

Partners Praying Together

May 2019



EACH DAY THIS MONTH

ABM Prayer Theme: Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy – one of ABM’s networking partners. Grounded in the Church’s mission to challenge and change the unjust structures of the world, the Anglican Alliance has a mandate to bring together development, relief and advocacy work across the Communion. The Alliance belongs to everyone in the worldwide Anglican family committed to working for a world free of poverty and injustice.

Wednesday 1 May – SS Philip and James, Apostles and Martyrs

- ✦ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Pray for the people of Sri Lanka as they deal with the aftermath of the Easter Day bombings. Pray that those who seek to harm others who worship might give up their iniquity and turn from their wickedness. Give thanks for all who work for peace and engage in inter-religious dialogue.
- ✦ *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

Thursday 2 May – Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher

- ✦ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work undertaken in Papua New Guinea to train clergy at Newton theological College. Give thanks for Bishop Jeff Driver, the Acting Principal, Fr Giles Motisi, the Deputy Principal, the College Council, and for all those who study at the college. The college chapel is dedicated to St Athanasius. [For a poster of the ordinands, go to *Find Out More*, page 11.]
- ✦ *ACP:* The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people
- ✦ *UN:* World Tuna Day

Friday 3 May

- ✠ *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 Armidale – Bishop Rick Lewers, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Press Freedom Day

Saturday 4 May

- ✠ *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:* The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people

Sunday 5 May – The Third Sunday of Easter

- ✠ *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 Bathurst – The Ven Brett Watterson (Diocesan Administrator), the clergy and people.

Monday 6 May – John, Apostle and Evangelist [if not observed on 27 December]

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for all those who become companions and supporters of missionary agencies such as ABM, allowing the Five Marks of Mission to become a reality. Give thanks for the work and witness of St John's Cathedral, Brisbane, remembering especially the dean, the Very Rev Dr Peter Catt.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people

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Tuesday 7 May

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the generosity of those who have left a legacy by remembering ABM through a bequest in their wills. This allows ABM to carry on helping our partners, both here and overseas, into the future.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Wednesday 8 May – Julian of Norwich, Holy Woman and Mystic († 1417)

- ✠ *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 Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who lost their lives during the Second World War

Thursday 9 May

- ✠ *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 Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who lost their lives during the Second World War

Friday 10 May

- ✠ *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:* Ministry to the forces – Bishop Ian Lambert, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces

Saturday 11 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 Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Migratory Bird Day

Sunday 12 May – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- ✠ *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 Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people

Monday 13 May

- ✠ *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:* Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people

Omissions and displacements this year –

19 May: Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury († 998)

26 May: Augustine of Canterbury, Missionary and Bishop († 605)

Tuesday 14 May – Matthias, Apostle and Martyr [if not observed on 25 February]

- ✠ *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:* Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people

Wednesday 15 May

- ✠ *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 Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier, the regional bishops, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of Families

Thursday 16 May

- ✠ *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:* The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart, the regional bishops, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of Living Together in Peace; International Day of Light

Friday 17 May

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Kenya, and especially for Anglican Development Services, Eastern (ADSE). Please pray for Esther Musili, Executive Director of ADSE, for John Mutua, Deputy Director, and for their team of development workers. Today we join with them, and with their community partners, the Kyambuke and Kiangini Community-based Organisations, in praying for much-needed rains in Eastern Kenya, so that newly-built dams will fill, and crops can be planted with a good chance of a harvest.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Telecommunication and Information Day; ‘Vesak’, the Day of the Full Moon

Saturday 18 May

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, remembering especially the Prime Bishop, the Most Rev Joel Pachao. Pray for the work of the Church’s community development program, Episcopal Community Action for Renewal and Empowerment (E-CARE), for Atty. Floyd Lalwet and the staff. Pray, too, for the work of the Integrated Mission Office, which coordinates mission work throughout the Church.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people

Sunday 19 May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for Gawura, the ‘school within a school’ at St Andrew’s Cathedral School in Sydney. Founded in 2007, Gawura is a unique, coeducational Kindergarten to Year 6 day school for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who live at home with their families or carers. As students ‘graduate’ from the Gawura primary program, they are offered scholarships at the Cathedral School for their secondary education. Gawura is a highly-acclaimed, well-regarded ‘lighthouse’ model for Indigenous education.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, the clergy and people

Monday 20 May

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the General Community Development Fund, and for those who support it. The fund allows ABM to continue to measure and evaluate our effectiveness in the aid projects we deliver, enabling us to learn from and improve the work we do. It means we can support the Anglican Communion to amplify the voices of smaller churches around the world, especially in the Pacific region, in advocacy on climate change, prevention of violence against women, and ending human trafficking and slavery. It allows us to support the ecumenical work of the Church Agencies Network which works to prevent, mitigate or effectively respond to disasters in our region, and to support the ecumenical work of Action by Churches Together in responding to disasters across the world.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Riverina – the Ven Donald Kirk, Bishop-Elect, the clergy and people (*consecration and installation: 15 June 2019 at St Alban's Cathedral, Griffith*)
- ✠ *UN:* World Bee Day

Tuesday 21 May

- ✠ *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 Rockhampton – Bishop David Robinson, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

Wednesday 22 May

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work going on in Kayin State, Myanmar, overseen by the Diocese of Hpa-An. The project provides agricultural and farming skills to 155 families who have been 'internally displaced' (living as refugees within their own country). Although farming is their main source of income, these families do not own land, and also lack strong knowledge about agriculture. The project's longerterm goal is to help people to lift themselves out of poverty and improve their quality of life. With increased incomes from sustainable farming, farmers are more assured of meeting their basic needs, such as sending their children to school, paying health care costs, and providing themselves with reasonable shelter.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Glenn Davies, the regional bishops, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day for Biological Diversity

Thursday 23 May

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of Nungalinya College in Darwin, remembering especially the great work being done to help students bridge the language gap between their own tongues and English. Give thanks for the college's new Diploma of Translating which now sits alongside their other certificates such as the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, the Assistant Bishop, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day to End Obstetric Fistula

Friday 24 May – John († 1791) and Charles († 1788) Wesley, Evangelists

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Church Capacity Building for Development program in the Solomon Islands, which, among other things, seeks to support fifteen development workers from the Anglican Church of Melanesia to complete the Anglican Alliance's Agents of Change study program. Pray that those who undertake the course may become true Agents of Change in their own communities.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of The Murray – Bishop John Ford (*retires 31 May 2019*), the clergy and people

Saturday 25 May – Bede of Jarrow, Priest and Teacher († 735)

- ✠ *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 Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people

Sunday 26 May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- ✠ *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 Wangaratta – Bishop John Parkes, the clergy and people

Monday 27 May – Week of Prayer for Reconciliation begins

- ✠ *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.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people

Tuesday 28 May

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of our Overseas Partner, the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, the Philippine Independent Church. Pray for the *Obispo Maximo*, Archbishop Rhee Timbang, the Board of the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development (VIMROD) and its Chair, Bishop Felixberto Calang. Pray also for VIMROD's Executive Director, Clagel Nava-Nellas, her staff, and all those involved in the Community Capacity Building and Economic Empowerment Programs, both being run by VIMROD in partnership with ABM.
- ✠ *ACP:* Anglicare Australia – Chair: Bishop Chris Jones, Executive Director: Kasy Chambers

Wednesday 29 May

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for ABM partners' work in Kenya, Myanmar and Vanuatu to provide water infrastructure in disadvantaged communities. Give thanks, too for the education about hygiene and sanitation that ABM partners teach communities.
- ✠ *ACP:* Theological Colleges and Church Schools
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of UN Peacekeepers

Thursday 30 May – Ascension Day

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work undertaken in the Solomon Islands by MU under the Positive Parenting program. The program is aimed at equipping fathers, mothers and other carers with enhanced skills for raising healthy, happy children. In the process, it also helps participants to understand their own parenting style, and family relationships more broadly. Men have found the course particularly helpful and many have begun to see fatherhood as something much broader and richer than simply meting out punishments.
- ✠ *ACP:* Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia

Friday 31 May – The Visitation of the BVM to Elizabeth

- ✦ *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*: Religious Orders of the Anglican Church of Australia
- ✦ *UN*: World No-Tobacco Day



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3	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 21-22	armidaleanglicandiocese.com
4	abmission.org/data/Education/2018/A_Voice_in_the_Wilderness.pdf	ballaratanglican.org.au
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Partner Profile

The Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy

– one of ABM's Networking Partners

It is a key mission of our church to respond to people in need and transform unjust structures, witnessing to the love of God. – The Most Rev Albert Chama, Chair of the Anglican Alliance Board, Archbishop of Central Africa

THE ANGLICAN ALLIANCE is a platform for those across the Anglican Communion who work for a world free of poverty and injustice, to be a voice for the voiceless, to reconcile those in conflict, and to safeguard the earth.

It is an excellent example of how co-operative working and sharing across the Anglican/Episcopal world can amplify impact and positive change.

The Anglican Alliance runs a program called *Agents of Change*. It gives students the skills and knowledge to facilitate development activities in their local communities. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev and Rt Hon Justin Welby says of it,

The Agents of Change program is one of the most exciting innovations from the Anglican Alliance. The modules focus on vital areas of community development, grounded in academic rigour. It is a superb contribution from the Anglican Alliance to strengthen the committed and inspiring work of Anglicans around the world in holistic mission.



I hear that participants talk of being themselves transformed as they seek to transform their communities, working together with the poorest and most vulnerable. Bonds of fellowship are developing across the Anglican Communion. Together people are discovering a shared vision and mutual inspiration in responding to God's call to build his Kingdom in the here and now.

The theological basis for the Alliance's work is articulated at anglicanalliance.org/theology.

The Alliance's Executive Director, the Rev Rachel Carnegie