

Partners Praying Together

August 2019



EACH DAY THIS MONTH

- ✦ *ABM Prayer Theme:* Give thanks for the work and witness of Gawura. A part of St Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney, 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. Engagement of the Gawura families, parents and carers is critical to the success of the program. With up to 28 students, Gawura is a highly-acclaimed, highly-regarded 'lighthouse' model for Indigenous education, offering students a supportive, nurturing space where they feel secure and learn at their own skill level, participating in individual numeracy and literacy programs. They achieve academic milestones daily and grow in their abilities in academic subjects, sport and the arts.

Thursday 1 August – Holy men and women of the Old Testament

- ✦ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work and witness of the Diocese of Jerusalem in the parishes located in Israel: St Paul's Church, Shefa'amr; Holy Family Church, Reineh; Emmanuel Church, Ramleh; St John's & St Luke's, Haifa; Christ Church, Nazareth; St Saviour's Church, Kufr-Yasif; St Peter's Church, Jaffa and St Saviour's Church, Acre. Pray for good relations between Christians and Jews around the world.
- ✦ *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

Friday 2 August

- ✦ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of Nungalinya College in Darwin, which teaches around 150 Aboriginal students. Give thanks especially for 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 Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people

Saturday 3 August – St Stephen, deacon and first martyr

[if not observed on 26 December]

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

Sunday 4 August – Pentecost 8

[Ordinary Sunday 18]

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

Monday 5 August – Oswald, king and martyr († 642)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Companion Diocese links between the Diocese of Perth and the Diocese of Eldoret (Anglican Church of Kenya), and between the Diocese of Bunbury and the Diocese of Kapsabet (Anglican Church of Kenya), remembering especially Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy and Bishop Christopher Ruto, Bishop Ian Coutts and Bishop Paul Korir. May the relationship between the dioceses be beneficial to all involved as they look to see the face of Christ in each other.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bathurst – The Ven Brett Watterson (Diocesan Administrator), the clergy and people

Tuesday 6 August – The Transfiguration of our Lord

- ✠ *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 Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people

Wednesday 7 August

- ✠ *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. May Christ's holy Name be glorified by the Church in Zambia.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Thursday 8 August – Dominic, priest and friar († 1221)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Today as we give thanks for the life and witness of St Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers, pray for all preachers: those 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
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

Friday 9 August – Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union († 1921)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of MU throughout the world, remembering especially 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 Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short, the clergy and people

Saturday 10 August – Lawrence, deacon and martyr at Rome († 258)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of the deacons of the Church, particularly those in your diocese. Pray that the Church's ministry will always have diaconal service at its heart. Pray that we as Christians will always be willing and prepared to serve others.
- ✠ *ACP:* Ministry to the forces – Bishop Ian Lambert, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces

✠ *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:* The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people

Monday 12 August

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

✠ *UN:* International Youth Day

Tuesday 13 August – Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer († 1667)

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

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Wednesday 14 August – Twentieth century martyrs, including Maximilien Kolbe, friar († 1941); Maria Skobtsova († 1945); Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia († 1918); Martin Luther King, worker for civil liberties († 1968)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Melanesian Brotherhood, rejoicing in their ministry through the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and now in the Diocese of Wangaratta (Shepparton). Give thanks for the witness of the saints of the Order, martyred amidst the ethnic tensions in the Solomon Islands in 2003. Wrapped in white robes, they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.
- ✠ *ACP:* Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people

Thursday 15 August – Mary, Mother of our Lord

- ✠ *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 (Philemon 'Barox' Kaam) 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 Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Friday 16 August	
✠	<i>ABM Prayer for the Day:</i> 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.
✠	<i>ACP:</i> The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart, the regional bishops, clergy and people
Saturday 17 August	
✠	<i>ABM Prayer for the Day:</i> 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 longer-term 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.
✠	<i>ACP:</i> The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people
Sunday 18 August – Pentecost 10	
	[Ordinary Sunday 20]
✠	<i>ABM Prayer for the Day:</i> Give thanks for ABM’s assets-based community development (ABCD) work with two Anglican Church partners in the Philippines: the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and IFI-VIMROD, a development arm of the Philippine Independent Church (the <i>Iglesia Filipina Independiente</i>). With both partners, ABM is working to help reduce poverty in rural areas in the Philippines through building up the strengths of communities, leading to economic empowerment of families.
✠	<i>ACP:</i> The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people

Omissions and displacements in August this year

- 4 John Baptist Vianney, parish priest of Ars, France († 1859)
- 11 Claire of Assisi († 1252)
- 11 John Henry Newman, cardinal and theologian († 1252)

Monday 19 August

- ✠ *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 Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Humanitarian Day

Tuesday 20 August – Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and teacher († 1153)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the National Council of Churches in Australia, remembering especially its President, Bishop Phillip Huggins. Give thanks, too, for the state- and territory-based ecumenical organisations in Australia (Council of Churches in Western Australia, NSW Ecumenical Council, Northern Territory Council of Churches, Queensland Churches Together, Tasmanian Council of Churches, South Australian Council of Churches, Victorian Council of Churches). May we all be one so that the world may believe.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people

Wednesday 21 August

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work of Anglicare-PNG that focusses on adult literacy classes, remembering especially today the literacy teachers. 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 Rockhampton – Bishop David Robinson, the clergy and people

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Thursday 22 August

- ✠ *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 Sydney – Archbishop Glenn Davies, the regional bishops, clergy and people

Friday 23 August

- ✠ *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:* The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, the Assistant Bishop, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

Saturday 24 August – Bartholomew, apostle and martyr

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for ABM's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants. The purpose of them is to support mission activities that benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. ABM affirms the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, particularly recognising the importance of culture and self-determination. Priority is given to projects which are initiated and led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Grant applications which meet the funding guidelines are appraised and prioritised by NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Murray – The Rev Keith Dalby, Bishop-Elect, the clergy and people

Sunday 25 August – Pentecost II

[Ordinary Sunday 21]

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia. The province is comprised of four dioceses – West Malaysia, Kuching and Sabah (all in Malaysia) and Singapore. May the love of God be known throughout Malaysia and Singapore.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people

Monday 26 August

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work and witness of our networking partner, United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG). Founded in 1701, USPG is a Church of England mission agency that partners with churches and communities worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice. Environmental degradation. Turbulent global politics. Gender injustice. The desperate flight of migrants. Forced displacement of people at record levels. USPG believes today's major challenges cry out for words and actions that express a love and solidarity that goes beyond narrow self-interest and national boundaries.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop John Parkes, the clergy and people

Tuesday 27 August – Monica, mother of Augustine († 387)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the *Daehan Seong Gong Hoe* – the Anglican Church of Korea (대한성공회): Give thanks for the three dioceses (Seoul, Daejeon and Busan) and the work that they do, particularly with young people and to do with peacebuilding. Give thanks also for the religious orders in Korea: the Order of St Benedict, the Society of the Holy Cross, the Society of St Francis and the Community of St Francis.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people

Wednesday 28 August – Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher († 430)

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

Thursday 29 August – The beheading of John the Baptist

- ✠ *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:* Theological Colleges and Church Schools
- ✠ *UN:* International Day against Nuclear Tests

Friday 30 August

- ✠ *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:* Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances

Saturday 31 August – Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary († 651)

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

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1	j-diocese.org	anglican.org.au + anglicanprimate.org.au
2	<i>Project Book</i> , p 5	adelaideanglicans.com
3	saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com	armidaleanglicandiocese.com
4	un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainabledevelopment-goals	ballaratanglican.org.au
5	ackenya.org	bathurstanglican.org.au
6	anglicanalliance.org/agentsofchange	bendigoanglican.org.au
7	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 47-48	anglicanchurchsq.org.au
8	en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_the_Province_of_Myanmar	bunburyanglican.org
9	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 37-38	anglicancg.org.au
10	melbourneanglican.org.au/mission/deacons/Pages/Deacons.aspx	defenceanglicans.org.au
11	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 35-36	gippsanglican.org.au
12	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 11-12	graftondiocese.org.au
13	abmission.org/data/Education/2018/A_Voice_in_the_Wilderness.pdf	anglican.org.au/indigenous-ministry
14	wangeratta-anglican.org.au/special-service-held-for-the-melanesian-brothers/	natsiac.com
15	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 31-32 + abmission.org/data/PNG/2019/NTC_Ordinands_poster_-_updated.pdf	melbourneanglican.org.au
16	abmission.org/pages/-abms-five-marks-of-mission-56.html	newcastleanglican.org.au
17	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 25-26	anglicannq.org
18	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 33-34	anglicandnwa.org
19	<i>Project Book</i> , p 19	perth.anglican.org
20	ncca.org.au	anglicanriverina.com
21	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 29-30	anglicanchurchcq.org.au
22	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 45-46	sydneyanglicans.net
23	acom.org.sb	anglicantas.org.au
24	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 13-14	murray.anglican.org
25	diocesekuching.org	ntanglican.org.au
26	uspg.org.uk	wangeratta-anglican.org.au
27	en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican_Church_of_Korea	diowillochra.org.au
28	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 3-4	anglicare.asn.au
29	abmission.org/PartnershipsGuidelines	anglican.org.au/theological-education + anglican.org.au/anglican-schools
30	<i>Project Book</i> , pp 17-18	abmission.org
31	abmission.org/pages/leave-a-bequest.html	anglican.org.au/advisory-council-foranglican-religious-life-in-australia

Partner Profile

Gawura

ABM is proud to support *Gawura*, the 'school within a school' that is an integral part of St Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney. *Gawura* exists to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students the same opportunities as their non-Indigenous peers. As students 'graduate' from the *Gawura* primary program, they are offered scholarships at St Andrew's Cathedral School for their secondary education. In 2017, three *Gawura* students completed Year-12 at St Andrew's Cathedral School, taking their Higher School Certificates.

Founded in 2007, *Gawura* has achieved real success. Here are some outstanding examples:

Georgia and Rachel are Wailwan women from the Gomeroi Nation. They left St Andrew's Cathedral School in 2015, having been part of the original student cohort in 2007.

Rachel is currently studying a Bachelor of Law/Arts at the University of Sydney. She has worked as intern at Terri Janke, an Indigenous IP Law firm and will complete her degree at the end of the year. Rachel hopes to work in the Indigenous Community after her graduation.

Georgia has completed a Bachelor of Arts (Sociology) at the University of Sydney and this year began a PhD at ACU in Aboriginal Education and Positive Psychology. Georgia is the first *Gawura* student to commence a PhD.

Graduates like Georgia and Rachel give so much happiness and hope. Both make themselves available to help *Gawura*, they have visit our students to inspire them and help with career opportunities for high school students.

As does Kas, who is the first *Gawura* graduate to be accepted to study at the University of Oxford. Kas will begin her work there in September to study for a Master of Science degree in Clinical Embryology.

It's great to see how *Gawura* is setting up their students for success. These three exceptional, inspirational women are wonderful examples of how good a grounding *Gawura* can provide to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.