



The Archbishop of Sydney's

Anglican Aid



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Prayer Diary

WELCOME

Knowing that you are standing with us in prayer is a remarkable privilege, and a reminder that none of us are in this alone! God is with us and with our partners, in Australia and across the world.

After the turbulence of 2020, we have learned to expect anything and we don't know what 2021 will hold. Some of the more specific prayer points here may not stay relevant for the full year. In any case, we can all take comfort

that our God knows our thoughts, that the Holy Spirit translates our groans into fragrant incense and that Christ's love has no use-by date.

Thank you for walking with us in prayer.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR MISSION

Our Heavenly Father,

Fill our lives with the fruit of your Spirit, so that we may walk in joyful obedience, share your love by word and deed, and see Christ honoured in every community as Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

ANGLICAN AID PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

whose will it is that all people be saved, and come to a knowledge of the truth, and whose will it is that we care for the poor, needy, widows, orphans and refugees,

We pray for the work of the Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid.

We pray for your grace to fulfil every good work that you have prepared for us in advance to do as we anticipate the triumphant return of our King and Saviour, in whose name we pray.

Amen.



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“But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.” (Jude 1: 20-21)

Malcolm Richards, The Archbishop of Sydney's
Bishop for International Relations

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being part of a fellowship of Christians who are praying for the ministry of Anglican Aid as we work with Christian partners in Australia and around the world.

While we wait patiently for the appearance of our Lord, we are called to work for his Kingdom and to show forth the character of God to the world he loves. One of the ways we can do this is to work together through Anglican Aid in providing financial and practical support to transform communities and strengthen churches through the training of their leaders.

Anglican Aid's work involves the lives of real people. The staff at Anglican Aid and I (in my role as Bishop for International Relations), are in frequent contact with many of them, through visits or more recently, due to Covid restrictions, via video meetings. It is my hope that through this prayer diary, and through your regular prayers for them, that you also will get to know these friends in Christ.

Grace and peace,

Canon Malcolm Richards

Chair, Anglican Aid Board, and Bishop for International Relations



CEO Letter

Dear Friends,

Since starting as CEO of Anglican Aid, I have been reminded often of Paul's words: 'the body does not consist of one member but of many' (1 Cor 12:14).

Much of Anglican Aid's work is coordinating and growing partnerships between Christians in Australia and Christians in other parts of the world - and other parts of Australia - to help us work together and 'let grace flow'. This is what you are part of as an Anglican Aid supporter, and it is a thrill to see the church working together for God's glory, speeding Christ's return.

It's also been a joy for me to step into a prayerful organisation that makes decisions with the Kingdom of God in view. This broken world is full of worthy aid and development opportunities, but not all of these help to

grow God's kingdom, or promote the mercy and justice that we read of in Micah 6:8. With God's help, Anglican Aid works with Christian partners to build up his body of believers and through them to address poverty and need.

As well as getting to know our 100+ projects, a major part of my time with Anglican Aid has been the launch of our new Bible College Student Sponsorship program. We want those impacted by our projects to be able to join a strong local church. We want those affiliated with us through GAFCON or other networks to have access to good Bible training. And we want to uphold these students and Bible colleges in prayer. So building on our strengths, our philosophy going forward will be: Sponsor a student, strengthen a church, transform a community.

Thank you, too, for being prayerful in your support of our partners and their work. Please use this daily prayer diary as a resource to inspire your prayers.

May we see the Grace of God overflowing to a world in need.

Canon Tim Swan

OUR VISION

is to see the grace of God overflowing to a world in need.

OUR MISSION

is to strengthen churches and help transform communities by building relationships between Australian Christians and local partners in Australia and overseas.

OUR VALUES

are informed by reformed evangelical faith and sound development principles. We value:



• GRACE



• GOSPEL PARTNERSHIPS



• COMPASSION



• COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION



• INTEGRITY



• SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION

BIBLE FOCUS #1

LET GRACE FLOW

At Anglican Aid, our vision is to see the grace of God overflowing to a world in need.

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” (2 Cor 8:9)

The Apostle Paul rejoiced in the result of this grace overflowing in the hearts of the Macedonian Christians. Writing to the Corinthian churches, he was overjoyed to report, *“And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.” (2 Cor 8:1-2)*

This rich generosity was expressed in them contributing to the needs of their Jewish Christian brothers and sisters who were suffering famine and persecution in far away Jerusalem. Paul said, *“For I testify that they*

gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people.” (2 Cor 8:3-4)

Paul then issued a challenge to the Corinthians - and to us, *“But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” (2 Cor 8:7-8)*

Pray for all Australian Christians, that we may know deeply the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and, *“be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.” (2 Cor 9:11)*

May we see the grace of God overflowing to a world in need.

THE ARCHBISHOP & THE WORK OF THE DIOCESE

Every part of the Diocese of Sydney was affected by the consequences of COVID-19 in 2020. Ministry and workplaces changed overnight in March - and will likely not be the same again. Suddenly, the question 'what is church?' became a hot topic.

- Give thanks as we rejoice in the ministry of Archbishop Glenn and Dianne Davies over the past 8 years.
- Pray for the office of the Archbishop of Sydney, transitioning from Archbishop Glenn Davies to the new Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, to be elected in the first half of 2021.
- Pray that the Diocese of Sydney remains focused on its mission to see Christ honoured as Lord and Saviour in every community.



DAY 2

GIVING THANKS

Anglican Aid is full of thanks for God's faithfulness to us, in the past and into the new challenges of 2021.

- Praise God for our CEO, Canon Tim Swan, who celebrates his first Anglican Aid anniversary in late April 2021. We are thankful for Tim's vision and leadership.
- We thank God for you, Anglican Aid's wonderful supporters. Your prayer and selfless giving make our work possible. We especially thank God for the new supporters who have become part of the Anglican Aid family over the past year.
- Praise God for the relationships between Anglican Aid supporters, staff, and local partners in Australia and overseas. Pray that together we will grow in fruitfulness to the glory of God.



Kids from the Intsika Community Outreach project (Port Elizabeth, South Africa) pray to their Heavenly Father



NEW PROJECTS

- **Thank God for the opportunity to partner with new projects as they reach out to strengthen churches and to transform communities. Pray for good relationship building with new project contacts in other places.**

The Bible Talks (TBT) - South Africa

TBT is a ministry to university students in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa, aiming to reach the next generation of university students with the good news of Jesus.

- Pray that God would use TBT in raising up the next generation of men and women for full-time paid Christian ministry.
- Pray for God to continue to provide for TBT's needs, especially for an increase in staff salaries in 2021, through the good stewardship of his saints.



Staff team fun: The Bible Talks' (TBT) campus workers and ministry apprentices

DAY 4



WASH - CLEAN WATER (WATER, SANITATION AND HEALTH)

- A third of people in the world (WHO figures) do not have access to clean water. Pray that Anglican Aid will be able to fund more WASH projects in many parts of the world.

Miracle School Ministries - Pakistan

WASH projects in communities of brick kiln bonded slaves build water tanks to provide clean disease-free water and run a health, hygiene and nutrition program to improve community health standards.

- Pray for families of enslaved brick kiln workers who are trapped in a cycle of debt, and earn only enough money to live from day to day.



Clean water changes lives. Jesus, the Living Water, does the same.

- Thank God for the dedication of the Miracle Schools Ministry to change the lives of others through education, clean water, health, hygiene and sanitation.
- Pray for the health of children and families who lack access to clean water, leaving them vulnerable to water-borne disease and contamination.
- Pray for the staff of Miracle: Angela Michael, teachers, and others who support the children and their families.



EMERGENCY & HUMANITARIAN RELIEF - NATURAL DISASTERS

- **Pray for God's protection from natural disasters, which disproportionately impact the vulnerable communities that Anglican Aid works with.**

Australia

- Thank God for the tireless work and sacrifice of many volunteers and fire fighters, and the generosity of those who supported Anglican Aid's Bushfire Appeal.
- Pray for the slow, ongoing process of rebuilding homes, especially for those who are still living in substandard conditions on their rural properties
- Ask God to bring comfort and healing to all those who have suffered loss from bushfires.
- Pray for God's mercy and protection from catastrophic fires during the summer months of 2021.



Fire damage at Deepwater, NSW in the Armidale Diocese

DAY 6



AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY CARE

- **Pray for Christian ministries as they engage and reach out to Indigenous Australians, through reconciliation, culture clashes and families in the middle of Death and Sorry Business.**

Macarthur Indigenous Reconciliation Ministry Campbelltown Anglican Churches

MINISTRY FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

Indigenous Australians experience disadvantage stemming from separation from land, communities and families. Michael Duckett, the pastor of Macarthur Indigenous Church, is seeking to promote a ministry of reconciliation through restoring broken relationships between Indigenous groups and the broader Australian community, and to bring God's message of peace and hope.

- Give thanks for the Macarthur Indigenous Church, as they regularly meet around God's word to encourage each other.
- Thank God for Pastor Michael Duckett as he faithfully ministers to the Indigenous Community in the Macarthur Region.
- Pray for Pastor Michael as he seeks to educate about reconciliation within our nation, and reconciliation with God through cultural presentations.

Girls perform a traditional Indigenous dance at an outdoor church service





DAY 7

BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS

- **Praise God for the growth of his church in the developing world. Ask that the Lord will raise up more godly men and women to be trained for Christian ministry to strengthen churches and reach the lost in developing nations.**

This unique program gives Australian Christians the opportunity to sponsor an emerging Christian leader from a developing country, to receive culturally appropriate training at a trusted Bible college. It equips the next generation of pastors, so they will be fully prepared to defend and faithfully share the good news with their nation.

- Pray for the 500 plus full time Bible College students supported through Anglican Aid in 2021, that they will grow in conviction, character and competency as they prepare for long term ministry.

- Pray that the Lord will provide churches, Bible study groups and individuals to sponsor and pray for those in training.
- Pray that Anglican Aid's Bible College Student Sponsorships will build relationships between Australian Christians and developing churches, to the glory of God.



Students from Johannesburg Bible College, South Africa

DAY 8

DISABILITY INCLUSION

- Pray for the the children with disabilities cared for by Anugrah (India), Chainat (Thailand), Karagwe (Tanzania), Take Flight (China), Timion (South Africa), and Jesus Club (Australia).

South Africa

Timion helps children living with disabilities in the Eastern Cape of South Africa through therapy, medical assistance and counselling programs to help mothers (who are often single) care for their children.



- Pray for the children’s caregivers to have strength and hope as they care for their children and often face the challenge of making ends meet.
- Pray that fathers will be involved in raising their children, instead of following cultural norms and abandoning their family and blaming their child’s disability on the mother.
- Pray that those with disabilities will be treated as people made in the image of God, and know His redeeming love for them.



EDUCATION

- **Pray that opportunities for schooling supported by Anglican Aid and Christian organisations in the developing world will help girls and women to become strong, competent and confident participants in society.**

Bunda Girls Secondary School (BGSS) and Shalom Pre- and Primary School are nurturing Christian learning environments for Tanzanian children in the Bunda district. Many students would otherwise have no access to quality education.

- Praise God for the completion of the BGSS library and the new classroom. Pray for the wisdom in whether construction of a dormitory at Shalom is required.
- Pray that children and youth would have a strong relationship with Jesus as they learn God's word in Bible Knowledge classes and Sunday church services.
- Praise God for generous sponsors for these children.



Students at Shalom Pre and Primary School

DAY 10



HEALTH

- Pray for families, already living in poverty, where loss of income in 2020 has led to worsening health.

Anugrah Disabilities Project

HERBERTPUR CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL - INDIA

Anugrah Disabilities is providing health and rehabilitation services to people living with a disability in rural areas in India. They often live in poverty, have limited access to health care and education and fewer opportunities in the workforce.

- Pray for the staff at Anugrah as they seek to show people living with a disability their true worth and surround them with love, compassion and respect.
- Pray for the Lord to bless the Anugrah Disabilities Project so that they can help many people in need, regardless of caste, creed or religion.



A child at Anugrah Disabilities takes part in a group learning session

BIBLE FOCUS #2

STRENGTHENING CHURCHES

“Paul said to Barnabas, ‘Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are.’ ... And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.” (Acts 15:36 & 41)

In 2000, the then Archbishop of Sydney, Harry Goodhew, visited cities in Africa, like Paul, proclaiming the word of the Lord. He was struck by the lack of accessible training for church leaders in the Word of God. What could be done?

The verses above remind us that the ministry of the Apostle Paul went beyond planting churches, to strengthening churches - by personal visits to teach the Word of God, by sending representatives like Timothy to teach in his place, by letter (the letters of the New Testament), and by prayer. As a result of Paul’s ministry, *“the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily. (Acts 16:5)*

Strengthening the church is not just an activity for church leaders. Paul urges all Christians, *“since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.” (1 Cor 14:12)*. Archbishop Goodhew’s question was whether in Sydney we could follow the example of the Apostle, and help strengthen churches not just locally, but around the world. This led to starting The Archbishop of Sydney’s Overseas Ministry Fund, now a fund of Anglican Aid. This fund is used to continue strengthening churches - by visits and letters, but especially by funding the training of hundreds of church leaders in developing nations.

DAY 11



BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS

Anglican Aid partners with trusted Bible Colleges throughout the developing world to equip Christian leaders to share the gospel in their communities.

George Whitefield College - South Africa

- Pray that GWC students and alumni will be salt and light to the nations of Africa. Pray for deep relationship with Christ, faithful Bible teaching, and trust in God to meet all their needs.
- Please pray for wisdom, understanding and Godly leadership for the GWC Faculty as they teach God's Word. Please ask that GWC will be sufficiently resourced for operations in 2021, as they bear the impact of the global economic impact of COVID-19.
- Pray for the growth of the GWC Explore correspondence program and its expansion across Africa. Pray that Explore students will be enriched for Christian leadership and teaching roles.



GWC students sing praises to God in chapel

Alexandria School of Theology

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF EGYPT WITH NORTH AFRICA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA - EGYPT

Students at AST come from nations across North Africa and the Middle East. Anglican Aid has a long, fruitful relationship with the College.

- Give thanks for the new intake of students into the Bachelor of Theology Program. Praise God for the students who graduated this year. Please pray that they will be fruitful, as they serve in their communities and churches.
- Please pray for faculty, staff and students as they commence this new year during the Covid-19 pandemic. Please pray for the teachers and classes in these difficult circumstances.

- Give thanks for the well-established and good reputation of the St. Athanasius Campus. Please pray for the completion and furnishing of the new building.
- Pray for Shady Anis, a lecturer, as he studies for a PhD at Cambridge and is supported by many including Anglican Aid's BCSS program.
- Pray for Dr Ashley Null who is Chair of the AST Board.



A chapel service at Alexandria School of Theology

DAY 12

INCOME GENERATION

Honeyworld - Zimbabwe

Honeyworld supports marginalised, rural farmers to set up a sustainable honey-making business to support their families.

- Pray for wisdom for the leadership team as they run Honeyworld in a very difficult economic environment. Ask for God's wisdom in planning for the future in a volatile and unpredictable environment.
- Pray for the rural pastors and evangelists who have joined Honeyworld, that the income generated will help them support their families as they serve in some very hard places.
- Pray that more families will find sustainable livelihoods as the beekeeping project is introduced to new villages.



One of Honeyworld's beekeepers stands with his newly-constructed hive.

THE BOARD & STAFF OF ANGLICAN AID

Our Board and staff greatly value your prayers as we strive to be productive and effective (cf. 2 Peter 1:8) for him.

- Give thanks for Anglican Aid's Board in 2021, led by Bishop Malcolm Richards, and existing members David Dennis, The Rev. John Menear, Dr Keith Walker and Mrs Sally Bathgate. Pray for our newest Board members: Ms Karen Andersen, The Rev. Peter Sholl, Mrs Michelle Chase, and the Rev. Luther Symons.
- Pray for wisdom, leadership, and unity for the board as they seek to govern Anglican Aid with integrity.
- Please pray for our Operations, Project Management, Communications and Donor Relations teams as we work together for God's glory through Anglican Aid.



DAY 14



LOVING CHILDREN

Hope and Faith School - Zambia

Hope and Faith Christian Community School educates and cares for nursery aged children to students completing Grade 12 who live in the Ngombe squatter compound of Lusaka. Many students are orphaned.

- Pray that each child would come to know Jesus as their Saviour, and God as their Father.
- Ask God to raise up a new principal who will lead the school with excellence and a gospel-centred vision.
- Pray for the growth of school facilities including a kitchen, hall and library.
- Pray for the ongoing financial sustainability of the school.
- Give thanks for Rosemary Mumbi, the founder of the school and all the staff who provide Christian support through teaching and other roles.



Primary-aged students at Hope and Faith School

Glen Lorne Orphans - Zimbabwe

Glen Lorne is an area north of Harare. Our partner cares for the day-to-day needs of 130 orphans who live with extended family; ensuring they have access to nutritious meals; support for school fees and other essential needs.

- Pray that the children at Glen Lorne would know a saving relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for energy and strength for the staff, as their roles are often emotionally exhausting.
- Pray for the staff to use funds wisely and fruitfully.
- Pray for the children's protection, especially in an area where sexual abuse is common.

A child proudly showing off the veggie garden at the Glen Lorne project



DAY 15



VALUING WOMEN

- **Pray that as God's Word is shared with women around the world, their hearts and minds would be transformed. Pray that they would learn that God loves them unconditionally.**

Umthombo weMpilo

CHRIST CHURCH HILLBROW - SOUTH AFRICA

Umthombo weMpilo, an outreach of Christ Church Hillbrow, ministers to women trapped in sexual servitude and their children.

- Pray that Umthombo weMpilo can reach out to more women who are trapped in sex work in an effort to support family members in their home countries. Pray they can be released and be able to return home.
- Give thanks for new facilities for the ministry and for crisis accommodation. Pray that God will use them for His purposes during 2021.
- Pray for the safety of everyone associated with the project in an area with a reputation for crime, poverty and high density.
- Pray for Ans van der Swaag who established Umthombo weMpilo when serving with CMS as she visits regularly to support the church in managing this activity.



Bubbly, our wonderful partner
and project coordinator at
Umthombo weMpilo

DAY 16



AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY CARE - MINISTRY PROGRAMS FOR REFUGEES

Ministry of Mercy to Asylum Seekers

LIVERPOOL SOUTH ANGLICAN CHURCH - AUSTRALIA

The Ministry of Mercy for Refugees connects with new Australians in the community through English classes, outreach events, and supplies of essential groceries.

- Pray for wisdom and courage to build on and establish new connections in the community so that they can continue to meet people's physical and spiritual needs.
- Pray for God's guidance over plans to start an Easy English Bible Study and an Easy English Church Service.

- Thank God for the team of staff and volunteers who faithfully serve in this ministry.



Connecting with ladies from different cultures at the Ministry of Mercy for Refugees

Guildford Refugee Outreach

THE PROVISIONAL PARISH OF GUILDFORD WITH VILLAWOOD - AUSTRALIA

Guildford Refugee Support helps newly-arrived refugee women and children make connections with their local community.

- Pray that the team of teachers and helpers at English class will be able to help with practical and material needs while also holding out the Word of life.
- Pray for opportunities to develop lasting relationships and speak boldly of Jesus when meeting with Middle Eastern women in their homes.
- Pray that many women's eyes would be opened to the truth of the gospel.



International dinner at Guildford Refugee Support

DAY 17



INCOME GENERATION & WASH (WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE)

- **Praise God for Anglican Aid projects that provide water security during months of drought in water-scarce areas.**

Marsabit Water & Income Generation

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF KENYA, MARSABIT DIOCESE - KENYA

This water tank construction project equips workers with an income and employment skills, and also provides water security.

- Praise God for projects that achieve many goals, such as generating employment and developing self-sufficiency, while fighting deforestation, poverty and civil unrest.

- Pray for wisdom and integrity for the steering committee overseeing the watertank construction.
- Pray for the persecuted Christians from Muslim-backgrounds supported by this project.
- Give thanks for the Bible studies happening during the construction break at morning tea. Pray that this would be a great witness to the Muslim neighbours who join.

Constructing water tanks that are strong, economical and good quality.



EMERGENCY & HUMANITARIAN RELIEF - CIVIL UNREST

Beni Leadership Development

DIOCESE OF BENI - DRC

Violence and conflict are regular occurrences in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where many have fled their homes to seek refuge in the town of Beni.

- Pray for God's comfort upon those suffering the trauma of losing loved ones, and provision for those who have fled homes.
- Ask God to bring an end to constant conflict in countries like the DRC, to restrain further evil and to deliver the lasting peace that only Jesus can give.
- Thank God for Christians who have opened their homes, to provide shelter and to share their limited resources with those in need.



Internally Displaced People (IDPs) with a pastor from the Diocese of Beni

DAY 19

DISABILITY INCLUSION

Take Flight - China

Take Flight cares for orphaned and abandoned children, and equips families to raise their children living with disability.

- Give thanks for the wonderful new staff that have been hired for Take Flight. Pray that God will equip all disability inclusion projects with dedicated, talented, Christian staff.
- Pray that families who need Take Flight's help will be connected to the centre.
- Pray for continued good relations between Take Flight and the regional government.
- Give thanks for the systemic change this program is making in the attitude of governments and people to children born with disabilities



Children from the Take Flight program enjoy practicing their colouring skills



DAY 20

EDUCATION

- **Praise God for Anglican Aid projects that provide water security during months of drought in water-scarce areas. Pray that students at schools supported by Anglican Aid will have hearts and minds to apply what they're learning: educational concepts, but also gospel truth.**

Zambia's Child

Zambia's Child gives hope through quality education: making school more accessible to impoverished children and supporting Ipalo Christian Community School towards self-sustainability.

- Pray for the country of Zambia, for its economy, and that those in leadership would hold to strong Christian values.

- Pray for wisdom and servant leadership for the school's management team.
- Pray for the continued growth and development of the school, including the students, staff and parents.



A Grade 4 class at Ipalo Christian Community School

BIBLE FOCUS #3

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

"Is not this the fast that I choose:

*...to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
Then shall your light break forth like the dawn..." (Is
58:6-8)*

*"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see
your good works and give glory to your Father who is in
heaven." (Matt 5:16)*

Plague was breaking out in the Palestinian city of Caesarea in the early 300's. All who could flee, fled for the countryside leaving the sick and the dying - and Christians, who risked their lives to stay behind and care. The historian Eusebius records:

*All day long, some of them [the Christians] tended to
the dying and to their burial, countless numbers with no*

*one to care for them. Others gathered together from
all parts of the city a multitude of those withered from
famine and distributed bread to them all.*

Because of such surprising care, "[Christians'] deeds were on everyone's lips, and they glorified the God of the Christians." As a result, the masses abandoned the Roman gods for Christ. Pagan Emperor Julian the Apostate lamented, 'The impious Galilaeans [Christians] support not only their own poor, but ours as well, and all men see that they have no help from us.'

Under God, it was the active faith of these Christians that showcased the truth of the gospel to others. People turned to Christ, and whole communities were transformed. Anglican Aid enables Australian Christians to carry on this legacy today, strengthening churches, and through them, helping transform communities, *"...that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matt 5:16)*

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- **The Rorya area in northern Tanzania is impoverished, lacking basic facilities. Training in leadership at Kowak College provides a Biblically based education which assists graduates to support their local communities in socio economic development.**

Rorya Leadership Development

DIocese OF RORYA - TANZANIA

The Diocese of Rorya in Northern Tanzania is supporting Kowak Bible College to teach Tanzanian students, place trainees in parishes, and resource the 50+ churches of the Diocese.

- Thank God for the doubling of parish numbers in the past 10 years. Pray for more trained pastors, teachers and evangelists to present the Bible faithfully and to lead people with integrity and Christian love.
- With the passing of Bishop John Adiema in 2020, please pray for the appointment and settling in of a new bishop for The Diocese of Rorya.

- Pray that the Bible College can achieve long-term sustainability through farming and agricultural business projects.



DAY 22



AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY CARE

- **Thank God for the many ways Australian churches can reach out to their neighbours, meeting needs while sharing the love of Christ.**

Berkeley Life Centre - Australia

Berkeley Life Centre (BLC) offers support to a community of high unemployment, low education, and poverty-level incomes.

- Praise God that He continues to provide generously for BLC even when times are tough.
- Pray that God will transform lives to transform the Berkeley community.
- Pray for the COACH mentoring program, and for the food, youth, op shop and youth ministries.
- Pray for Wayne Pickford in his pastoral ministry in the community



BLC ministers to a community that has been written off by many

Bookworms Reading Group

**ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH SOUTH COOGEE
- AUSTRALIA**

**Bookworms, a weekly program run by
volunteers, improves the literacy of primary
school children living in public housing.**

- Pray that the team can sensitively support the children and families through difficulties they may face.
- Pray that more volunteers would join the Bookworms team.
- Pray for relationships to grow with the families and that they'd be connected to church ministries.



Bookworms helps improve child literacy

DAY 23



SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS (INCOME GENERATION)

Heading North

KALE HEYWET CHURCH - ETHIOPIA

In rural subsistence farming communities, Heading North delivers community-led development and social change through income generation, peace and reconciliation training, and water and education projects.

- Praise God that the government has asked Heading North to replicate their peace and reconciliation training in multiple other districts. Pray for peace among tribal groups in Ethiopia.
- Pray for God to provide the land for a new church plant's building.
- Pray for a wise response to environmental issues and deforestation, and for the community's recovery from a tough year of COVID-19 and locust plagues.



An abundant crop at Heading North

Kitgum Sustainable Livelihoods

CHURCH OF UGANDA - UGANDA

Kitgum Sustainable Livelihoods uses the 'Farming God's Way' sustainable agricultural method to help families attain food and income security, in a region devastated by civil war.

- Pray that God would provide abundance to local farmers and that He is acknowledged by them as the source of their harvests.
- Pray for household peace and harmony, and for protection from domestic violence.
- Give thanks for the 400 households engaged in this project, and for the 2000 people who will benefit indirectly as a result.



Building community while generating income

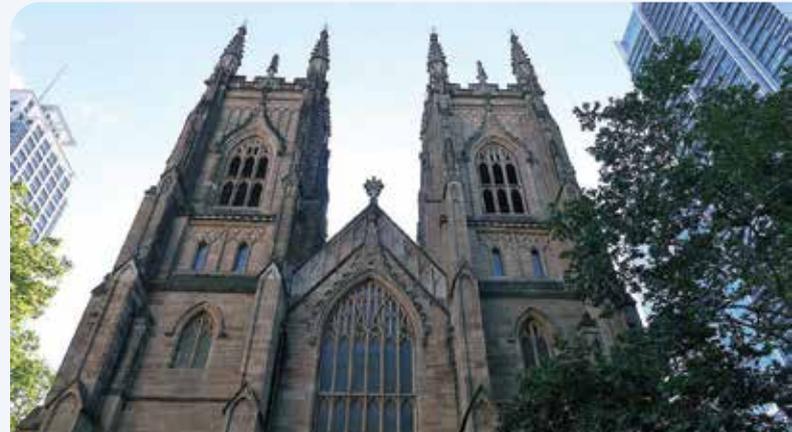
DAY 24

BISHOPS AND CHURCH LEADERS

As well as parish leadership, it's a privilege to have godly, 'seasoned' Christians in the role of bishops and senior leaders.

- Give thanks for the unity and fellowship between the spiritual leaders of the Diocese of Sydney. Please pray for Diocesan leaders across Australia and overseas, with whom we partner through our work as Anglican Aid.
- Pray for the bishops as they oversee the regions or ministries under their care:
 - Chris Edwards - North Sydney
 - Peter Hayward - Wollongong
 - Gary Koo - Western Sydney
 - Peter Lin - Georges River
 - Malcolm Richards - International Relations
 - Michael Stead - South Sydney

- Pray for other senior leaders in the Sydney Diocese:
 - Neil Atwood - Archdeacon for Western Sydney
 - Kara Hartley - Archdeacon for Women
 - Kanishka Raffel - Dean of Sydney.



St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney



Two of the teenagers who participate in the Mbuya Life Project

DAY 25

BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS

- **Praise God that the Bible College Student Sponsorship program includes working with Bible-based theological institutions of all sizes, some urban and some rural, in a huge range of countries. Supported students are being sponsored to complete studies at different levels, equipping them for ministry in their home environment.**

Johannesburg Bible College (JBC) - South Africa

- Pray for the staff team at JBC. Although JBC is an attendance-based College, online training is expected to continue for some time into 2021 which will have an impact on lecturing staff capacity.
- Pray as JBC seeks to grow their work through training in new places, as well as developing their Auckland Park site to increase capacity.



St Patrick's Anglican Bible College, Toliara
PROVINCE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN - DIOCESE
OF TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR

St Patrick's Bible College is located in the Education Building at the Cathedral Complex. Men and women from many dioceses are trained as lay evangelists or as candidates for seminary.

- Pray that Anglican Aid's sponsored students at St Patrick's Bible College Toliara will grow in knowledge of the Bible and a love of serving God's people.
- Toliara Diocese is located in the south of Madagascar, which experiences drought and food shortage nearly every year. Pray for food and good health for the region's people.
- Give thanks for the rapid growth of churches within the diocese and pray that church leaders will have the opportunity for good training and mentors.



Five Anglican Aid-sponsored students upon their arrival at St Patrick's College

DAY 26



HEALTH

- **Thank God for health projects that address the holistic needs of people. Pray that God is glorified as people experience spiritual healing and better physical or mental health.**

REACH Restoration

EMMANUEL CHURCH - REACH - SOUTH AFRICA

A faith-based rehabilitation centre in partnership with the Reformed Evangelical Anglican Church of South Africa, helping men overcome addictions.

- Pray for God's guidance in the development and construction of a new community centre for skills-training, and that the builders would be fair and honest.
- Pray that the men who complete the REACH program will find employment, complete healing from their addictions, and continue to seek restoration in their lives.



Ronny Naude, founder of REACH Restoration

- Pray for improved networking with other organisations, businesses, and churches.



The Anglican Church of Nepal prepares packages of essential food supplies for those struggling through lockdown

DAY 27



LOVING CHILDREN

- Please pray for child-focused projects that aim to provide security and stability for vulnerable kids caught up in poverty and often overlooked in their society.

Projek Bali Families

WIDHYA ASIH (PROTESTANT CHURCH) - INDONESIA

A family-based care program to enable disadvantaged families to keep their children at home and provide them with education.

- Pray that the Family Based Care program would enable vulnerable children to get an education and be part of transforming themselves, their families and society.
- Pray for the children, who attend the program from remote villages where there is no educational facility, being cared for by Widhya Asih.



Happy faces at Projek Bali Families, Indonesia

- Praise God for the donors and volunteers who have enabled the provision of food, children's education, infrastructure, staff salaries, and spiritual development.

LOVING CHILDREN

Intsika Community Projects

REFORMED EVANGELICAL ANGLICAN CHURCH
OF SOUTH AFRICA - SOUTH AFRICA

Intsika works with young children who need stability, resources and mentoring to access education and to persevere in difficult times.

- Pray for the Friday Kidz Club to grow and that relationships of trust will develop with individual kids.
- Pray for the many children, aged 3-13, at Intsika, who come from broken families, can't afford school supplies and attend struggling schools.
- Give thanks for Intsika staff and volunteers. Pray for wisdom as they relate to families in the local townships.

Primary-aged children at Intsika



DAY 28



VALUING WOMEN

- **Pray for women in countries where Anglican Aid works with local partners to help those who face rejection from their family due to pregnancy outside of marriage.**

RUTH House - Indonesia

RUTH House is a safe shelter for women who have an unplanned pregnancy as they wait for their little one to arrive.

- Pray for safety for women who are pregnant due to violence, abuse or trafficking.
- Pray for wisdom and maturity for women, single or partnered, being reached through ministries like RUTH House. Pray that they might raise their children with God's priorities.



New babies bring joy at RUTH House

- RUTH House hopes to purchase a site to be developed into a Women's campus where they can provide nursing care, do life skill training, educational facilities and rooms for the gift card business. Ask that God will make a way for this.



DAY 29

AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY CARE - MINISTRY FOR MENTAL HEALTH

- **Pray for the many Australians (about 25%) who have experienced mental health issues in recent years. Pray for creative ways for Christians to reach out to their communities.**

Riverwood Lunch and Leisure Club

RIVERWOOD PUNCHBOWL ANGLICAN - AUSTRALIA

Riverwood Lunch and Leisure is made up of varied programs to develop friendships, fellowship and self-esteem among people affected by mental illness.

- Pray for God's comfort for those living with the darkness of depression, exacerbated by family breakdown, financial stress and loneliness.
- Pray for the coordinators and volunteers engaged in projects like the Lunch and Leisure Club at Riverwood/Punchbowl.

Sharing life over a Christmas lunch



DAY 30

OTHER BIBLE TRAINING

- Pray for evangelistic opportunities through Anglican Aid's projects.

Mission to the Dublin Docklands

IRISH CHURCH MISSION - IRELAND

We are supporting pioneering mission work in the unevangelised 'Silicon Docks' area of Dublin.

- Pray for good contact with mature Christians working in the technology and services industries based in the fashionable Silicon Docks, who can partner in this pioneering work.
- Pray that Christians will be emboldened for workplace evangelism, and that they will grow in their love of Christ and others through studying God's word.
- Give thanks for Alex and Cameron Jones and their tenacity as they build this ministry from the ground up.



Cameron Jones prepares for ministry in the Docklands

MOCLAM - Latin America

MOCLAM provides Spanish-language distance theological education in 14 countries throughout Latin America and Spain.

- Praise God for opportunities that have arisen over the last year to teach more courses online.
- Pray that students would be transformed by God's word as they study, and spurred on to share the gospel with those around them.
- Pray for wisdom and efficiency as staff review and rewrite the assessment process, so students can get more out of their studies.



MOCLAM students from South America gathering in-person

DAY 31

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

With our partners in Australia and around the world, Anglican Aid is working to see churches strengthened and communities transformed, all to the glory of God.

- Rejoice that we are one with the church around the world, for all time. Jesus prayed for his church; *“My prayer is not for them [the apostles] alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.”*
- Give thanks for the growth of the GAFCON movement around the world. Pray for the Gafcon Australasian Conference in July 2021. Pray that the flow-on effects are seen throughout churches across Australia, New Zealand and beyond.
- 2020 research shows 80% of the world’s evangelicals are in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Pray for the raising up of godly leaders who have the opportunity for solid theological education.

A pastor stands in front of his church in Aru Diocese, DRC







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