

Partners Praying Together

February 2019



EACH DAY THIS MONTH

✦ *ABM Prayer Theme:* Episcopal Community Action for Renewal and Empowerment (E-CARE), the community development arm of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, partners with ABM's Anglicans in Development unit and is helping to build self-reliant communities in the Philippines. Their Asset-Based Community Development program, otherwise referred to as ABCD, uses a development approach focusing on the identification and use of a community and its members' assets and skills as a means to improve their capacities and drive their own development as opposed to solely relying on external grants and assistance. Receivers to Givers is a program developed by E-CARE which allows communities to receive support and to engage in their own projects. In time, those communities are able to 'pay it forward' by going from being receivers to being givers and they then partner with new groups, helping them to achieve their goals. Give thanks for all that E-CARE achieves as they build strong communities.

Friday | February

- ✦ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for all who promote interfaith understanding and dialogue in Australia. Pray for our overseas partners who live in predominantly non-Christian contexts, such as the Church of the Province of Myanmar, the Church of the Province of South-East Asia and the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. May the Lord bless their relationships with those of other religious traditions.
- ✦ *Australian Cycle of Prayer (ACP):* The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Philip Freier; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee
- ✦ *UN:* World Interfaith Harmony Week begins

Saturday 2 February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. As a part of its work, the hospital has a nutrition program which helps children under the age of three to thrive. Many families in Gaza struggle to afford nutritious food and children can suffer as a consequence. ABM helps to fund this important work.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people

Sunday 3 February – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany [Ordinary Sunday 4] First Anglican service at Sydney Cove – conducted by Richard Johnson, Sydney, 1788

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and for those local churches and organisations working to implement them. Pray for ABM's Anglicans in Development unit, and the church partners they work with in the Pacific, Asia and Africa. Pray that government funding for this vital work will increase, so that all may share in the fruits of the earth.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rick Lewers, the clergy and people

Monday 4 February – Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden († 865)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for all missionaries, especially those like St Anskar, who preached the gospel in Scandinavia. Give thanks for the Church of Sweden.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Cancer Day

Tuesday 5 February – Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki († 1597)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Japan – the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* 日本聖公会. Remember Archbishop Nathaniel Uematsu, the Rev Jesse Shin-Ichi Yahagi (Provincial Secretary), the Rev Paul Tolhurst (Partners-in-Mission Secretary) and all the bishops, priests and deacons of the Church. Pray for the people they serve in Christ's name. Rejoice with the Diocese of Tokyo as their new bishop, the Rt Rev Francisco Xavier Hiroyuki Takahashi begins his episcopal ministry.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Ian Palmer, the clergy and people

Wednesday 6 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the work undertaken in the Diocese of Eldoret (Anglican Church of Kenya) which focusses on disability inclusion. This project helps local people who either have a disability themselves - or else have a child or children with a disability. It provides them with a mentor and training to develop a viable business. Give thanks also for the Diocese of Eldoret's companion link with the Diocese of Perth.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

Thursday 7 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the work of Walkabout Ministries, led by the Rev Gloria Shipp, the first Aboriginal woman to be ordained in the Anglican Church of Australia. Walkabout Ministries' innovative work includes chaplaincy at the Orana Juvenile Justice Centre in Dubbo, women's camps, men's camps (led by Gloria's husband, Eddie), an Elders' outreach group and a Reconciliation lunch. Pray too for Gloria in her role as the Chairperson of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, his regional bishops, clergy and people

Friday 8 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for all those who prepare for and lead worship in our churches – for cleaners, flower arrangers, clergy, lay readers, preachers, altar servers, vocal and instrumental musicians, vergers, intercessors, and those who read the Scriptures in church.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people

Saturday 9 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of Anglicare-PNG that focusses on adult literacy classes. In Papua New Guinea more than one third of adults are illiterate. Education can be disrupted by tribal warfare, family issues, or lack of money for school fees. Anglicare's adult literacy classes are vital for helping people make up for lost opportunities and to become contributing members of PNG society, either through further education or employment.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – the Rev Dr Mark Short, Bishop-Elect, the clergy and people (*Consecration and installation: 6 April 2019 at 11.00am at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn*)

Sunday 10 February – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for St John's Seminary, in Kitwe, Zambia, its staff and students. The seminary is the national ordination training college of the Anglican Church in Zambia, training students from all five Anglican dioceses in the country. Their training prepares them to minister in fast-growing urban and rural congregations of the Church. The college, which receives a small monthly grant from the National Church, does not charge tuition fees, in order to enable students from poor dioceses to attend. However, this operating grant is not enough to cover the seminary's expenses. St John's is dependent on donor aid for staff salary support, maintenance, its internet facility, and books for both the library and students' use after their training.
- ✠ *ACP:* Ministry to the forces – Bishop Ian Lambert, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces

Monday 11 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Literacy, Language and Numeracy Project in Vanuatu. The project sees ABM working with the Anglican Church of Melanesia and volunteer teachers to provide valuable language, literacy and numeracy skills to people in Vanuatu, particularly in remote rural areas.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of Women and Girls in Science

Tuesday 12 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for ABM's Encounter Program, remembering especially our current Encounter Visitor, Nant Hnin Hnin Aye (Snow), a lecturer from Holy Cross Seminary, Yangon, Myanmar. She is studying for a PhD in New Testament Studies at Trinity College, Melbourne. Give thanks for the mutual learning and understanding that occur when Australian Anglicans are able to encounter fellow Anglicans from another part of our world-wide Communion.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people

Wednesday 13 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for ABM's Diocesan Representatives and the members of Provincial and Diocesan ABM committees. ABM is fortunate to be able to rely on people around the country who have a real heart for helping ABM. These indispensable members of the ABM family help us to promote our partners and our joint response to God's mission throughout Australia.
- ✠ *ACP:* Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Radio Day

Thursday 14 February – Cyril († 869) and Methodius († 885), missionaries to the Slavs

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for all who have proclaimed the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ, especially those like the brothers St Cyril and St Methodius, who have preached the gospel in Slavic Countries. The Glagolitic and Cyrillic alphabets, the oldest known Slavic writing systems, were created by the two brothers and their students, to translate the Bible and other texts into Slavic languages.
- ✠ *ACP:* Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia –Torres Strait clergy and people

Friday 15 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for all the overseas dioceses who have companion links with dioceses in Australia. May the relationships bring life to all those involved in reaching out across the Anglican Communion. Today we remember especially – Aipo Rongo (PNG) and Ballarat; the Arctic (Canada) and North Queensland; Bor (South Sudan) and Adelaide; Eldoret (Kenya) and Perth
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier, his regional bishops, clergy and people

Saturday 16 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for ABM's networking partner, USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel). USPG was founded in Britain in 1701 by the Rev Thomas Bray. For over three hundred years USPG has been sharing God's love through practical action, and seeing lives transformed. It seeks to help more and more people 'take hold of the life that is truly life' (1 Timothy 6.19). Pray for the Rev Duncan Dormor (CEO), the staff of USPG and the communities whom they serve.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart, his regional bishops, clergy and people

Sunday 17 February – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – Or The Holy Innocents [If not observed on 28 December]

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- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Gender and Governance project which is helping to end the practice of child marriage in Zambia. The land-locked Central African nation has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world, with 6% of girls married by the time they have turned 15 and 31% by the age of 18. This is in spite of 21 being the legal age for marriage. Girls are 10 times more likely to marry before the age of 18 as boys. Child marriage usually means an end to a girl's education and her hopes for a better life. It can impact on her health, and many child brides experience domestic violence. Child marriage is often a result of poverty, as it relieves parents of daughters from the financial burden of feeding and educating them into young adulthood.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of North Queensland – the Very Rev Dr Keith Joseph, Bishop-Elect, the clergy and people (*Consecration and installation: 31 March 2019 at 6.00pm at St James' Cathedral, Townsville*)

Monday 18 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns. The college supports the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development. Pray for the Rev Victor Joseph, the college's Principal, and for the staff and students.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people

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Tuesday 19 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the tenacity of Christian leaders in Aboriginal communities who face formidable challenges. They are isolated from the broader Church in remote places which are expensive to travel in and out of. They stand in the tensions between their traditional cultures and the Church, working in communities where English is a second or third language and where material disadvantage is prevalent. Give thanks for those Christian leaders who are part of the Northern Territory Discipleship Track, who are able to access much-needed training and support as they seek to witness to Christ in their communities.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, the clergy and people

Wednesday 20 February – William Grant Broughton, first Bishop of Australia († 1853)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of the Anglican Church in Zambia in striving to combat the social injustice of gender-based violence, particularly in the Diocese of Eastern Zambia. Pray for the work of the Zambia Anglican Council, for the locally-based volunteer Gender Action advocacy groups, counsellors and paralegals, and that survivors will flourish by God's grace.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Riverina (*vacant, election synod to be held by March*) – the Very Rev Rob Harris (diocesan administrator), the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Day of Social Justice

Thursday 21 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work being done by translators to bring the Scriptures to people in their mother languages both in Australia and overseas. If your mother tongue is English, be thankful that the Bible is available in many English versions. Others are not lucky enough to have the Scriptures in their own language yet.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop David Robinson, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Mother Language Day

Friday 22 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for all those who send stamps and stamp collections to ABM. Each year ABM is able to raise funds for mission which come from the sale of used stamps that are donated to us. Give thanks for volunteers like Caroline Bowyer who help us to trim and sort them so that they are ready to be sold on to philatelic dealers.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Glenn Davies, his regional bishops, clergy and people

Saturday 23 February – Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr († ca. 155)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Anglican presence in Izmir (formerly Smyrna) in Turkey. According to tradition, St John the Evangelist's body was buried in the city. Polycarp, who according to St Irenaeus was a follower of St John, became bishop of the city. Today, the Anglican chaplaincy (part of the Church of England's Diocese in Europe) ministers from two churches, St John the Evangelist's and St Mary Magdalene's. Pray for the Rev James Buxton who has been Chaplain of St. John's Izmir and Mission to Seafarers Port Chaplain to Izmir since 18 September 2017.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Condie, his assistant bishop, clergy and people

Sunday 24 February – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Youth Engagement Project which has been set up in the Diocese of the Northern Territory to fund Church initiatives which engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Community leaders expressed a desire to try to break some of the destructive cycles they were observing, by engaging their young people more in the church. Culturally relevant resources have been produced for these communities to use in their existing programs and church services with good results. Pray that the project can be rolled out to more communities.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of The Murray – Bishop John Ford, the clergy and people

Monday 25 February – Matthias, Apostle and Martyr

[transferred from yesterday – may be observed on 14 May]

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for St George's College, a community for pilgrimage, education, hospitality and reconciliation located in East Jerusalem. Pray for the college's dean, the Rev Canon Richard Sewell, and for all the student-pilgrims who come from around the world to spend time in the Holy Land, following in the footsteps of Jesus. Pray for the work of the Australasian Regional Committee in promoting the college, and for its Chair, Bishop Brad Billings.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people

Tuesday 26 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks that last year ABM was able to fund construction of 3 gravity-fed water systems and three tube wells for 1,578 villagers in Yangon, Mandalay, Sittwe, and Hpa-an. Pray for the continuation of the project which this year seeks to build two tube wells and provide piped mountain water to a total of 774 people, as well as conduct hygiene and sanitation awareness raising seminars, leading to a reduction in water-borne disease amongst children and adults.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop John Parkes, the clergy and people

Wednesday 27 February – George Herbert, parish priest, poet († 1633)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of faithful parish priests throughout the country, remembering not only their ministry among the Church and beyond, but also the ministry of their families. May they always feel God's presence in their lives and the support of parishioners. Pray that women and men who can advance Christ's cause will respond to his call to the ordained ministry of the Anglican Church of Australia.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people

Thursday 28 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Pray that the *Statement from the Heart*, which came out of the 2017 National Constitutional Convention at Uluru, will lead more and more people on the journey towards reconciliation in Australia. May we listen to the statement sincerely with receptive hearts and minds, being open to transformation and change.
- ✠ *ACP:* Anglicare Australia – Chair: Bishop Chris Jones, Executive Director, Kasy Chambers

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Day	ABM prayer points	Australian Cycle of Prayer
Daily	http://episcopal-care.org/ facebook.com/ecarefoundation	
1	anglicancommunion.org/community/commissions/anglican-inter-faith-commission.aspx	anglican.org.au – anglicanprimate.org.au
2	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 17-18	adelaideanglicans.com
3	un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals	armidaleanglicandiocese.com
4	svenskakyrkan.se/english	ballaratanglican.org.au
5	anglicansonline.org/world/japan.html	bathurstanglican.org.au
6	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 21-22	bendigoanglican.org.au
7	<i>Project Book</i> , p 6	anglicanchurchsq.org.au
8	anglican.org.au/liturgy-worship	bunburyanglican.org
9	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 29-30	anglicancg.org.au
10	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 47-48	defenceanglicans.org.au
11	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 43-44	gippsanglican.org.au
12	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 15-16	graftondiocese.org.au
13	abmission.org/pages/abm-diocesan-representatives.html	anglican.org.au/indigenous-ministry
14	justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/99.html	natsiac.com
15	abmission.org/data/Publications/2016/Suggested_Guidelines_for_Successful_Church_Partnerships.pdf	melbourneanglican.org.au
16	uspg.org.uk – rethinkingmission.org	newcastleanglican.org.au
17	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 45-46	anglicannq.org
18	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 3-4	anglicandnwa.org
19	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 11-12	perth.anglican.org
20	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 45-46	anglicanriverina.com
21	sil.org/about/discover	anglicanchurchcq.org.au
22	abmission.org/pages/profile-of-an-abm-stamp-volunteer.html	sydneyanglicans.net
23	izmiranglican.org	anglicantas.org.au
24	<i>Project Book</i> , p 7	murray.anglican.org
25	saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com	ntanglican.org.au
26	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 27-28	wanganatta-anglican.org.au
27	melbourneanglican.org.au/mission/theologicaleducation/Documents/Information-for-Enquirers.pdf	diowillochra.org.au
28	abmission.org/data/Education/2018/A_Voice_in_the_Wilderness.pdf	anglicare.asn.au

Partner Profile

Episcopal Community Action for Renewal and Empowerment (ECARE)

In the early 2000s, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) began exploring a new approach to doing development work which was then being talked about in community development circles. This method was known as the Asset-Based Community Development – or ABCD – approach which focused on the strengths, assets or resources of a particular community as the key ingredients to fashioning a positive vision for their future rather than on its needs, problems and weaknesses.

The leadership of ECP decided to forgo all grants from its ‘Mother Church’, the US-based Episcopal Church, from 2005. Despite initial misgivings from Church members, the move was a good one, and the ECP budget came in with a profit for the first time in two decades. This experience taught ECP that self-reliance is something achievable. Since then the Church has been encouraging poor communities in the Philippines to look at their assets and go from there. ABCD has helped communities go from strength to strength. The ECP's development program, the Episcopal Community Action for Renewal and Empowerment Foundation (E-CARE) was officially launched on Saturday 31 May 2014 at the St Michael and All Angels' Training Centre in Poblacion, Tadian, Mountain Province.

Receivers to Givers is a model as well as a program developed by E-CARE where the provision of livelihood assistance to partner-communities enables them to support not only their own projects but also the projects of other communities. It facilitates the development of communities from being receivers to eventually becoming givers. R2G operates to complement the ABCD approach as well as address its inadequacies in the Philippine context.



Praise God for the transformation that is occurring through E-CARE and its work.