

Partners Praying Together

July 2019



EACH DAY THIS MONTH

✠ *ABM Prayer Theme:* Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar. ABM has partnered with the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) since 1992, working together to implement programs relating to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Education and Livelihoods. CPM consists of six dioceses: Yangon – the Most Rev Stephen Than Myint Oo; Hpa-an – the Rt Rev Dr Saw Mark Maung Doe, Mandalay – the Rt Rev David Nyi Nyi Naing; Diocese of Myitkyina – the Rt Rev John Zau Li; Diocese of Sittwe – the Rt Rev James Min Dein; and the Diocese of Toungoo – the Rt Rev Dr Shee Sho. The provincial office is based in Yangon. The church population is estimated to be 70,000 members, from predominantly Karen, Kachin, and Chin ethnic groups.

Monday | July – The Coming of the Light (1871)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of Episcocare, the Diocese of Egypt's social service outreach. Episcocare's work encompasses education, healthcare, and microfinance sectors, among others, and empowers people across Egypt who need a hand-up. They run six local community centres. Four are located in urban areas within Cairo: Boulaq, Ain Shams, Medinet El Salam and Ezbet El Nakhl. One centre is located in Menouf City about 90 km north-west of Cairo and one centre in El Ras El Soda, a suburb 10 km south of Alexandria.
- ✠ *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

Tuesday 2 July

- ✠ *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 Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people

Wednesday 3 July – St Thomas, apostle and martyr [if not observed on 21 December]

- ✠ *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 Armidale – Bishop Rick Lewers, the clergy and people

Thursday 4 July

- ✠ *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 Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people

Friday 5 July

- ✠ *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 soon to submit her thesis 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 Bathurst – The Ven Brett Watterson (Diocesan Administrator), the clergy and people.

Saturday 6 July – John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of ABM's partner ECARE in the Philippines. Since July 2015, ECARE has helped more than 50 communities to form their own cooperatives and at least 17 of these to become formally recognized by relevant government authorities. Then, through loans and assistance with planning, ECARE has helped the cooperatives build businesses like hog-raising, bulk-buying and re-selling rice, renting out farm tools, producing moringa capsules and tea bags, and making organic peanut-butter.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of Cooperatives

Sunday 7 July – The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

[Ordinary Sunday 14]

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the *Agents of Change* program run by the Anglican Alliance. The distance-learning program gives students the skills and knowledge to facilitate development activities in their local communities. ABM supports the Anglican Alliance which has been rolling out its *Agents of Change* course in PNG, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Monday 8 July

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for all evangelists who bring Jesus to birth in our own generation and spread his Good News to others. Remember especially Kerina Evangelists' College at Tsendiap in Papua New Guinea, and St Peter's Bible School at Toungoo in Myanmar.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people

Tuesday 9 July

- ✠ *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 Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short, the clergy and people

Wednesday 10 July

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the work of the Mission Department of the Anglican Communion Office in London, remembering especially its director, the Rev Canon John Kafwanka. Pray for all involved in the work of intentional discipleship throughout the Anglican Communion.
- ✠ *ACP*: Ministry to the forces – Bishop Ian Lambert, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces

Thursday 11 July

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the faithful Christian witness and outreach of Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, in the Gaza Strip. Pray for Suhaila Tarazi, its Director, for her dedicated staff, and for the underweight infants who receive nutritional and medical assistance from the hospital, and for their families. We pray too for a lasting peace with justice in Gaza.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: World Population Day

Friday 12 July

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

Saturday 13 July – Sydney James Kirkby, bishop, pioneer of outback ministry and the Bush Church Aid Society

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

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change project in the Solomon Islands. This year ABM will use funding to support the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) to work with selected communities which are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and disasters, including local Anglican secondary school, Selwyn College. At Selwyn, ACOM will improve drainage around the school, which is located in a narrow low-lying strip between the sea and hillsides. Improved drainage will reduce the impact of flash flooding during heavy rains. In addition, ACOM will work with selected vulnerable coastal communities to demonstrate and train women in doing Backyard Gardening which increases crop yields and thus reduces vulnerability to climate change. To do this ACOM will be supported by technical expertise from local organisation, Kastom Gaden. The women will also receive training in nutrition. These ‘lead gardeners’ will then train others in their communities.
- ✠ *ACP:* Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people

Monday 15 July

- ✠ *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 Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier, the regional bishops, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Youth Skills Day

Tuesday 16 July

- ✠ *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.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Wednesday 17 July

- ✠ *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 North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people

Thursday 18 July

- ✠ *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 North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* Nelson Mandela International Day

Friday 19 July

- ✠ *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 Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, the clergy and people

Saturday 20 July

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work and witness of our networking partner, Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD), which is an international relief and development agency and a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of the Episcopal Church. Their work to heal a hurting world is guided by the principles of compassion, dignity and generosity. We take our mandate from the words of Jesus, found in Matthew 25.37-40, that call us to feed the hungry, care for the sick and welcome the stranger.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people

Sunday 21 July – The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

[Ordinary Sunday 16]

✠ *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 Rockhampton – Bishop David Robinson, the clergy and people

Monday 22 July – Mary Magdalene

✠ *ABM Prayers 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.

✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Glenn Davies, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Tuesday 23 July

✠ *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:* The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, the Assistant Bishop, clergy and people

No omissions and displacements in July this year

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Wednesday 24 July

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for Newton Theological College in Papua New Guinea, for the College Council, for its Acting Principal (Bishop Jeff Driver), its Deputy Principal (Fr Giles Motisi), the Head Student (Francis Hangiri) and for all other staff, students and their families. The college exists to train future generations of leaders for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. Remember particularly the final year students as they prepare this year for ordination and to serve the Church throughout the country.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Murray – The Rev Keith Dalby, Bishop-Elect, the clergy and people

Thursday 25 July – James, apostle and martyr

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Religious Orders within ABM's Partners, among them the Brotherhood of the Ascended Christ (India), the *Chama cha Mariamu Mtakatifu* – the Community of St Mary of Nazareth and Calvary (Zambia), the Community of Nazareth (Japan), and the Community of St Francis (Korea)
- ✠ Give thanks also for the work and witness of St James' Cathedral, Townsville, remembering especially the dean, the Very Rev Rodney Macdonald, and all who worship there
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people

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Friday 26 July – Anne, mother of the BVM

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

Saturday 27 July

- ✠ *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 Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people

Sunday 28 July – The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost [Ordinary Sunday 17]

- ✠ *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:* Anglicare Australia – Chair: Bishop Chris Jones, Executive Director: Kasy Chambers
- ✠ *UN:* World Hepatitis Day

Monday 29 July – Mary and Martha of Bethany

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for ABM's long-standing friendships with Anglican partners around the world. Unlike other aid agencies, ABM does not treat partners in developing countries as sub-contractors. We have true friendships that stand the test of time. Some of these friendships (like those with ACPNG and the Anglican Church of Melanesia) have endured for more than a century.
- ✠ *ACP:* Theological Colleges and Church Schools
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of Friendship; World day against Trafficking in Persons

Tuesday 30 July – William Wilberforce, social reformer († 1833)

✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the work and witness of Refuge Egypt, the arm of the Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa which provides social services to refugees in Cairo. Give thanks for the generous heart with which the diocese serves those seeking refuge in Egypt. Pray for all those who will be helped this year by Refuge Egypt.

✠ *ACP*: Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia

Wednesday 31 July – Joseph of Aramathea; Ignatius of Loyola, priest and founder of the Society of Jesus († 1556)

✠ *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 – Gahini (Rwanda) and Gippsland; Guadalcanal (Solomon Islands) and Newcastle; Kapsabet (Kenya) and Bunbury; and Karamoja (Uganda) and North West Australia.

✠ *ACP*: Religious Orders of the Anglican Church of Australia

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1	http://episcocare.org	anglican.org.au + anglicanprimate.org.au
2	<i>Project Book</i> , p 6	adelaideanglicans.com
3	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 29-30	armidaleanglicandiocese.com
4	abmission.org/pages/leave-a-bequest.html + abmission.org/GiftsInWillsOfficer	ballaratanglican.org.au
5	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 15-16	bathurstanglican.org.au
6	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 33-34	bendigoanglican.org.au
7	anglicanalliance.org/agentsofchange	anglicanchurchsq.org.au
8	anglicancommunion.org/theology/theological-education.aspx	bunburyanglican.org
9	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 3-4	anglicancg.org.au
10	https://www.anglicancommunion.org/mission/international-discipleship/discipleship-path/discipleship.aspx	defenceanglicans.org.au
11	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 17-18	gippsanglican.org.au
12	<i>Project Book</i> , p 8	graftondiocese.org.au
13	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 45-46	anglican.org.au/indigenous-ministry
14	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 35-36	natsiac.com
15	abmission.org/data/Education/2018/A_Voice_in_the_Wilderness.pdf	melbourneanglican.org.au
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17	un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals	anglicannq.org
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19	saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com	perth.anglican.org
20	episcopalrelief.org	anglicanriverina.com
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22	abmission.org/pages/-abms-five-marks-of-mission-56.html	sydneyanglicans.net
23	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 37-38	anglicantas.org.au
24	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 31-32 + abmission.org/data/PNG/2019/NTC_Ordinands_poster.pdf	murray.anglican.org
25	anglicansonline.org/resources/orders.html	ntanglican.org.au
26	<i>Project Book</i> , p 5	wangeratta-anglican.org.au
27	abmission.org/pages/profile-of-an-abm-stamp-volunteer.html	diowillochra.org.au
28	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 11-12	anglicare.asn.au
29	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 29-32; 35-44	anglican.org.au/theological-education + anglican.org.au/anglican-schools
30	refuge-egypt.org	abmission.org
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Partner Profile

The Church of the Province of Myanmar

ABM's Church to Church Program, has supported Nant Hnin Hnin Aye (Snow) in her PhD Program in New Testament at Trinity College in Melbourne through the Encounter Program. She is a lecturer from Holy Cross Seminary in Yangon, Myanmar and is now in her final year.

ABM also supports the Diocesan Companion Link between the Diocese of Willochra and the Diocese of Mandalay. The partnership between the two dioceses started in 2014. Over the years, their relationship continues to flourish sustained by visits from each partner and activities that were done together.

The development work of CPM is coordinated through the provincial development desk in Myanmar, which aims "to build healthy and self-reliant communities and churches". ABM is committed to supporting further capacity building within the Church and the development desk, ensuring staff members are fully equipped to meet various challenges as they are presented.

Currently, ABM has been supporting the Sustainable Agriculture project in Hpa-an villages. This project provides agriculture and farming skills to families who have been "internally displaced" because of earlier ethnic conflicts.

Another Community Development project that ABM has been supporting is the Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project across the dioceses. The project aims to build tube wells and provide piped mountain

water to villages, and conduct hygiene and sanitation awareness raising seminars, leading to reduction in water-borne disease amongst children and adults.

One of ABM's major supporters, Tony Naake, has been actively fundraising for this water project on ABM's behalf.

The Bishop of Mandalay, the Rt Rev David Nyi Nyi Naing, and his wife Mary.

