



Diocese of Johannesburg

# Anglican Church of Southern Africa

## DIOCESE OF JOHANNESBURG

## FEBRUARY PRAYER DIARY

2012 is the year that we celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Diocese. The Diocese of Pretoria at their Synod of 1919 unanimously approved the formation of the Diocese of Johannesburg. The Provincial Synod of Bishops subsequently approved the formation of our Diocese effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1922. The first Bishop of Johannesburg, The Rt. Rev'd. Arthur Karney was consecrated and enthroned on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 1922 at the Cathedral of St. Mary the Virgin.

Our Diocese was later divided again and as a result gave birth to the Diocese of Matlosane, the Diocese of Christ the King, and the Diocese of the Highveld.

Throughout this year let us thank God for the many blessings that he has bestowed upon us as a Diocese; let us embrace our opportunity to minister to each other and let us celebrate our part in our Diocesan family.

### **Wednesday, 1 February**

God carries His Children - God is great and His works are perfect. Like an eagle carries its eaglets on its wings, God guides His people, and still carries His children today. We must not forget God, like Israel once did.

*Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 10-12, 18, 39*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (formerly Cariboo) in Yukon, Canada and for their Bishop the Rt. Revd Barbara Jean Andrews.

We pray for Brian our Bishop and Susan his wife.

### **Thursday, 2 February The Presentation of our Lord**

The Eternal God is our Refuge – God is always ready to help His children. He is a refuge for His children; His everlasting arms are always underneath us. God is available to you; in trying times He will be your hiding place.

*Deuteronomy 33: 1-3, 12, 26-29*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Missionary Diocese of Angola in Southern Africa and for their Bishop the Rt. Rev'd Andre Soares.

We pray for Brian our Bishop and Susan his wife

We pray for Archdeaconry Region 5 and for Xolani Dlwati the Archdeacon. We pray too for the parishes in the

Archdeaconry: Bedfordview, Bekkersdal, Belgravia, Bez Valley, Bryanston, Coronationville, Halfway Gardens, Jeppestown, Kensington, Malvern, Mohlakeng, Rabie Ridge and Simunye.

### **Friday, 3 February**

Joshua Receives a Task – God gave Israel's new leader an assignment that had to be fulfilled in the lives of His children: Be strong and courageous, obey the Law, do as I command, and I will be with you. You don't have to be afraid, because Joshua's God is also our God.

*Joshua 1: 1-9*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Ankole in Uganda and for their Bishop the Rt. Rev'd Sheldon Mwesigwa.

We pray for Brian our Bishop and Susan his wife.

### **Saturday, 4 February**

Joshua's Farewell Message – Joshua asked the people to love God and be faithful to Him, because God had kept all His promises. God still undertakes to make all His promises come true in our lives. Therefore, we surrender to God completely and serve Him only.

*Joshua 23: 1-11, 14*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Antsiranana in the Indian Ocean.

We pray for our Diocesan Youth as they hold their Diocesan Youth Synod today. We pray for the spirit of love, wisdom and peace throughout this day. We pray that everything that is discussed and implemented may begin with God's inspiration and continue with His saving help.

We also pray for Archdeacon Oupaki Moruthane, the Chairperson of the Youth Commission.

### **Sunday, 5 February**

Make a decision once and for all – Joshua gave the people a choice to make – they had to choose whom they wanted to serve. Joshua declared that he and his house would serve the Lord. The people chose God, but quickly forgot whom they had chosen. Whom do you choose? And are you faithful to your decision?

*Joshua 24:2, 4-18*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican church of Canada and for the Most Rev'd Frederick Hiltz -Primate.

Today, we pray especially for God's blessings upon our Bishop, Bishop Brian Germond as he celebrates 13 years of consecration as a Bishop. We pray that by his life and teaching, God's glory may be revealed and cause us to rejoice in the God of our salvation.

### **Monday, 6 February**

A Woman as Judge – In a time when women were not highly esteemed, God chose Deborah as His instrument. She

convinced Barak to fight against Sisera and Sisera's army was defeated. God wants to use you to let his Kingdom come about earth – He will go out before you.

*Judges 4:6-9, 12-16*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Argentina and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Gregory James Venables.

As the Bishops of our Province meet for the Synod of Bishops, we pray for Archbishop Thabo Makgoba our Metropolitan as he presides. We also pray for all our Bishops that as they reflect on the life of our Province, God will give them holiness of life and the wisdom to guide and direct the Province so that we may all grow in unity and in God's love.

### **Tuesday, 7 February**

God is with You – God asked Gideon to save Israel from the Midianites but Gideon had so many excuses that he failed to listen. Finally God used a miracle to convince Gideon that He was with him. God still performs miracles today, especially in transforming people's hearts.

*Judges 6; 11-18*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Argyll and The Isles in Scotland and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Kevin Pearson.

We pray for all the clergy of our Diocese as they meet today for their Clergy Workshop in preparation for Lent. We pray that God will send upon them and their families the Spirit of His grace and power for ministry.

We also pray for Charles May our Dean and permanent Vicar General and for Tebogo his wife.

### **Wednesday, 8 February**

God Performs a Miracle – With God’s help, Gideon and 300 men defeated the mighty Midianite army. God is still the same as He was in Gideon’s time. He performs miracles in many different ways though not always in ways we expect. Our eyes of faith need to be open at all times.

*Judges 7: 2-8, 22*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Most Rev’d William Brown Turei, Primate of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa in New Zealand and Polynesia. We also pray for Aotearoa Central, North Island and Northern Region in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia and for their Bishops the Rt Rev’d Ngarahu and the Rt Rev’d Te Kitohi Wiremu. We continue to pray for Aotearoa South Island and Wellington/Taranaki in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and for their Bishops the Rt Rev’d John Robert Kuru Gray and the Rt Rev’d Muru Walters.

### **Thursday, 9 February**

A Future for Naomi – Naomi felt that God had made life bitter and miserable for her. But God was busy planning a new future for her. Sometimes we also feel as if God is sending one disaster after the other our way – but it is often then that God is revealing His perfect plan for our lives.

*Ruth 1:8-10, 14-17, 19-20*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Arizona VIII, The Episcopal Church and for their Bishop the Rt Rev’d Kirk Smith.

We pray for Bishop Brian and Susan.

### **Friday, 10 February**

To God Be the Glory – Naomi’s life changes in an instant. God gave Ruth a husband to care for them, and Naomi even received a grandson. The women rightly said that all the glory belonged to God. When God changes your circumstances for the better, He should get all the glory.

*Ruth 4: 9-17*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Arkansas VII, The Episcopal Church and for their Bishop the Rt Rev’d Larry Benfield.

We pray for Bishop Brian and Susan.

### **Saturday, 11 February**

God fulfills Hannah’s deepest longing – Hannah poured out her heart before God. With her prayer she expressed the desire of every childless woman. In the temple, Eli assured her that God would give her what she asked for. Trust God with your deepest longings.

*1 Samuel 1: 2, 5-7, 9-15, 17*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Armidale in New South Wales, Australia and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Peter Robert Brain.

We pray for Bishop Brian and Susan

We pray for Archdeaconry Region 2 as they have their Council Meeting, for Vicentia Kgabe the Archdeacon and for the Parishes in the Archdeaconry: Auckland Park, the Cathedral, Doornkop, Fochville, Hillbrow, Houghton, Jabavu, Noordgesig, Parkhurst, Phakamani, Pimville, Rosebank and Wedela.

### **Sunday, 12 February**

A Covenant with God – God answered Hannah's plea and gave her the son she longed for. And Hannah fulfilled her promise to God – she gave Samuel back to the Lord. Make sure to keep your promises to God like Hannah did.

*1 Samuel 1: 19-28*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa and for the Most Rev'd Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia.

We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.

As Bishop also visits the Parish of St Margaret of Antioch, Noordgesig today we ask that God bless the parish and those who worship there. We pray too for Rev'd Erna Basson and Rev'd Stewart Basson, and their families.

We also pray for Rev'd Kagelelo Mphetolang as he is instituted as Rector of the Parish of St. Stephens, Diepkloof and for his

wife and his family as they support him in this new undertaking.

### **Monday, 13 February**

Remember to give thanks – After Hannah had left Samuel at the temple to serve God there, she sang a song of joy to the Lord. She praised and worshipped God because He had answered her prayers. Remember to thank God when He answers your prayers.

*1 Samuel 2:1-2, 6-11*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Arochukwu/Ohafia in Aba, Nigeria and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Johnson Onuoha.

We pray for Bishop Brian and Susan.

### **Tuesday, 14 February**

A Listening Servant – When God spoke to Samuel, he didn't understand who was speaking to him at first. But when Eli told him what to do, Samuel said, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." God wants you to listen for His voice too, and we hear His voice most clearly in His Word.

*1 Samuel 3: 1-10*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Aru in Congo and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Dr George Titre Ande.

We pray for Bishop Brian and Susan.

As the clergy of Archdeaconry Region 3 meet today we pray for that Archdeaconry and for Doug Michael the Archdeacon. We pray too for the parishes in the Archdeaconry: Bramley, Carletonville, Discovery, East Bank, Florida, Khutsong, Mzimhlope, Linden, Protea Glen, Protea South, Roodepoort and Weltevreden. May others know they are Christians by their love.

### **Wednesday, 15 February**

God Asks Obedience from Us – Because King Saul disobeyed God's commands he was rejected as king of Israel. God still puts a high price on obedience – it is more important to Him than any offering. Are you prepared to be completely obedient to God?

*1 Samuel 15: 19-26, 28-29*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Asaba in Bandal.

We pray for Bishop Brian and Susan.

### **Thursday, 16 February**

God looks at things differently – When God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to anoint a new king from the son of Jesse, Samuel believed that the respectable Eliab was God's obvious choice. But the Lord chose David. People's hearts are more important to God than their appearances.

*1 Samuel 16: 4-7, 10-13*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Athabasca in Rupert's Land, Canada and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Fraser Lawton.

We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.

We pray for our Diocesan Officials and Management:

O God, from whom all power comes, by whose Divine will all must abide, we thank you for our liberties and freedom, for our opportunities and our privileges. We thank you and ask you to bless, assist and enlighten our Diocesan Officials and Management. May they prove worthy of the confidence placed in them. May they be just and upright in their thinking and ever be guided by you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Friday, 17 February**

In the Name of God – With God's help the young David defeated the mighty giant Goliath with his slingshot and all the Philistines fled. You can do anything, if you do it in the name of the Lord.

*1 Samuel 17: 32, 37, 41-43, 45-46, 49-51*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Atlanta in IV, The Episcopal Church and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd John Alexander.

We pray for Bishop Brian and Susan.

### **Saturday, 18 February**

Friendship's worth – David and Jonathan's friendship was legendary. Jonathan was disobedient to his father, and put his own life in danger to save David's life. The worth of true friendship cannot be measured.

*1 Samuel 20: 8-17*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Auckland in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Ross Bay.

We pray for Bishop Brian and Susan.

We pray for our Ordinands and the Anglican Ordained Ministry. We pray that God by His Holy Spirit will inspire these men and women as they explore their calling to ordained ministry. May God also make known His will for their lives.

### **Sunday, 19 February**

David Succumbs to Temptation – When David saw Uriah's beautiful wife, he slept with her and arranged for her husband to be killed in battle. But God saw David's sins. We cannot hide anything from God; therefore we must sincerely confess our sins to God so that we can receive His forgiveness.

*2 Samuel 11: 2-6, 8-9, 14-15, 17*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America and for the Most Rev'd Armando Guerra Soria Primate of IARCA and Bishop of Guatemala.

We pray for Bishop Brian and for Susan.

We pray for Archdeaconry Region 1, for Oupaki Moruthane the Archdeacon and for the parishes that make up the Archdeaconry: Bosmont, St Thomas and St Bartholomew in Kagiso, Orchards, Meadowlands, Newclare, St John and St Mary in Orlando, Randburg, Rangeview, Senoane and Tladi. We pray too for St Barnabas College.

As Bishop also visits the Parish of St Martin's-in-the-Veld, Rosebank today we ask that God bless that parish and those who worship there. We pray too for their staff: Rev'd Luke Pato, Rev'd Margaret Place, Rev'd Wayne Saldanha, Rev'd Earl Neil and Rev'd Hillary Owen.

### **Monday, 20 February**

God Punishes Sin – God sent the prophet Nathan to David, to reveal his sin to him and announce his judgement. David showed remorse and received God's forgiveness. Our sins are forgiven through Christ's death on the cross. By repenting of our sins and accepting Christ's salvation, we too are forgiven.

*2 Samuel 12:1-7, 9, 13-14*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Aweli in Sudan and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Abraham Yel Nhial.

We pray for our own bishop Brian and for Susan his wife.

Today we pray for all those who work in parish offices throughout our Diocese remembering especially those who staff our head office: Rodney Taylor, Ivy Matthews, George Boyce, Olga Raphoto, Tumi Masemola, Claire Holden and Noxolo Sihangu.

We pray also for those in our country and especially in this Diocese, who are unemployed.

### **Tuesday, 21 February Shrove Tuesday**

God Gives Light – In 2 Samuel 22, David expressed his faith and trust in God which gave him victory over his enemies. God also wants to be the light in your dark circumstances. He wants to be your rock and shelter.

*2 Samuel 22: 1-3, 7, 17, 20, 29-34*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Awgu/ Aninri in Niger, Nigeria and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Emmanuel Ugwu.

We pray for our own bishop Brian and for Susan his wife.

### **Wednesday, 22 February Ash Wednesday**

A Request for Wisdom – When God asked Solomon what he wanted, he asked for wisdom. God then also gave him wealth, esteem and a long life as well. If you lack wisdom you can ask God, and He will give it to you.

*1 Kings 3:3, 5-14*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Awka in Niger, Nigeria and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Alexander Ibezim.

We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.

### **Thursday, 23 February**

The Story of Two Mothers – Solomon could point out the rightful mother of a living child because he could see her love for her child in her actions. Observers realised that Solomon's exceptional wisdom came from God.

*1 Kings 3:16-20, 22-28*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Awori In Lagos, Nigeria and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd J Akin Atere.

We pray for Bishop Brian and Susan.

### **Friday, 24 February**

Solomon's Prayer – Solomon praised God for staying true to His covenant and fulfilling all the promises He made to His people. Solomon also prayed that the people would listen to God, and asked Him to forgive their sins.

*1 Kings 8: 22-24, 28, 30, 35-36, 39*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Badagary in Lagos, Nigeria and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Joseph Adeyemi.

We pray too for Bishop Brian and Susan.

We pray for Archdeaconry Region 4 and for Steve Moreo the Archdeacon. We pray too for each parish in the Archdeaconry: Brixton, Dobsonville, Ferreirastown, Fourway Gardens,

Mayfair, Northriding, Holy Cross Orlando, Parkview, Parktown, Randfontein, Ruimsig, Sandton, Toekomsrus and Yeoville.

### **Saturday, 25 February**

Solomon blesses God's People – Solomon spoke to God's people, blessed them, and confirmed that God had kept all His promises toward them. God is still true to His children today, and therefore we can believe with our hearts that He will fulfill His promises.

*1 Kings 8: 54-58, 60-61, 65-66*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Bukuru in Jos, Nigeria and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Jwan Zhuembes.

We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.

We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations especially Jacob Zuma, our President and his cabinet that, ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well being in the world.

### **Sunday, 26 February**

The Lord is God – When the prophets of Baal asked for fire nothing happened but God answered Elijah's prayer. Fire from heaven devoured Elijah's offering as well as the altar. Only after this incident did God's people acknowledge Him as the only God.

*1 Kings 18: 20-24, 36-39*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Province de Léglise Anglicane Du Congo and for the Most Rev'd Kahwa Heri Isingoma Archbishop of Congo and Bishop of Kinshasa.

We pray for Brian our Bishop and for Susan his wife.

### **Monday, 27 February**

Elijah Feels Defeated – Elijah was scared when Jezebel threatened to kill him. He fled to Beersheba and fell asleep under a broom tree. An angel from God strengthened him and then Elijah heard God's whisper in the wind. God never leaves His children when they are afraid.

*1 Kings 19: 2-10*

We pray for Brian our Bishop and Susan his wife.

We pray for Archdeaconry Region 6 and for Trevor Prince the Archdeacon. We pray too for the parishes in the Archdeaconry: Alexandra, St James and St Stephen in Diepkloof, Emdeni, Krugersdorp, Munsiville, Moroka, Orange Grove, Sophiatown, Sunninghill and Westonaria.

### **Tuesday, 28 February**

Just One God – The testimony of a young Israelite girl convinced Naaman to go to Elisha, and after he had washed himself in the Jordan River, he was healed of leprosy. This miracle made the heathen Naaman realise that the God of Israel was the only true God. Your testimony is also of vital importance.

*2 Kings 5:-5, 9-10, 14*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Ballarat in Victoria, Australia and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Garry Weatheril.

We pray for Brian our Bishop and Susan his wife.

**Wednesday, 29 February**

The Danger of Greediness – Elisha's servant tried to steal a gift that didn't belong to him. In the process he twisted the truth, but was caught and rebuked by Elisha. He was also struck with leprosy. Greed is not acceptable to God.

*2 Kings 5: 19-27*

Together with the Worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Banks and Torres in Melanesia and for their Bishop the Rt Rev'd Nathan Tome.

We pray for Bishop Brian and for Susan.

We pray for the Diocesan Financial Board as they meet today; for wisdom, discernment, trustworthiness and integrity to flow in their hearts. We also pray that they will continue to be good stewards of God's financial blessings.

We pray too that God's people of this Diocese will continue to respond in providing financial support for the growth of our Diocese.

We also pray for Archdeacon Steve Moreo and Archdeacon Xolani Dlwati, and all who are working together with them to plan for the Diocesan 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. We pray for God's wisdom and discernment so that the mission and vision for these celebrations will be articulated with great

clarity and that those who will be receiving the message will have open hearts and minds to receive and act on what God has called us to do in support of our Diocese.

The gift of life brings joy to our hearts. We give thanks for those whose birthdays and wedding anniversaries we celebrated this February. May you continue to grow in faith, hope and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.