

exist amongst some of the Parishes We give thanks for the support structure around our clergy and their families and we especially pray for those who bless them with their kindness and compassion and all those who are looking after their health and their needs. We remember the homes and the families of our clergy and we pray that God will watch over them and that his light will shine upon them. We pray for friendly relations between the various parishes. *Pray for The Diocese of Olo – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Western Equatoria Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 30

O God, the beginning and the end of all things, who is always the same, and whose years fail not, we now, at the close of another year, 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 The Diocese of Olympia – The Episcopal Church (VIII (8) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 31

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Wishing you every blessing for 2023

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DECEMBER 2022

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 MITCHELL'S PLAIN

EVENTS IN DECEMBER:

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| 1 | AIDS DAY |
| 3 | CLGB Regimental End of Year 10am |
| 3-4 | Disability Awareness |
| 14 | Schools Close |
| 16 | DAY OF RECONCILIATION |
| 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY |
| 26 | DAY OF GOODWILL |

THURSDAY 1-Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon and Religious 1637

Special Day of Prayer: World Aids Day, recognized by the UN

On this World AIDS Day we remember all whose lives are blighted by HIV and AIDS, and hold them lovingly in our thoughts, members with us and with Jesus in the human family. We remember too those who tend the sick and the dying, those who search for new treatments and a cure...O God, healer and comforter, be with all who suffer and all who strive to end the suffering. May your Advent hope be made real to those who struggle with sickness and despair; and God, when the world's grief makes us weary, help us still to care. We ask this in the spirit of Jesus. *Pray for The Diocese of Nyang – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 2– International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, recognized by the UN

O 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. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Southern Nyanza – The Anglican Church of Kenya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 3-Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary to the East, 1552

International Day of Persons with Disabilities, recognized by the UN

O God, the Father of the helpless, we pray for handicapped people and all who suffer from any kind of disability. Give them courage to face each day and the comfort of the knowledge that you love and care for them. Give sympathy, patience and gentleness to those who minister to their needs, and to those dear to them who share the strain of their illness; and make known your healing love and power. *Pray for The Diocese of Nzara – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Western Equatoria Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 4-SECOND 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 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 The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 5-Peter Masiza, Priest 1907

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF MITCHELL'S PLAIN

In this Advent tide, Lord, we declare that we wait expectantly for you. Gracious God, we thank you for the people and clergy of the Archdeaconry of Mitchell's Plain. We thank God for strong, beautiful relationships and teamwork in parishes and amongst clergy and a special gathering of clergy, together with our Bishop, saying go well, welcome and thank you! We thank God for holding all things together through another difficult year. Thank you, Lord, for the love and faithfulness of the congregations as people return to Church and live out their faith. We thank God for all the leaders of parishes, their dedication to their tasks. We thank God for the ministry of clergy who have relocated to other parishes and the support of retired clergy in our Archdeaconry. We thank God for the ministry of the late Dean Farrell and continue to pray for his family and all families in mourning. We pray for an end to all forms of violence, crime, and abuse in our communities. Merciful Lord, inspire our leaders to find a solution to poverty, homelessness, water and electricity challenges. We pray for safety in our homes and communities as well as safety on our beaches and we pray for the work of the Life-Saving club along the coastline. *Pray for The Diocese of el-Obeid – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 6

Lord Jesus Christ, as you have called the Church out of the world to bring the world to yourself, so we pray for your Church in this Diocese and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa; that all may worship you with a singleness of mind, that all may hold the faith in sincerity and love, and all may witness for you with courage and assurance, for the glory of your name. *Pray for The Diocese of Offa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kwara Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 7-Ambrose, Bishop of Milan and Teacher of the Faith. Ember Day CHRIST THE MEDIATOR WITH THE CHAPELRY OF CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD

SUNDAY 25-CHRISTMAS DAY

Glory to God in Highest Heaven! In the greatest act of giving, you present the world with a Saviour, a great light that shines for a people who had walked in darkness! Remind us, as we receive this gift and as we give our humble gifts in response, that we are called to carry that light into the world. When we would choose instead to stay here with the manger and the warm glow of candles and the soothing sounds of familiar songs, you call us to take the light from here and carry it to those who don't know your love and who find themselves in the cold of that darkness. May the gifts we give empower your church to take this light and proclaim it like the angels did: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" In the name of Christ, the Light, we pray. Amen. *Pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 26-ST STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR ST FRANCIS, STRANDFONTEIN

Gracious Lord, we reach out to you in prayer. Thank you for sustaining the Parish of Strandfontein and for the love and commitment of this congregation. Your name, dear Lord, is on our lips as we wait for you to come in power and truth. We call on your name in our times of challenge and in times of progress. You have journeyed with us, you have carried us until now and for that we thank you. We come to the conclusion of the Church and calendar year. Thank you for what was, what is and for what is to come. We know that you will never leave us nor forsake us, and in the uncertainty of the future, we know that you will be with us. You are our God and we pledge to remain your faithful people. Guide and bless all our people, our leadership, our staff, all organisations, volunteers and our clergy. Bless Archdeacon Cheryl, Revd Cheryl and their spouses, Revd Rodney and Jason and their families. Bless Heaven's Nest, our home away from home for children at risk. Be our Light on our way. Visit we beseech Thee, O Lord, all our homes and keep far from it all the snares of the evil one. *Pray for The Diocese of Oklahoma – The Episcopal Church (VII (7) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 27-ST JOHN, APOSTLE

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Okrika – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)*

WEDNESDAY 28 –THE HOLY INNOCENTS

We pray for homeless people and for refugees who have no country to call their own. Let your blessing be with those who work to help the homeless this Christmas, and give to all of us the determination to help where we can. We pray for people who are lonely, those who are lonely because they have lost a partner, those who are lonely because no-one seems to care, those who are lonely because of handicap or illness. Let your presence be with those who are alone at this season of friendship and may we take your friendship to those whom we know will be alone this Christmas tide. *Pray for The Diocese of Oleh – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 29-Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1170

We pray for all who live in this Diocese. Pray for the Parishes as they strive to work more closely together in addressing the various problems and challenges that face Anglicans in our care. We remember especially the work of the church among those affected by the economic downturn. We give thanks for the pastoral programs of each parish and for the joint initiatives that

and love for one another in our daily lives. *Pray for The Diocese of Oke-Osun – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 21

CHRIST THE REDEEMER, WESTRIDGE

Dear God, we thank you for the beauty of creation, that we continue to observe and enjoy as the seasons change. Thank you for providing all our needs. We thank you for the ministry of Revd Carlton Michaels and his wife Sandy at the parish and we wish them well, as he continues his curacy in Fish Hoek. We pray for all candidates who, together with him, have been ordained as priests and deacons respectively. We are mindful of the needs of the vulnerable in our community and we thank God for the commitment of our caring group. We pray for our confirmation candidates and all who supported them in their journey of faith. Bless us as a parish, O Lord, as we conclude the activities for the year. Bless Reverend Ruth and her sister Rosemary and Revd Desiree and her family. Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us. *Pray for The Diocese of Okigwe – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Owerri Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 22

We pray for our young people that they may grow up knowing love and hope, valuing life and respecting others. We pray for those who are about to leave school and move on to the next stage in their lives, and for those for whom what happens next depends upon anxiously awaited exam results. We pray for all whose livelihood and way of life are threatened by current economic problems. Grant courage and hope to all who face changes in a life they thought secure, that they may see opportunities and take on challenges with optimism. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. *Pray for The Diocese of Okigwe North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 23

ST PAUL'S, PHILLIPI

We pray for the class of 2022, from Grade 1 to Grade 12. We pray for parents to be supportive as well as accepting to our children's results. We pray for all the faithful departed especially those we buried this year. We give thanks for their lives, as well as the lessons we learnt from their teachings. In this festive season, we pray for an end to road accidents and road rage. We pray for a South Africa where all are safe. We repent for failing as a country to build from our freedom, creating a country that is safe for everyone, especially women and children; a country that has job opportunities for young and old; access to good medical care for all its citizens, urban or rural. We are broken emotionally, but our faith is not broken. We are bruised by many things, but we believe without a doubt that you are our King. As we come to the end of the year, we give thanks to all who have answered their different callings in different ministries. We thank God for the marriage of our Rector, Revd Patrick and Mrs Pumeza Tembani and pray God's richest blessings on our clergy couple. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Okigwe South – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Owerri Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 24 –CHRISTMAS EVE

Father in Heaven, the day of joy returns, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Okinawa – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

Dear Father and Lord of all Humanity, during this season of Advent, may we find time to seek you as our true source of Light in this dark world. May we find time to do some inward 'house cleaning' and find more and more space within our hearts for your presence. Allow us to seek your peace as we struggle to compete with our world's busy-ness. May our hearts and minds be focussed on and around the preparations for Your coming into our world. Let us recognize our Creator in each and every person we daily meet on our way this season and beyond. Let us receive Him into our world and let the Christ-child be borne in each and every one of us on Christmas day. During this Advent let us also allow the spirit of the Season to open our hearts towards those that are poor, needy and destitute. Allow the love of Christ to flow through us, towards those that are struggling in this life; especially those that have become unemployed and a family to care for. Bless all who so generously give to the plight of those in desperate need. Bless those that will be working during the festive season, especially those in essential services. Bless the leadership of this parish with the abundance of your love as they discern your will for this parish in their support for their clergy and their respective families. Guide and protect them from all that is evil and allow them to be the extension of Your arms and hands. Bless our Rector, Canon Dean Apples, his wife Georgina, Revd Ashley Ceylon, his wife, Ursulina and their families. *Pray for The Diocese of Ogbaru – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 8

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men. Make us instruments of your will and work on earth. May our efforts bring about the good that will hasten the day when your kingdom of justice and peace will be known all over the earth. Open our hearts to see your bounty, to trust your promises, and to venture forward in faith. May we be confident that your goodness and gifts will ever sustain us. May we be courageous in word and deed for the sake of the world you love. Grant us a spirit of oneness and faithfulness that we may be the Body of Christ. *Pray for The Diocese of Ogbia – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)*

FRIDAY 9-Ember Day

ANNUNCIATION, WOODLANDS

We give thanks to God for the wardens and parish council for doing all the administrative work of the parish. Gracious God, thank you for the successful food fair and harvest festival, donations for NPO's and the poor. We pray for our Mission Week and lay ministers who will do door-to-door visitations to invite people to return to church. God bless our Lay Minister's Training weekend away for the renewal of their pastoral ministries and their Altar Ministry. We pray for all members of the parish and all groups who, year by year, faithfully serve their duties and fulfil their obligations. We pray for our Rector, Revd Victor Jones and his wife Priscilla and their family. *Pray for The Diocese of Ogbomoso – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 10– Human Rights Day, recognized by the UN

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in us a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive our prayer as part of our service of the Lord who enlists us in God's own work for justice. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in us a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in our homes, peace in ourselves. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in us a joy responsive to the Father's joy. We seek His will so we can serve with gladness, singing and love. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in us the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of our Lord. Raise in us, too, reverence for God our Father; gratitude for life, and a renewed and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son with all we have. *Pray for The Diocese of Ogoni – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province) (A Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 11-THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 The Anglican Church of Kenya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 12
CHRIST THE KING, ROCKLANDS

Merciful God, we stand in awe of you for all your blessings upon us. We pray for our church wardens and parish councilors, together with all our organisations; we thank God for their ministry. We praise and thank you for 40 years that our parish has ministered to the people of God. We give thanks for all the rectors that served in our parish. We also give thanks for all the parishioners, past and present, and their love for the church of God. We continue to pray for the community of Rocklands and especially for the housebound. We pray and give thanks for our priest-in charge, Revd Gregory Lamond and his wife Marcelle, together with Stanton Robertson and his wife Gaylenn. May Christ the King continue to assist in our social responsibility within our community, we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. *Pray for The Missionary Diocese of OgoriMagongo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 13

Gracious God, send us your grace this Advent Season so that we can prepare for your coming. Touch our hearts with longing so that we can better love and serve you and each other. Fill us with the hope that we can be transformed by your Spirit and so help transform the world. Give us the peace of knowing that you came to share our human life and redeem us for the sake of love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus whose kingdom we seek. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Owerri Province)*

WEDNESDAY 14
CHRIST THE RECONCILER, TAFELSIG

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might. We give you thanks and praise for your grace, mercy, forgiveness and your all-encompassing love that surrounds us each day. May we never lose hope, the hope we have in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As a parish we give you thanks for the many blessings you have bestowed upon us over the years. We give you thanks and praise for the community and congregation of Tafelsig, that despite adverse socio-economic circumstances, they persevere and their faith and trust in you remain strong. We pray for the many challenges we face on a daily basis: gangsterism, violence, abuse of women and children, the elderly, drug and alcohol abuse and broken families. May the Light of Christ be a beacon of hope to all who suffer, the sick, the poor, the marginalized, the oppressed and the abused. Bless Revd Marlon and his mom. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Ohio – The Episcopal Church (V (5) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 15

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 Diocese of Southern Ohio – The Episcopal Church (V (5) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 16
CHRIST THE SAVIOUR, LENTEGEUR

Light of the world, we pray for our parish and all the people of Lentegeur. We thank God for the ministry of Revd Laurencious Rhoda and his wife Melanie. We pray for God's blessing on all their future endeavors. We pray for our wardens, parish council, lay ministers and secretary who keep things going. We pray and give thanks for the clergy of the Archdeaconry who assist during our interregnum. We bring before God all our organisations and leaders. We thank God for the faithfulness of the people, their deep love and commitment to God and Parish. We pray that a good leader may be found to shepherd the flock of Lentegeur. We bring before God our community who are resilient in the face of many social challenges, that our light may continue to shine and bring hope, love, peace and joy to all peoples. *Pray for The Diocese of Oji River – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 17

Hear our prayer, Lord, for the friendship we find within the family of the church. We are grateful for the support and goodwill of Christian friends around us. This is part of the joy of belonging to the church family. The comfort, peace and love of Christian friendship gives us strength. As we find these joys in our own lives may we also give them. Help us to love and serve each other so that our thankfulness is expressed in deed as well as word. Almighty God, open our hearts that we may welcome the stranger and share our faith with others; open wide our minds that we may receive new truth and understand your will; open wide our doors that as we have come in to worship so we may go out with you to the service of the world; open wide our lives that through discipline and prayer we may experience your power in daily living. *Pray for The Diocese of Okene – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 18-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

International Migrants Day, recognized by the UN
On this last Sunday of Advent, we quietly reflect on the mystery. We rest in awe, in wonder, at how our God entered our world and came to be with us. We pause to receive the gift offered us: that the Spirit of God will open up our lives and that Jesus will really come into our hearts. May we have watchful hope today, believing what the Lord promises us. Let us pray today, that we might be God's servants, that we might be instruments of God's love for our families and all we serve this week. *Pray for The Anglican Church of Korea (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 19
LENTEGEUR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND LIFE CARE CENTRE

October was declared Mental Health Awareness month. We thank God for mental health institutions who joined their resources and organised projects for both staff and patients to enjoy. We pray for all disciplines and community health workers as they continue to educate the communities in all areas with the aim to reduce the stigma and discrimination that patients and their families are experiencing in the communities. As we have seen the increase of people struggling with mental health and Covid-related issues, we pray for Management, the medical staff and all other disciplines as they care for the patients at LGH. We also bring before God all staff and patients in the Life Care facility. We pray for all volunteers in the community for the preparation of the Christmas carol event, We thank you, Lord for the ministry and insight of the Chaplain Revd Desiree Jackson as she ministers to patients and staff with love and affection. Continue to protect her, all staff and all patients. Thank you, loving Lord, for your mercy and faithfulness. *Pray for The Diocese of Oke-Ogun – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 20

God of all creation, we thank you and praise you for all the blessings we have received, especially the gift of your unconditional love, your Son, Jesus Christ. Encircle our families and this Diocese of False Bay with the power of your Holy Spirit. Strengthen us in the ways of faith, hope, love, mercy, peace and compassion. Make us aware of our responsibility to care for your creation, to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are poor and in need, and to act with jus-