

# Partners Praying Together

October 2019



## EACH DAY THIS MONTH

✠ *ABM Prayer Theme:* Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Japan – 日本聖公会 – the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*. The church was established in 1859 when the first missionaries from the Episcopal Church in the USA - Bishop Channing Moore Williams and the Rev John Liggins - came to the country. The Rev Alexander Croft Shaw and the Rev William Ball Wright arrived from England as SPG missionaries in 1873 and were joined by John Piper (a CMS missionary) in 1874. It was legally established in 1887, and became an official province of the Anglican Church in 1930. The first Japanese bishops were consecrated in 1923. The church remained underground during World War II and assumed all church leadership after the war. Since 1978 it has been financially self-supporting. It continues to exchange missionaries with overseas partner churches. All bishops and other church leaders are Japanese. The *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* is the third largest Christian community in the country, after the Roman Catholic Church and the United Church of Christ.

## Tuesday | October – Rogation Day<sup>1</sup>

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work and witness of the Religious Orders among ABM's partners. This month we pray especially for the Order of Women (India); the Congregation of the Sisters of the Visitation of our Lady (Papua New Guinea); Devasevikaramaya (meaning 'ashram of the women servants of God') (Sri Lanka); and the Community of the Sacred Name (Tonga). May God bless them as they live out the vocation to which God has called them.
- ✠ *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:* International Day of Older Persons

<sup>1</sup> 'APBA p. 451 provides for Rogation Days, days of thanksgiving and prayer for the created order and human creativity, near Francis (October 4).' – *An Australian Lectionary 2019*

## Wednesday 2 October – Rogation Day

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Pray for all victims of domestic violence, both here in Australia and overseas. ABM partners in places such as Zambia and PNG are working to raise awareness about the inequity of domestic violence, about triggers like alcohol and poverty, and how victims can find help.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of Non-Violence

## Thursday 3 October – Rogation Day

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for St Luke’s Rehabilitation Centre, run by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem at Beit Mery in Lebanon. It serves intellectually challenged children of the community. It runs a vocational workshop and training program that incorporates a variety of activities that support underprivileged youth and children with disability. One activity is food manufacturing. Young people in the centre take great pride in producing tasty pastries, sweets and chocolates to sell in Lebanon and in neighbouring countries like Jordan. However, the centre is now in need of a reliable machine that will allow young people to continue being trained in chocolate making. Pray that disadvantaged students will be given the opportunity to carry on with their work, becoming active contributors to their community. Pray for the director of the centre, the Rev Imad Zurob, and his team.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rick Lewers, the clergy and people

## Friday 4 October – Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher († 1226)

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

## Saturday 5 October

- ✠ *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 Bathurst – The Rev Mark Calder (Bishop-elect), the clergy and people. – *Consecration 7.00pm, Thursday 21 November at St Andrew’s Cathedral, Sydney; Installation 11.00am, Saturday 23 November at All Saints’ Cathedral, Bathurst.*
- ✠ *UN:* World Teachers’ Day

## Sunday 6 October – Pentecost 17

[Ordinary Sunday 27]

- ✠ *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), 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, carrying on the legacy of the New Guinea Martyrs. 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 Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people

## Monday 7 October

- ✠ *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:* The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, the regional bishops, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Habitat Day

## Tuesday 8 October

- ✠ *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. Also, give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN), one of the Networks of the worldwide Anglican Communion.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

## Wednesday 9 October

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for all those who send ABM stamps and stamp collections. 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 who help us to trim and sort them so that they are ready to be sold on to philatelic dealers.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Post Day

### Omission in October this year

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William Tyndale, biblical scholar († 1536)

## Thursday 10 October

- ✦ *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:* Ministry to the forces – Bishop Ian Lambert, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces
- ✦ *UN:* World Mental Health Day

## Friday 11 October

- ✦ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Pray for girls whose schooling is cut short by early marriage or early pregnancy. ABM, through the Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Program, is working with rural communities in that country to discourage early marriage and keep children in school.
- ✦ *ACP:* The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people
- ✦ *UN:* International Day of the Girl Child

## Saturday 12 October – Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer († 1845)

- ✦ *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 (NSW), women's camps, men's camps (led by Gloria's husband, Eddie), an Elders' outreach group and a Reconciliation lunch. Pray too for the Rev Di Langham in her role as an Anglican priest and chaplain at the Cessnock Correctional Centre (NSW).
- ✦ *ACP:* The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people
- ✦ *UN:* World Migratory Bird Day

## Sunday 13 October – Pentecost 18

[Ordinary Sunday 28]

- ✦ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Pray that communities, in Australia and around the world, will be well prepared for when disaster strikes. Droughts, floods, cyclones and other disasters can devastate families and communities. ABM partners are helping communities to be prepared by establishing committees and evacuation procedures, planting mangroves and trees to mitigate against tsunamis and landslides, planting drought-resistant crops, and providing trainings such as first aid and coordinating relief distributions.
- ✦ *ACP:* Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people
- ✦ *UN:* International Day for Disaster Reduction

## Monday 14 October

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

## Tuesday 15 October

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Pray for rural women around the world. Many rural women have fewer opportunities than men to access education, gain leadership positions, or earn an income. In PNG, rural women can even be accused of witchcraft and subsequently tortured or even murdered. ABM works with partners around the world to raise awareness about rural women's need for greater opportunities.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier, the regional bishops, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of Rural Women

## Wednesday 16 October – Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, bishops and martyrs († 1555)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Pray for the hungry. Few Australians know what it is like to be hungry. Even fewer know what it is like to face an entire season of hunger, or an entire childhood. ABM's partners in Myanmar, the Philippines and Kenya work with impoverished farmers to increase agricultural production through improved irrigation, production of organic fertiliser, introduction of drought-resistant crops, and new equipment (e.g. in Myanmar, villagers were trained in the operation and maintenance of a rice mill and a sesame press).
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart, the regional bishops, clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Food Day

## Thursday 17 October – Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr († ca. 115)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Pray for those who work hard yet remain poor. Around the world there are millions who, despite their best efforts, remain trapped in poverty because their land is infertile, their house is too far from the local market or school, they speak a minority language, they lack literacy or other skills, they have been struck down by war or natural disaster, or many other reasons. ABM's partners help disadvantaged people to escape poverty through literacy classes, trainings in agricultural and other skills, access to savings and loans groups, and other opportunities.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

## Friday 18 October – Luke, evangelist and martyr

- ✠ *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 North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people

## Saturday 19 October – Henry Martyn, missionary and Bible translator in India and Persia († 1812)

- ✠ *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. Remember the faithful witness of the Church of North India, the Church of South India, and the Diocese of Iran (Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East).
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, the clergy and people

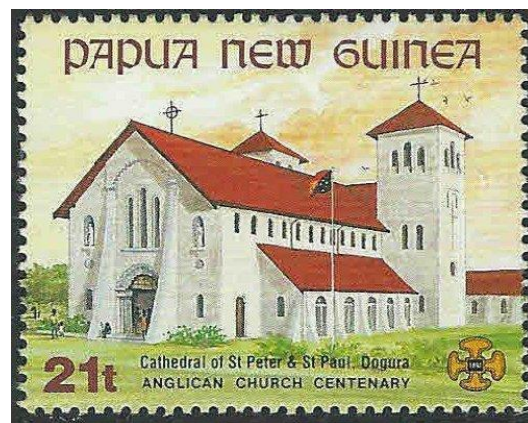
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## Sunday 20 October – Pentecost 19

[Ordinary Sunday 29]

- ✠ *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 the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Statistics Day

## Monday 21 October

- ✠ *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

## Tuesday 22 October

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

## **Wednesday 23 October – James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, martyr († ca 62)**

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

## **Thursday 24 October – United Nations, inaugurated 1945**

- ✠ *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 the Murray – Bishop Keith Dalby, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* United Nations Day; World Development Information Day

## **Friday 25 October**

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



## Saturday 26 October

- ✠ *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 Wangaratta – Bishop John Parkes, the clergy and people.  
– *Bishop John lays up his staff on 21 December*

## Sunday 27 October – Pentecost 20

[Ordinary Sunday 30]

- ✠ *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 Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Day for Audiovisual Heritage

## Monday 28 October – Simon and Jude, apostles and martyrs

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC). It is an official body of the Anglican Church of Australia with representatives from across the national church working together on issues that are important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans. NATSIAC's vision is to be the primary voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans, promoting Gospel mission, encouraging ministry and generating resources. NATSIAC provides a vital and prophetic voice in the wider church. NATSIAC has requested that ABM raise funds to assist in providing secretariat support for members who are all volunteers with busy local ministries.
- ✠ *ACP:* Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers

## Tuesday 29 October

- ✠ *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, for the staff who teach, and the students who learn.
- ✠ *ACP:* Theological Colleges and Church Schools

## Wednesday 30 October

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for Episcopal Community Action for Renewal and Empowerment (E-CARE), the community development arm of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, which partners with ABM's Anglicans in Development Unit. 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.
- ✠ *ACP:* Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia

## Thursday 31 October – Martin Luther († 1546) and other Continental reformers

- ✠ *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:* Religious Orders of the Anglican Church of Australia
- ✠ *UN:* World Cities Day

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# Partner Profile

## The Nippon Sei Ko Kai – 日本聖公会 The Anglican Church in Japan

This month we feature one of ABM's relational partners, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* (NSKK), the Anglican Church in Japan. ABM's relationship with the NSKK is historical – mainly through our former Chairman, Fr Frank Coaldrake, who worked in Japan after the Second World War. At present we do not have any projects in the country. The *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* (literally, the 'Holy Catholic Church of Japan') is the name of the Anglican Church in that country, the original missionaries mainly being (like those to China and Korea) Anglo-Catholic. That is reflected in the official names for all the East Asian Churches. Early missionary work was undertaken by the Episcopal Church (USA), the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (UK) and the Church Missionary Society (UK) without much coordination. However, one joint effort – the Japanese Prayerbook (1882) was successful because it was accepted in each part of the country. Another characteristic of these Churches is the desire of their early missionaries to begin to have indigenous clergy as soon as possible. In the case of Japan, first two deacons, the Revs Nobori Kanai and Masakazu Tai were ordained on Palm Sunday in 1883. The first Japanese to be ordained to the priesthood was the Rev John Toshimichi

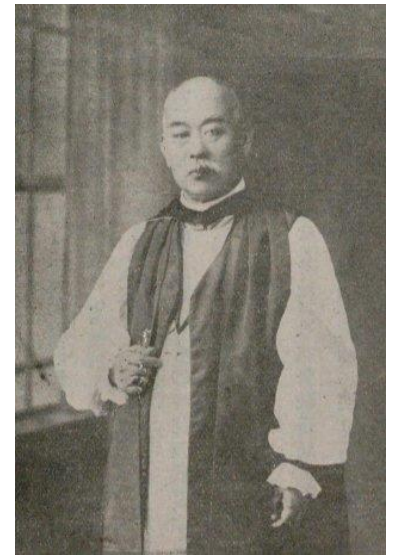


**The Rev John Toshimichi Imai, the first Japanese-born Anglican priest**

Imai (1889) and by 1894 he had been appointed as the rector of St Andrew's Cathedral in Tokyo. In that year the Church had six dioceses, each of which was related to one of the missionary bodies – which from 1888 included the Anglican Church of Canada which began to work in Japan under the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*. Today there are eleven dioceses, Chubu, Hokkaido, Kita Kanto, Kobe, Kyoto, Kyushu, Okinawa, Osaka, Tohoku, Tokyo, and Yokohama.

Earlier this year an international forum set up by the Church issued a statement calling for denuclearisation and for churches to join in the campaign for renewable energy.

It states that as long as nuclear power generation is operative, it continues to create dangerous radioactive waste and there is a risk that the technology can at any time be diverted to nuclear weapons and threaten the right to live in peace.



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