesus was born in Palestine, 2000 years ago, things weren't easy either. He was born into a time of trouble, oppression, and suffering. Yet in those dark times, the Apostle John said, 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it' (John 1:5).

Christmas is about the light triumphing over the darkness. Jesus has come into the world to dispel gloom and fear, and to bring hope and joy.

John tells us three ways how Jesus does this, 'We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth' (John 1:14).

First, Jesus 'came from the Father'. In Jesus, God intervenes in history and gets involved in our mess. He experienced all the trouble that we experience. Christmas tells us that we're not alone.

Second, Jesus is full of grace. Grace means an undeserved gift. Jesus has come to give us something that we don't deserve. The Bible speaks about how this gift is the offer of forgiveness and redemption. Jesus was born into the world to give himself for us.

Third, Jesus is full of truth. On our own, we are in spiritual darkness. However, Jesus claimed to be the truth of God, the one who gives us the light of knowledge and understanding. When we know Jesus, we know God.

Jesus is our Light in the darkness. Wherever in the world you may be this Christmas, may this Light bring you hope and joy.

With Christmas warmth and greetings from the Anglican Province of Hong Kong.

‡ Paul

From the Most Rev Luke Kenichi Muto, Primate of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. (Matthew 4:16 NIV)

The *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* (the Anglican Church in Japan) sends all our best wishes in this most holy of seasons.

This year we are all celebrating Christmas in the midst of a pandemic. In Japan, COVID-19 has caused many people – including regular workers, international students, contract employees, and single-parent families – to face mental and financial difficulties, and added to this, the number of young female suicides particularly has increased rapidly.

We pray for all healthcare professionals and those who work to prevent and cure infection.

I hope this year that we can share the joy of Christmas with all those who suffer in isolation.

As a new year dawns, I further hope that we can all come together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ: the Light of the World and the Salt of the Earth. I pray that God will shower abundant blessings upon us all.

‡ Luke

Prayer Points

from our

Overseas Partners

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia

- ✦ We thank God for the skill of medical specialists and scientists in developing vaccines and we pray for equitable and affordable access for all countries.
- ✦ As people travel across Aotearoa New Zealand for the Christmas break we give thanks for all the health-care workers and their efforts in keeping the population safe and healthy. We pray against complacency noting how fortunate we have been to date in fighting the pandemic.
- ✦ We give thanks for how churches across Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific are putting their faith into action and making a positive difference amidst the trauma of COVID-19, especially in the innovative ways that parishes are serving the most vulnerable in their communities.
- ✦ While the whole world has been affected by the pandemic, the impact has been felt most acutely in fragile and marginalised communities. Covid has exacerbated existing inequalities within and between countries. We pray for the role that churches are playing in working to reduce these inequalities.
- ✦ We pray for the SW Pacific as it prepares for the impact of two cyclones before Christmas. Thank you for the significant resilience work that has taken place across Anglican Churches in Polynesia this year. We pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters across the region over the annual cyclone season.

The Anglican Church of Korea

- ✦ Please pray for all the churches, clergy and church members of the Anglican Church of Korea that they may continue to establish God's kingdom on earth as unchanging faithful servants of the Lord.

- ✚ Please pray for peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula.
- ✚ May the Lord's healing hand be upon all who suffer physically and mentally in this challenging time, and God's grace be with all who care for them.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia



- ✚ Give thanks that Covid-19 cases in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu are still contained within quarantine centres
- ✚ Pray and give thanks for the ongoing work of the governments of both countries to contain and eliminate Covid-19 cases in our countries.
- ✚ Pray for Bishops, clergy, ministry groups, Religious Orders carrying out mission work this Advent season, preparing hearts for Christmas. And their continuing mission during Christmas.
- ✚ Pray for our programs next year; the election for the new Bishop for the Diocese of Hanuatoó on 20th – 22nd January 2021, the consecration of Rev. Benedict Loe as the second bishop for the Diocese of Guadalcanal on 28th Feb and consecration of the new bishop for Hanuatoó on 21st March 2021.
- ✚ Pray for all ACOM Provincial headquarters staff, bishops and clergy who are taking leave during Christmas, and those who will work through Christmas and New Year festivities.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

- ✚ Pray for the efforts of all in the world in the fight against Covid 19 Pandemic, development of safe and effective vaccine to be used to treat Covid 19 virus.
- ✚ Pray for the European countries experiencing second wave of Covid 19 community transmission and all-out effort to fight against it.
- ✚ Pray for ACPNG for preparation and planning for the year 2021 for effective governance, leadership and delivery of services in church mission in spread of the gospel, education and health in all levels of the community and their geographical locations.
- ✚ We gaze up to the Lord with earnest prayer to conquer the trials and tribulations brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic. Lord, you are the healer, life giver and sustainer. Through faith, hope and love in your divine power and by the Holy Spirit our helper, comforter and director, restore life in its fullness for all and bring forth normalcy in lives again. Amen.

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

- ✦ Pray for the ministry of young people in our Province
- ✦ Pray for the women's ministry, especially those who helping victims of Gender-based violence.
- ✦ Give thanks that we have been able to plant churches in areas where we did not have the Anglican presence before.
- ✦ Pray for the evangelism and the Lay training team.
- ✦ Pray for people who lost livelihoods due the pandemic and are now struggling to survive.
- ✦ Give thanks for the Completion of the Multi-purpose Centre for Church ministries.

The Church of the Province of Myanmar

- ✦ Pray for the COVID-19 pandemic, which is still high at the moment to be reduced soon and safety for affected victims, doctors, nurses and volunteers, including Christian youths and youth pastors who have been serving since the onset of the pandemic.
- ✦ Pray for COVID 19 vaccines to be accessible for people soon.
- ✦ Pray for the peace process to be successful with all the armed forces and the government army signing the agreement for ceasefire.
- ✦ Pray for peace for armed conflict areas and for the Internally-Displaced Persons¹ who lost their homes and properties.
- ✦ Pray for the mission work of the Church of the Province of Myanmar to continue because churches are still closed and cannot do services.

The Church of the Province of South-East Asia

- ✦ We thank the Lord for enabling the Dioceses to conduct their Diocesan Synod online.
- ✦ Pray for meaning Christmas celebration that the peace, comfort, joy, hope and healing will be present in every home and every heart who is longing for God's intervention.
- ✦ Ask the Lord to grant the Church creativity, innovation and sensitivity as we seek open doors and opportunities to sow the seeds of the gospel, faith, generosity and kindness during this Christmas, so that we might reap a mighty harvest of righteousness.

¹ Internally-Displaced Persons are those who need to leave their homes due to war, earthquake, etc but remain within the borders of their country.

- ✦ Continue to pray for political stability of nations in the Province of South East Asia.
- ✦ Pray for restoration and protection on all people adversely affected by Covid-19 in various ways.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- ✦ Pray for all the families and communities affected by the recent strong typhoons (Molave, Goni and Vamco, locally named Quinta, Rolly and Ulysses, respectively) that they be blessed with hope and strength as they rebuild lives and livelihoods. As well as loss of lives, there has been displacement of thousands and thousands of people, flooding that inundated cities and villages, billions of pesos worth of loss and damage to agricultural products and production. Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of those have passed as a result of the storms as well as continuing divine comfort on their families and loved ones.
- ✦ Pray for those who care for the victims of these calamities and those who provide for their needs, especially the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Luzon and the Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines who are conducting relief operations in some affected communities.
- ✦ Pray for the Filipino people as they continue to battle against the health, economic and social effects of the covid-19 pandemic; that all people in the country be blessed with vigilance and equipped with resources to be able to perform the necessary protocols to contain the infections; that medical frontliners be endowed with strength, endurance and caring hands as they continue to minister to all those affected by the virus physically, mentally and psychologically.
- ✦ Pray for those whose livelihoods have been lost or damaged because of the pandemic and the series of disasters that have visited the country; pray that they will find other opportunities to be able to support themselves and their families.
- ✦ Pray for the safety of all Christians and those of other faiths who are participating in the limited attendance in-person worship services and for the continued spiritual nourishment of the faithful as they worship virtually or in-person. Pray that the various local congregations and members of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines that they will find meaningful opportunities and be able to affirm and exercise their Baptismal vows during these most difficult times.
- ✦ Pray for the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines as it meets virtually on 11 December 2020 that its members will be able to find good connectivity to be able to participate meaningfully and productively in the meetings so that the Council will be able to intelligently make decisions to enhance the work and mission of the Church especially during these trying times.

- ✚ Pray for the Bishops, clergy and lay leaders of the Church that they will continue to provide meaningful servant leadership and speak and demonstrate God's word at this time.

The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

- ✚ Pray for the whole of the Near and Middle East in all our complexity here, with thanksgiving for many blessings received.
- ✚ Pray for those oppressed by injustice to keep hope alive, no matter what worldly wisdom may say.
- ✚ Pray for the incoming US administration to take a fresh look at our region and act imaginatively for the common good, not sectional interest.
- ✚ Pray for those still suffering greatly from the pandemic, most especially in Iran and the Yemen.
- ✚ Pray for the City of Jerusalem to become a focus for just peace and peaceful justice.

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- ✚ Pray for the Church so that people may experience the love of Christ during this Christmas eve and renew their beliefs.
- ✚ The continued flooding and displacement in the country has caused many families to go without food and medication.
- ✚ Pray for South Sudanese political parties to unite and strive for peace, and to possibly enable implementation of the Peace agreement.
- ✚ Cattle keepers keep on looking for grazing land and so causes community conflict, pray for reconciliation

香港聖公會

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

- ✚ Give thanks for the relatively low cases of COVID-19 in HK over the past few months. Pray for continued restraint of the virus, especially for containment of an outbreak in the past few days.
- ✚ Pray for those who are particularly afflicted by the economic slowdown in HK: the poor and homeless, and those who have lost income or work.
- ✚ Pray for healing in HK after the political tensions and divisions over the past year.

- ✚ Give thanks for the ministry of Archbishop Paul Kwong and pray for him as he retires.
- ✚ Give thanks for the appointments of Bishop Matthias Der as the new Bishop of HK Island and Archbishop-elect Andrew Chan as the new Archbishop of the Province of Hong Kong. Pray for wisdom, faithfulness, and godliness for these men in their leadership.

日本聖公会

The *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* **The Anglican Communion in Japan**

- ✚ Thank God for the blessing of our Saviour's birth: the light in the darkness which can never be put out; and the double blessing that most churches in Japan can celebrate corporate worship at this most holy time
- ✚ Pray for doctors, nurses and other medical staff as they tackle the again-increasing cases of COVID-19 in Japan, and also for hospitals as they come close to running out of dedicated beds for the infected during the influenza season
- ✚ Thank God for the freedom to worship openly in Japan and pray for all those nations where Christians are persecuted for their faith; help us not to become complacent
- ✚ Pray for the elderly and vulnerable during this coming winter – which is expected to be colder than usual – and for all those who care for them
- ✚ Thank God for the Ecumenical movement around the world and especially in countries where the Christian population is small
- ✚ Pray for all who look forward in hope at the start of this new year; especially those starting new lives and jobs

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Fri 1	<p>The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</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 <i>ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya’s Anglican Development Services</i> 	<p>The United Nations has declared 2021 as –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Year of Peace and Trust International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development, International Year of Fruits and Vegetables, <i>and</i> International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour
Sat 2	<p>Basil of Caesarea († 379) and Gregory of Nazianzus († 389), bishops and teachers</p> <p>Eliza Hassall, pioneer of missionary training and CMS Australia († 1917)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people 	<p>The Anglican Church of Melanesia <i>The ACOM Board of Mission</i></p> <p><i>See pp. 4 and 8</i></p>	

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Sun 3	Christmas 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop-elect the Rev 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> <p>See p. 8</p>	
Mon 4	<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"> See p. 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Braille Day
Tue 5	<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 <p>See p. 9</p>	
Wed 6	The Epiphany of our Lord <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 <p>See p. 10</p>	

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Thu 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, the regional bishops, 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> <p><i>See pp. 5 and 11</i></p>	
Fri 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, IFI</i>) <i>VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI</i>) 	
Sat 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short, 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 	
Sun 10	<p>The Baptism of our Lord [Ord. Sun. 1]</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><i>See pp. 4 and 7</i></p>	

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Mon 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Hong Kong (<i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> 香港聖公會) <p><i>See pp. 5 and 11</i></p>	
Tue 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) <p><i>See pp. 6 and 12</i></p>	
Wed 13	<p>Hilary of Poitiers, mystic and teacher († 367)</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 <p><i>See p. 7</i></p>	
Thu 14	<p>Sava, first archbishop of the Serbian Church († 1235)</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 	
Fri 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier, the regional bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Ceylon 	

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Sat 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart, the regional bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of North India 	
Sun 17	Epiphany 2 [OS 2] <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 	
Mon 18	The Confession of Peter <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 	
Tue 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, 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><i>See pp. 4 and 9</i></p>	

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Wed 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> <p><i>See p. 11</i></p>	
Thu 21	<p>Agnes, martyr at Rome, virgin († 304)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Rockhampton – The Very Rev Peter Grice (Bishop-Elect), the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Sudan 	
Fri 22	<p>Vincent, deacon and martyr († 304)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Glenn Davies, the regional bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Episcopal Relief and Development (USA) 	
Sat 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, the Assistant Bishop, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (Canada) 	
Sun 24	<p>Epiphany 3 [OS 3]</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"> USPG (UK and Ireland) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Education

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Mon 25	The Conversion of Paul the Apostle <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"> Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy 	
Tue 26	Australia Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life 	
Wed 27	John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, teacher († 407) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust
Thu 28	Thomas Aquinas, theologian († 1274) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mothers’ Union 	
Fri 29	Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, martyr († 1170) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia 		
Sat 30	Charles, King of England († 1649) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia 		

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Sun 31	Epiphany 4 [OS 4] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religious Orders of the Anglican Church of Australia 		

Omissions and displacements in January this year –

10 January: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, martyr († 1645)

17 January: Antony of Egypt, abbot († 356)

24 January: The Companions of Paul, including Timothy, Titus and Silas

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

Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the Lord; and I will heal them – Isaiah 57.19

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN AFRICA, where there have been 2,381,003 reported cases of Covid-19. We remember especially the people of South Africa (860,964), Morocco (399,609), Egypt (121,575), Ethiopia (116,769) and Tunisia (111,361).

Spare your people, O Lord,
And heal them by your mighty power.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE AMERICAS, where there have been 30,889,863 reported cases of Covid-19. We remember especially the people of the United States (16,256,754), Brazil (6,901,952), Argentina (1,498,160), Colombia (1,425,774) and Mexico (1,250,044).

Spare your people, O Lord,
And heal them by your mighty power.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN ASIA, where there have been 16,782,206 reported cases of Covid-19. We remember especially the people of India (9,884,100), Iran (1,108,269), Indonesia (617,820), Iraq (574,634) and Bangladesh (490,533).

Spare your people, O Lord,
And heal them by your mighty power.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN EUROPE, where there have been 21,446,672 reported cases of Covid-19. We remember especially the people of Russia (2,653,928), France (2,376,852), the United Kingdom (1,849,403), Italy (1,843,712) and Spain (1,751,884).

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And heal them by your mighty power.

AND WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN OUR OWN REGION, OCEANIA, where there have been 53,569 reported cases of Covid-19. We remember especially the people of our own country (28,031), French Polynesia (15,747), Guam (7,106), New Zealand (1,740) and Papua New Guinea (725).

Spare your people, O Lord,
And heal them by your mighty power.

** Figures from the European Centre for Disease Control and accurate as of 17 December 2020. The countries named for each region are the five reporting the most cases.*