

confidence in your loving presence among us now and in every moment of our lives. We stand before you as a people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May we be comforted by your love in these anxious times. Today we intercede for our Rector, Father Ningi and his precious family. We pray for the congregations of St Andrew's, Strand, St Mary's, Lwandle and the community of St Michael and all Angels, Zola. We continue to keep in prayer, all who have been affected by the Corona virus on their lives. Give to us, we pray, a profound sense of creative community, as we care for each other, especially those who are most vulnerable. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen. *Pray for Gahini (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Alexis Bilindabagabo; Gambia (West Africa) The Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 31

O God, the beginning and the end of all things, who is always the same, and whose years fail not, now, at the close of another year, we kneel before you, and offer you our deepest thanks for the care with which you have watched over us during the past, for the many times you have protected us from evils of soul and body, and for the numberless blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which you have showered upon us. May it please you to accept the reverence of our grateful hearts which we offer you in union with the infinite thanksgiving of your divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen. *Pray for Gasabo (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Onesphore Rwaje; Gboko (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Nyitsse (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

God grant me the light of Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HELDERBERG

TUESDAY 1-Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon and Religious, 1637

Lord of the past and the future: we thank you for the last Church Year. We thank you for the fellowship and joy of our worship together as a community. We pray for the coming year, that we may benefit from the teaching and wisdom of the church and grow in faith and knowledge of You. We are made in the image and likeness of God. We are created and sustained by the breath of God and held in the palm of His hand. We are loved by God with an everlasting love. We are made by the God of vision, who gives us a future and hope. We are created by God to live a life worthy of our vocations. We are held by God, in whom we live and move and have our being. We are loved by the God who sent his only Son so that we might not die but have eternal life. We are made a new creation in Christ. We are created to be a living sacrifice of praise. We are held together by our brothers and sisters—one Body in Christ. We are made as God's work of art. Amen. *Pray for Seoul (Korea) The Rt Revd Peter Lee; Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador (Canada) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Peddle (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 2-International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, recognized by the UN.

Loving God, we implore your help in protecting our children, our young, and all who are enslaved in the dark evil of human slavery. Help us to abolish this scourge of human trafficking; from our streets; from our neighbourhoods; from our airports, hotels and motels; from our restaurants, our fields and orchards by the powerful tools of prayer, support and education. Guide our churches and parishes, colleges, universities and high schools to be proactive in safeguarding the vulnerable from this evil which happens silently even in our own quiet communities. Guide us to help change the structures that impoverish people, and are a major cause of this exploitation. O Living God, move us to prayer and effective action to heal this global assault against your beloved peoples. It is an epidemic of violence against the most vulnerable among us. With your grace we can make a difference. Our youth, as well as adults, are being caught in a global evil. These are the young, deprived of childhood, of dignity, love, and caring by predators—both men and women—who themselves need our ongoing prayer to change their lives. O Caring God, children are carrying bricks instead of books; harvesting cocoa instead of being in school, sold into sexual slavery, sent to fight wars; adults and children are enslaved in the fields and sweatshops and now, with new technologies, we see a new avenue for seduction on the web. O Saving God, please protect our children and all the enslaved. Be with us as we pray and act to heal this evil. Let us take heart as we see that more people

are understanding the issues and taking action *Pray for Seychelles (Indian Ocean) The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song (Primate); Eastern Oregon (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Patrick Bell (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**THURSDAY 3-Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary to the East, 1552
ST. MICHAEL'S, HARARE**

As the Parish of St Michael, we really give thanks that God still shows us that He is embracing us with His unending love, as He continues to protect us in the midst of many killings taking place in our area and in the whole of Khayelitsha area. We also give thanks to God that we see our children being able to write exams after such big problems of Lockdown. Thanks to God that we have been able to be at this time of the year that had lots of challenges. We ask God to be with us as we move towards the festive season. We pray for those that will be travelling, especially long distances, and also keeping safe all those that will not be travelling far. May our God keep our Churches protected from all evils taking place during this festive period. *Pray for Sheffield (England) The Rt Revd Pete Wilcox; Eastern Zambia (Central Africa) The Rt Revd William Mchombo; Easton (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Santosh Marray (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 4-John of Damascus, Teacher of the Faith, c.760
FIKELELA CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

Lord God we pray for the Fikelela Children's centre in Mandela Park Khayelitsha. We pray that it continues to be a place that supports those that are vulnerable, that defends the weak and the orphaned and a place that cares for and upholds the rights of all children. Lord we pray that Your Holy Spirit would lead and guide Revd Lulamile Mzuzu, the Centre Manager and all the Child Care Workers and staff of the Centre. We give thanks for your work of healing on Fikelela Coordinator Mrs. Beverly Hendriks. Lord You know each child and You know the needs and vulnerabilities of each one, and You also know the answers to each of their problems. Look down with pity on all of our children who are having to grow up in an increasingly violent society. Protect our Children O God and bring good friends and compassionate volunteers into their lives. We pray that You would open the hearts of your people that they may give generously to the Centre and assist in helping the centre to be a home of safety and healthy growth. *Pray for Shinyanga (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Johnson Chinyong'ole; Eau Claire (The Episcopal Church) The Revd William Jay Lambert (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**SATURDAY 5-Peter Masiza, Priest 1907
ST JOHN'S, RUSTHOF**

Sovereign Lord, You wonderfully created us in your image, teach us to seek you in places where we can find you. We thank you for journeying with us in this journey of life. We pray for our families, the family of believers of St John's, Rusthof and neighbouring Churches. We thank you for newly elected Parish Wardens and Councillors and for a smooth Vestry. We pray that God may bless our vision. We continue to pray for our Rector, Revd Luleka and her family, our Parish secretary Rene. May you give us continued wisdom to nurture your people spiritually, in the most wonderful name of your Son and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. *Pray for Gasabo (Rwanda) The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda (Primate); Edinburgh (Scotland) The Rt Revd John Armes (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 6-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we gather together in the name of Christ, we pray for the world he came to save: for the Church, that it may be enabled in our generation to surrender anew to God's holy Wisdom, and bear the good news of God's love to a needy world; for the world, which is already Christ's, that all its peoples may recognize their responsibility for its future, and may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere; for all in special need, the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful and the bereaved, that the peace and light of the Christ-child may bring hope and healing to all who sit in darkness. We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father. *Pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury); the Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano - Bishop of Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

the most favoured as you have also given us your Word in our language to savour and enjoy. While everything around us seems to change outside our control, you speak to us from Scripture in a way that helps us to grow in our understanding of you. Help us as we read from the Bible today to be refreshed, to appreciate in a new way just how richly blessed we are, and to sense what you would say to us as we seek your guidance for our lives in your service. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen. *Pray for Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Gilbert Rateloso Rakotondravelo; Florida (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Howard; False Bay (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Margaret Brenda Vertue (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 27-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Christ, as we remember your perfect sacrifice, inspire us to follow your example and to work with you to restore a broken world. Motivate us to take action, and grant wisdom and courage to the world's leaders that they can negotiate a fair deal for the world's poor. Remind us that you are with us, and that when we live lives of service, we live them in your name. Amen. *Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome; His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council; The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 28-HOLY INNOCENTS

CHAPELRY OF ST. MATTHEW, SIR LOWRY'S PASS:

Give thanks to God for the Congregation at Sir Lowry's Pass, situated in an Area with high unemployment and school drop-out rates. Pray for Sir Lowry's Pass Primary School, its Principal, Mr. De Morney and the many young people who have to travel out of the Area for their high schooling. Remember especially Matriculants who are waiting anxiously for their results and those who will mark scripts and capture marks. Pray also for all others writing exams and those defending theses at this time of year. O God we lift to you Matriculants who will flood an already vulnerable employment market and others applying for tertiary studies. *Pray for Fond du Lac (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Matthew Alan Gunter; Fort Worth (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Scott Mayer (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**TUESDAY 29-Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1170
ALL SAINTS, SOMERSET WEST:**

Remember and pray for the People of God in the Parish of All Saints together with its Rector, Canon Ronald Phillips. Pray for the support clergy: Revd. Virginia Mackhails, Bishop Philip Le Feuvre, Revd. Anthony Castleden, Revd. Loraine von Willingh and Revd. Wilfred Maritz. As the Lockdown continues, please pray for all our Parishioners as they seek to nurture a new sense of what it means to be 'Church' both in the times we gather for worship and in their homes. Pray for God's blessings on Senior Persons in various Homes for Aged Folk around Somerset West: **Robari, Bridgewater Manor, Vonke, Silver Oaks, Huis Marie Louw, Helderberg Village, Camelot, Ebenezer** and others. Now that we have arrived at Level 1, we are able to look back and assess the enormous confusion, brokenness, devastation and sudden deaths that Covid19 caused. We deeply mourn every person who died as a result of this virus and recognise the angst and added indignity with which many Loved Ones had hurriedly to be buried, with minimal celebration of such a Loved One's life. O God, in the coming months bring continued healing and comfort to your broken People. Pray also for God's blessings on the Outreach Ministry of the parish: the daily soup and breakfast kitchens, the grocery and food distribution ministry. We lift to God the many families where a Loved One has lost his/her job, especially praying for homes where a Breadwinner is unemployed. *Pray for Fredericton (Canada) The Rt Revd David Edwards; Freetown (Sierra Leone) (West Africa) The Rt Revd Thomas Arnold Ikunika Wilson (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 30
ST ANDREW'S STRAND**

God of Love, we the people of the Diocese of False Bay turn to you with prayerful hearts and with

us without sin until the coming of your Son. Make us walk this day in holiness, and live upright and devout lives in this world. May we be clothed in our Lord Jesus Christ, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Lord, help us to stand watchful and ready until your Son is revealed in all his glory. *Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world. (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**MONDAY 21
ST PAUL'S, FAURE**

Lord God as we are in the process of restarting our churches, may we be ever mindful that we are still in the midst of a pandemic, and prioritise the safety of our congregations. Holy Spirit inspire us to find insightful and new ways to perform the various functions that constitute the business of Church. As we approach the holiday season help all people to be obedient to those social measures that have been put in place to keep us safe when meeting together socially. May our congregations be examples in the world of responsible living in the midst of Covid 19, while enjoying the holiday season and enjoying the company of family and friends. Keep us all safe, bless us with the birth of your son and fill us with hope for the new year. *Pray for South West Tanganyika (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Matthew Mhagama; Esan (Nigeria) The Most Revd Friday Imaekhai (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 22

O God, creator and preserver of all mankind, we pray for people of every race, and in every kind of need: make your ways known on earth, your saving power among nations. We pray for peace throughout the world, that all may live in unity and friendship in a life enriched by the celebration of diversity and variety. We pray for a spirit of love, respect, and tolerance among people of different races and religions. We pray for wisdom and understanding among the world's leaders and governments. We pray that Christians everywhere may set an example of faith and unity, and bear witness by a love that is a reflection of the perfect love of Christ. *Pray for Etche (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Precious Nwala; Etsako (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jacob Bada (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 23
VERGELEGEN FARM:**

Pray and give thanks to God for parishioners living and working on the farm at Vergelegen. Pray for all Workers on all the farms in the confines of the parish, that they may be treated with utmost respect and dignity. *Pray for Evo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Innocent Ordu; Exeter (England) The Rt Revd Robert Atwell (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 24-CHRISTMAS EVE

Gracious, loving and merciful God, on this Christmas Eve, as the light of your Word penetrates our hearts, as we are reminded of the gift of life and faith, as the glories of the heavenly hosts are echoed in our church, we open ourselves up to your Spirit and give you thanks. We are grateful, Lord Jesus, that your story has become our story, and we celebrate your birth. Continue, we pray, to instill in us a profound sense of your abiding presence, and help us to take to heart the wonder of your love, that we may walk in your ways and delight in your will. Help us, Lord God, to be the faithful, gracious, loving, giving and forgiving people you would have us be. *Pray for Ezo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd John Kereboro Zawo; Faisalabad (Pakistan) The Rt Revd John Samuel; Falkland Islands (Parish of) (Falkland Islands) The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton (Diocesan Bishop) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 25-CHRISTMAS DAY

Father, we thank you for the message of peace that Christmas brings to our distracted world. Give peace among the nations; peace in our land; peace in our homes and peace in our hearts, as we remember the birth at Bethlehem of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of Bethlehem (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 26 –ST STEPHEN

Almighty God, we pause to acknowledge your goodness to us and that, unworthy as we are, you have blessed us with all the fruits of this abundant land. Among all the peoples of this world, we are among

**MONDAY 7-Ambrose, Bishop of Milan and Teacher of the Faith, 397
ST FRANCIS, MANDELA PARK**

We give thanks for the life and ministry of Revd Martha Sam who recently passed away and we pray for strength and healing for the husband Mutile and her children Busisiwe, Tamara, Ayanda and Loyiso. We also pray for healing and strength for all members of the Parish as they grapple with this tragic loss. We pray for God's guidance in the new path that the Parish has to walk. We pray also for families who have lost their loved ones in the Parish. We pray for safe travels for all who will be traveling home during the December holidays. Lord, we continue to pray for peace and harmony in our community of Khayelitsha. We pray for an end to violence, drug abuse, gender based violence and all forms of crime. *Pray for Shyira (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Samuel M Mugisha; Edmonton (Canada) Vacant (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 8

In this season of expectation, we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus into the bustle of our lives and the hard to find moments of solitude. We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus into our homes and situations, along with friends and family. We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives. We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, and we marvel that Salvation comes to us through a baby born in a stable, and reaches out to a world in need. *Pray for Shyogwe (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Jered Kalimba; Egba (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Adekunle; Lafia (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Godwin A Robinson (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 9-Ember Day
ST. PETER'S KHAYELITSHA**

Almighty God, you have chosen the parish as the place by which you encounter us in our daily lives. We pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Parish: in the ministry of word and sacrament, in teaching and pastoral care and in service to the community of Khayelitsha. We give thanks for years of Anglican ministry and presence in Khayelitsha. We ask for God's intervention on the scourge of crime in Khayelitsha and pray for God's healing on our communities. Deepen in all of us a respect for all life and anchor us in your love and compassion. Bring healing O Lord to all who are broken by their life situations and restore family life as the primary source of all consciousness, development and learning. Thank you, Lord, for the abundant blessings you have given to our parish, and we pray that we may continue to serve you in faithfulness and love. We give thanks for the life and ministry of God's servants Revd Zolile Sogiba and Revd Martha Sam who have passed away and we pray for their families as they cope with their passing. We pray for our Clergy: Revd. Lundi Joko, Revd Nonceba Mdunyelwa, Revd. Ndikulu Bavuma and for their families, for our Wardens and Parish Councillors; for our Lay Ministers and Organization and Area Leaders and for all members of our Parish in all our Congregations; that in their life and work they may advance your kingdom and bear witness to your love. We pray also for our Ordinand Nokuthula Gilili as she returns from placement and for our FOV candidates Mr. Geca and Mrs Fani. We entrust to the Lord all Parish initiatives aimed at being God's hands and feet in our community of Khayelitsha. *Pray for Sialkot (Pakistan) The Rt Revd Alwin John Samuel (Diocesan Bishop); Egba West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Dr Samuel Oludele Ogundeji (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 10

Dear Father, we admit that Advent can be a challenging time. We are not accustomed to waiting. We live in a world of instant gratification. Yet, you call us to wait, to anticipate, and to prepare for the birth of your Son on Christmas Day. Now, we are counting the days-fifteen more days until Christmas Day. This countdown generates a variety of emotional responses – excitement, joy, relief, and maybe even panic. Provide us with a sense of calm. May the rhythm of worship and this offering moment calm us so that we are prepared to receive anew the birth of Jesus, the Christ Child. Amen. *Pray for Singapore (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung; Egbu (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Okoroafor; Egypt (Jerusalem & Middle East) The Rt Revd Mouneer Hanna Anis (Diocesan Bishop); Nb: the Diocese of Egypt is expected to have become the Province of Alexandria by this time (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 11**ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We pray that our school will be a place of learning, safety and creativity. Bless our children and keep them safe from physical harm. Protect them from abuse, abduction, child trafficking, and addiction. Guard their hearts from the devil's schemes, and protect their minds from things that are not appropriate for their eyes to see and their ears to hear. Bless them with hearts of compassion for their fellow students and teachers. May they be kind on the playground and quiet in the hallways. We pray for our Caretaker Principal Benedicta Ngalwa ; that you will give her wisdom, strength and courage in these trying times as we strive to be self-sufficient. Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. *Pray for Sittwe (Myanmar) The Rt Revd James Min Dein; Eha - Amufu (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Olinya(Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 12

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for our needs. We pray for them in their needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood. Yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. *Pray for Ekiti (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Dr Christopher Tayo Omotunde; Ekiti Kwara (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Andrew Ajayi; Ekiti Oke (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Isaac Olubowale; Ekiti West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Rufus V A Adepoju (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 13-THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We pray for the church at Christmas; for the Christian family who will be celebrating this festival in so many different ways, and for those who dare not celebrate openly; for Christians in countries where there is persecution; for Christians in our own country, with whom we will share our celebrations; for our Church family. Grant that all who come into our church this Christmas time may be enabled to renew their relationship with you. Help us all to be glad of your presence, and to rejoice at the coming of Jesus. May your blessing be upon all who worship with us, give us grace to live as faithful members of your family, that we may learn each day afresh to love and serve you. *Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury); The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton - Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands*

MONDAY 14**ST JOSEPH'S, MACASSAR**

We give thanks to God for yet another year coming to an end, especially this difficult time of Covid 19, and we remember those who died or were infected. We also give thanks to all co-ordinators who assisted in our Sunday Services in past 3 months of Covid 19 and the live services on facebook page. We pray for the Ministry of our Priest in Charge Fr Conville Prins, church council and all Ministries in our Parish. We pray for all those who were baptized last month; for their parents and godparents. We remember all confirmation candidates not confirmed this year but preparing for 2021. Pray also for our Parish Planning. We give thanks to all who contributed financially during this difficult time in our Parish. Pray for the Elderly who desire to have communion during this time, and those who clean the church. Pray for our housing project in Macassar and all who are front and backyard dwellers for last 20-30 years and also those who are unemployed because of Covid 19. Pray for Christmas outreach to all frontline, key and essential workers in our Parish. We remember those who died because of houses burned down in Macassar and we pray for all children diagnosed with cancer. *Pray for Sodor & Man (England) The Rt Revd Peter Eagles; El Camino Real (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mary Gray-Reeves (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 15

Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep, we pray for those whom you have called to be under-Shepherds of your flock, especially those who were licensed as Deacons/Priests of the Diocese. Give them the grace they need to fulfill your charge; pour into their hearts a true love for the people committed to their care; and guide and govern them by the Holy Spirit that all they do may be for the welfare of your Church, the extension of your kingdom and to the praise and glory of your name. *Pray for Sokoto (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Augustine Omole; El Salvador (Central America) The Rt Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 16**ST LUKE'S, EERSTE RIVER**

We pray for the Priest-in-Charge, Moruti Margaret Heyns, her husband Moruti Isaac and their son McIsaac. Also pray for the Church Wardens, their spouses and families. We give thanks to God for blessing the St Luke's Congregation in many ways. Even though we do not have a 100 people to Worship together after we opened in Lockdown level 3, we are able to just make ends meet with our financial income and a few new members have come to join. Continue to pray for the daily challenges of unemployment, and the growing drug dealing and gangsterism actively operating in the community where we are situated. We pray God's blessing on all as we enter into the Festive Christmas Season. *Pray for South Ankole (Uganda) The Rt Revd Nathan Ahimbisibwe; Eldoret (Kenya) The Rt Revd Christopher Ruto(Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 17

Jesus our Prince of Peace, we pray that every time a carol is sung, a Christmas greeting spoken, a nativity play performed, that your name be honoured and glorified and that hearts be opened to receive you afresh. Lord Jesus, as we await your coming, help us to look for you in the beggar on the street, the outcasts in our society and open our hearts to love others as you do. Lord Jesus, from the repetitive carols heard in every shop and supermarket, to the frantic shopping for glitzy gifts, may we, your disciples, be ready to grasp every opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with others. As people strip away the Christmas wrappings may they find your precious gift of love within. Lord, we pray that your Spirit of truth and love will fill the hearts of all people on earth. *Pray for South Dakota (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Tarrant; El-Obeid (Sudan) The Rt Revd Ismail Gabriel Abudigin (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 18**DIOCESAN OFFICE:**

Pray for the Diocesan Office located on the property of All Saints. Pray for Bishop Margaret and the Diocesan Staff, viz: Revd. Pieter Lourens the Diocesan Administrator, the Social Development Team under the leadership of Charmaine Liddle. Pray also for the various Diocesan Boards, Committees and Councils. *Pray for South Kerala (South India) The Rt Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam (Primate); Ely (England) The Rt Revd Stephen David Conway; Embu (Kenya) The Rt Revd David Muriithi Ireri (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 19

Lord, we thank you for our family; for the talents and good things that you have given each of us. We thank you for this place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded to us this day; for the hope with which we expect tomorrow; for the health, the work, the food and for our friends in all parts of the earth. Please guide us, protect us and equip us, this day and every day as we grow together in Your love *Pray for South Rwenzori (Uganda) The Rt Revd Jackson Nzerebende; Enugu (Nigeria) The Most Revd Dr Emmanuel Chukwuma; Enugu North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Sosthenes Eze (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 20-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

To God our Father, who has given us the grace to wait in graceful hope for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us make our prayer: Show us your mercy, Lord. Sanctify us in mind and body; keep