THANKSGIVING & PRAISE
1. Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah's term of service as our Diocesan Bishop, which was specially recognised during a thanksgiving service on 30 August 2020.
2. The consecration and enthronement of our new Diocesan Bishop, Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung, on 18 October 2020.
3. Coming together as a diocese through online worship during the Pentecost Sunday service on 31 May 2020 and the combined Holy Communion service on 2 August 2020.
4. Making of 3 deaconesses on 26 July 2020 and ordination of 5 priests on 23 August 2020, the latter also included the joint ordination of a Burmese Priest, with the Church of the Province of Myanmar.
5. Launch of Anglican Preschool Services to augment our education mission.

INTERCESSION
1. For a spirit of unity as we serve under our new Diocesan Bishop.
2. For God to establish the work of our hands as we seek to strengthen our churches and fulfil the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.
3. For sustained fruitfulness in our chaplaincy work in schools and community services, and in our efforts to develop our mission deaneries (Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, Thailand and Vietnam) into dioceses.
4. For greater effectiveness in our training and development of clergy as well as laity.
5. For God's abundant provision and our wise stewardship of resources as diocesan needs continue to grow.

THANKSGIVING & PRAISE
1. For the new diocesan bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Abbarow. Pray for his wife, Anne, and their children, Ruel and Naomi. Pray that the Lord will bless him with wisdom, courage, perseverance and good health.
2. For retired Bishop Datuk Ng Moon Hing and his faithful 13½ years of episcopacy ministry.
3. For retired Suffragan Bishop, Datuk Charles Samuel who retired in December 2020 after 41 years since his diaconate in 1979.
4. For God's sustenance, grace and mercy upon our churches despite Covid-19 pandemic. While all churches suffered a drop in attendance and income, church life continues through online as well as on-site church services, bible studies, prayer meetings, cell meetings, WhatsApp groupings and other zoom meetings. More and more parishioners are also learning to give via internet banking.

INTERCESSION
1. For smooth progress of work on the new diocesan headquarters, a 5½ storey building sitting on the old diocesan office land. A ground breaking ceremony took place on 14th February 2020, a month before the implementation of the first MCO.
2. For God's blessings on the future of St Mary's Place, Kuala Lumpur as E&O Hotel has terminated its contract.
3. For continued training and equipping of clergy, deaconesses, church workers and lay members through Seminari Theologi Malaysia, St Paul's Theological College and Anglican Institute of Ministry.
4. For our Suffragan bishop, Dr Jason Sehraraj and the seven Archdeacon in the Diocese namely the Ven Dr Stephen Soe (Upper North), Ven John Kennedy (Lower North), Ven Eddie Ong (Upper Central), Ven Stephen Chan (Middle Central), Ven Charles Fraser (Lower Central), Ven Edward John (South) and Ven. Jacob George (East). Remember in prayer our Dean, the Very Dr Andrew Cheah; the 125 plus clergy and deaconesses (both full-time and honorary), and about 45 retired bishops, clergy and deaconesses.

PROVINCIAL SUNDAY
7 FEBRUARY 2021
Greetings to you in the Priceless Name of Jesus! The world has both witnessed and encountered one of the most challenging times in human experience in 2020. As God’s Church, we have however, much to be thankful for.

We therefore extend our congratulations to Bishop Kenneth Rennis Ponniah and Bishop Datuk Ng Moon Hing, who have both retired as Diocesan Bishops of Singapore and West Malaysia respectively. At the same time, we rejoice and welcome Bishop Titus Chung Khiam Boon who was consecrated and installed as the 10th Bishop of Singapore on 18th October 2020. We congratulate and welcome the appointment of Bishop Designate Revd. Canon Dr. D. Steven Abarow as the 5th Bishop of West Malaysia. Praise the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness to us!

As we celebrate God’s faithfulness towards us, we remember the promises of Jesus enjoining us to remain faithful to the end. Against a backdrop of many troubles and challenges, we are aware that we are drawing closer to the Second Coming of Christ. But the end is not here yet. Therefore call the Church to remain faithful in at least these 3 ways:

JESUS - to remain in intimate relationship with Jesus. Let us hold fast to Jesus in whatever circumstance or situation in life, both in good times and in hard times. “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10b) For there awaits us, the Crown of Life if we remain faithful to Jesus.

HIS TEACHINGS. In John 15:7-8, Jesus said, “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you will ask what you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.” Hold on to the teachings of Jesus, for in them we find hope, strength and comfort in whatever situations.

HIS MISSION. The Church is to demonstrate and reflect the reality of God’s presence, to preach the good news of the Kingdom of God. Confronted with many “new normal”, in order to remain faithful to the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Church, we need new innovations and creativity in preaching the gospel. But the one that endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:15-16)

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.” (Hebrews 10:23)

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe. May the Lord make His face so shine upon you as you reflect His Light to a world in darkness. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and grant you peace.

INTERCESSION

1. In this “Year of Reaping” for our Diocese, ask the Lord to continue to grant us creativity, innovation, and sensitivity as we seek open doors and opportunities to sow the seeds of the gospel, faith, generosity, and kindness in this coming year, so that we might reap a mighty harvest of righteousness.

2. Pray for effective continuity of mission work and ministry among our people. Pray for all God’s servants and God’s people to remain faithful to the call and mission of God to the world.

3. Pray for provision and financial miracles for the people and the Diocese, so that God might be glorified in and through us.

4. Pray for all those who have been adversely affected by the pandemic, the children (students), the elderly, those who have lost their livelihood and suffered loss of income. Pray for healing of emotion and restoration.

5. Ask the Lord to open the eyes of God’s people, to see opportunities in adversity, so that we might prosper in all our ways and be fruitful amidst unprecedented challenges.

Archbishop’s Message

REMAIN FAITHFUL

Bishop Dr D Steven Abarow’s family

DIOCESE OF SABAH

INTERCESSION

1. The Ordinands in training, and Internship Programs in the parishes.

2. The construction of the House of Epiphany, our Training Centre in Kuching - for generosity in support for the project.

3. The various ministries, committees and boards -Diocesan Women’s Fellowship, Children’s Ministry, Anglican Diocesan Youth Council, Missions Board, Christian Education & Literature Board, Boards of Management of Mission Schools.

4. Diocesan Clergy Retreat and Diocesan Synod in September 2021

5. Effective and impactful ministry in the face of Covid-19 challenges.

DIOCESE OF SABAH

The Most Revd. Datuk Melter Jiki Tais
Primate of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia
Bishop of Sabah

THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

1. His faithfulness in providing the financial resources for the Diocese despite the waiver of 2 quarters’ assessment from the parishes and churches.

2. The 31st Diocesan Synod was successfully conducted entirely online for the first time. We praise God for the new office bearers elected to the Diocesan Standing Committee and other positions in the Diocese.

3. 12 brothers who will be ordained to the diaconate and priesthood. We thank the Lord for their obedience to the call of God in their lives.

4. The faithful and amazing provision of our needs in the midst of the pandemic. We thank and praise God for enabling our people to sow seeds of generosity and kindness.

5. The gift of innovation and creativity to the Diocese, for ministry, evangelism and discipleship. We pray for the resources made available to us to conduct online worship services and prayers.

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2. The faithfulness of leaders and members of the Church the past year as challenges as the year was and will be for a while; for all the necessary changes, adjustments and new initiatives in ministry made.

3. Creation of two new Parishes - St Benedict’s, Skrang and Christ Church, Stunggang.

4. For the Ordination of 5 new deacons and 3 priests and Collation of 2 new Canons.

5. For the many years of faithful ministry of Canon James Juhari and Rev Kenny Tan, who retire this year.

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