

Blackburn Prayers June 2021

In the last year we have seen unprecedented events taking place in our country and around the world in response to the coronavirus outbreak. A regular update for parishes continues to be sent from Bishop Philip and the Coronavirus Task Group; those updates are also available on the main [coronavirus advice page](#) where you will also find other useful information and links onwards to further guidance.

In one of the earliest task group updates Bishop Philip wrote that, above all, we must give ourselves at this time to the work of prayer. As the pandemic continues, prayer also continues to be vital of course. That is why we are continuing to open with a special intention each day in Blackburn Prayers. Meanwhile, if you have not already subscribed to receive our Daily Prayers email into your inbox, please consider doing so. Simply [click the link here](#).

Bishop Julian's Bible verses continue, to meditate on and memorise each month as part of his ongoing 'Bishop's Bible Challenge' which is encouraging the spiritual discipline of learning Bible verses by heart. More information about the Bible Challenge [here](#). We also continue with Vision 2026 prayers reflecting the Vision key themes of Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders and inspiring Youth/Children and Schools. We have prayers for National Church Funded Projects in Blackpool, Blackburn and Preston; and we also pray for the Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) in our parishes.

We are now asking for people in our parishes to actively report 'Answers to Prayer' to us as an encouragement to all. For current responses [click here](#) to go to the 'Answers to Prayer' page on the Diocesan website. If you have an answer to prayer for sharing, please email beingwitnesses@blackburn.anglican.org with your name, parish and short report of 50-75 words max. Prayer answered can also be submitted anonymously if you prefer - please advise of this when emailing.

If you have any comments, amendments or updates regarding Blackburn Prayers, please direct them to karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org in the first instance. For more about the parishes in this month's edition, click on the links taking you to either the parish website or its 'A Church Near You' site.

Key: cw = Churchwarden of Vacant Parish
llm = Licensed Lay Minister

Tuesday 1 June

Justin, martyr, c.165

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 9

Pray for all hospital nurses, doctors, healthcare chaplains and allied health professionals working to care for all, that they would have courage and strength as they work, empathy and compassion in all they do.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Vision 2026: That many church members will be inspired by Bishop Julian's challenge to try learning Bible verses by heart and that, having God's Word stored in their hearts, it will equip them in their daily lives.

Diocese: [Chorley St James](#), Rev David Philips, Mr Phil Parker (llm); also in this Benefice, St James' CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray for Bishop Dintoe and his family as he leads the Diocese of the Free State at a time of great difficulty due to the pandemic and its impact, particularly on the poor, in South Africa.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Canterbury – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

Wednesday 2 June

Pray for imagination and courage for those planning ways to nurture new congregations in different communities across the Diocese.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Vision 2026: For our parishes in their work to support and develop confident Christian disciples.

Diocese: [Chorley St Laurence](#), Rev Neil Kelley, Rev Mo Baldwin, Mrs Joan Hayward (IIm); also in this Benefice, St Michael's CofE High School, The Parish of St Laurence CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: The link between Blackburn Diocese and the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cape Coast – The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province)

Thursday 3 June

Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion (Corpus Christi);

Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7, 1977

On this feast of Corpus Christi pray for all those who have been unable to return physically to church for whatever reason, that they would know God's love and receive the pastoral care they need.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Vision 2026: For Vision Champions across the Diocese as they support their parishes in implementing Vision 2026.

Diocese: [Chorley St Peter](#), Vacant, Ms Carol Pearson (cw); also in this Benefice, St Peter's CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray for Fr Lazarus, Dean of Bloemfontein Cathedral and remember particularly the confirmation classes there as they prepare for the service later in the year.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cape Town – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Friday 4 June

Petroc, abbot, 6th Century

Give thanks and pray for all laboratory and research staff as they continue their vital work. Give them resilience as they strive to continue to understand and respond well to the pandemic.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Vision 2026: Pray for the new Director of Whalley Abbey, Rev Adam Thomas and the Whalley Abbey Community as they provide a Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer.

Diocese: [Coppull and Coppull St John the Divine](#), Rev Matt Hornby; also in this Benefice, Coppull St John CofE Primary School, Coppull Parish CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: Growth in links between Blackburn Cathedral and the Braunschweiger Dom

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Saturday 5 June

Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr, 754

Pray for public health professionals that they have wisdom and compassion, seeking the common good in all the complex decisions they make to ensure people remain safe and well.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Vision 2026: We pray for deepening prayer life across the whole Diocese.

Diocese: [Croston, Bretherton and Mawdesley with Bispham](#), Rev Michael Woods, Rev Janet Taylor, Mr Stan Hazlewood (IIm), Mrs Janet Maggs (IIm); also in this Benefice, Bishop Rawstorne CofE Academy; Bretherton Endowed CofE VA Primary School; Croston Trinity and St Michael's VA CofE/Methodist Primary School; Mawdesley St Peter's CofE Primary School.

Free State: Pray for school chaplain Deon Lombard and for his work at St Andrews Boys' School in Bloemfontein. Remember also the staff and students at the school as they work and worship together.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Carlisle – The Church of England (York Province)

Sunday 6 June
First Sunday after Trinity

Pray for all those who hold office within each parish as they look at how to unlock, that they would have the strength, imagination and wisdom to enable each community to know it is prayed for, cared for and loved.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Vision 2026: That many will catch a fresh vision of how generous giving, to their local church, can impact their community for Christ.

Diocese: [Eccleston St Mary the Virgin](#) and [Charnock Richard Christ Church](#), Rev Andrew Brown; also in this Benefice, Eccleston St Mary's CofE Primary School, Charnock Richard Christ Church CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Poulton, Carleton and Singleton and Flöthe

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Monday 7 June

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 10

As schools and colleges return after half term breaks, pray for all children and young adults, particularly those for whom there is uncertainty around exams and their next steps in education.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Blackpool Ministry Experience (BME): Pray for the Blackpool Ministry Experience Committee as they welcome and host Vic Wilson and the Ministry Experience Scheme National Steering Group in Blackpool on 21st June.

Vision 2026: For those who offer the ministry of spiritual direction, and for those looking for a spiritual director or companion.

Diocese: [Euxton](#), Rev Jo Smith; also in this Benefice, Euxton CofE VA Primary School

Free State: Pray for Rev John Hall, who has been Link Officer in this Diocese for 25 years this September and continues to lead the Link Committee as they seek to grow the link between the two Dioceses.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of East Carolina – The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

Meeting: Bishop's Leadership Team

Tuesday 8 June

Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711

Pray for all community workers in health and social care, from general practice to district nursing, community mental health services to those who provide personal care that they would do so with compassion and resilience.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Vision 2026: For men, women and children across Lancashire to hear the gospel in their own language.

Diocese: [Heapey St Barnabas](#) and [Withnell St Paul](#), Rev Alan Hogarth, Rev Gary Bullock; also in this Benefice, Brinscall St John's CofE and Methodist Primary School

Braunschweig: The link between the Lancaster City Parishes and the Goslar City Parishes

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of North Carolina – The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

Wednesday 9 June

Columba, abbot, missionary, 597;
Ephrem, deacon, hymn writer, teacher
of the faith, 373

Pray for the bereaved that in the midst of their turmoil and grief they have a sense of that peace which passes all understanding.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Vision 2026: For plentiful workers of all backgrounds for the plentiful harvest fields across Lancashire and for intercessors who are ambitious, insightful and who storm the gates of heaven.

Diocese: [Shevington St Anne](#), Rev Andrew Brown, Rev Jenny Brown; also in this Benefice, Standish Lower Ground St Anne's CofE Primary School

Free State: Hold all those working for and volunteering with Mosamaria Aids Ministry in the Free State in your prayers. Trudie Harrison is the Programme Coordinator there and has guided the charity for a number of years.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of South Carolina – The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

Thursday 10 June

Pray for local councils and local councillors that they would have the resources and the wisdom to work in ways that build up and support their local communities.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Vision 2026: For a visitation of the Holy Spirit on Lancashire to light beacons in every community.

Diocese: [Standish St Wilfrid](#), Rev Canon Andrew Holliday, Rev Rebecca Feeney, Rev Catherine Gabriel, Dr Sheila Fisher (IIm); also in this Benefice, Standish St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: The link between St Luke, Brierfield and Delligsen.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Upper South Carolina – The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

Friday 11 June

Barnabas the Apostle

As we remember Barnabas, we pray for courage to share the good news of Jesus Christ in ways that meet people where they are.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Vision 2026: For it to become normal for every parish to be planting congregations and churches to fulfil the Anglican ambition to be a 'Christian presence in every community' across Lancashire.

Diocese: [Whittle-le-Woods St John Evangelist](#), Rev Philip Venables, Rev Paul Davies, Mr David Barlow (IIm), Mrs Kathy Bigio (IIm), Mr Leslie Jones (IIm), Dr Gillian Lancaster (IIm); also in this Benefice, Clayton-le-Woods CofE Primary School, Whittle-le-Woods CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray for Chaplain Grant Trewern and for all he does for the staff and students at St Michael's Girls' School in Bloemfontein.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Western North Carolina – The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

Saturday 12 June

Pray for national government, the cabinet and civil servants that they make wise and compassionate decisions to address the needs of the most disadvantaged in society and enable all to flourish.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Mission Partners: Pray for 'Graham and Fiona' returning to their work in a hospital and a college in a least-reached part of Africa. Much of their work involves removing obstacles (rocky soil) and walking alongside people who want to grow into a fuller understanding of the love of God in Jesus.

Vision 2026: For our church communities to enable people to encounter the love of Jesus in word and in action.

Diocese: Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust, Rev Michele Ryan, Rev Caroline Tracey

Braunschweig: The parish link between St Mary's Clitheroe and Schandelah and Gardessen

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cashel Ferns and Ossory – The Church of Ireland (Dublin Province)

Meeting: Bishop's Council and Directors

Sunday 13 June Second Sunday after Trinity

Proper 6

Pray for the Bishops, Julian, Philip and Jill, Dean Peter and Archdeacons Mark and David as they lead the Diocese and support the parishes to look ahead and move to unlocking and resetting parish ministry.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

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Vision 2026: For all future baptism and confirmation candidates to be fired up to be beacons of faith in their schools, workplaces and communities.

Diocese: [Wrightington with Heskin St James the Great](#), Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj; also in this Benefice, Heskin Pemberton's CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray today for all involved in treating and supporting those suffering with or because of Covid. Remember particularly in your prayers those living in townships who may struggle with reduced income and close living conditions.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Monday 14 June

Richard Baxter, puritan divine, 1691;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 11

Pray for all those who are involved in the production and distribution of vaccines, that the vaccine is distributed with fairness and equity across the world.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

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Blackpool Centre of Mission: Thank you for the support and work of the Church Army in this and the other Centres of Mission located in deprived communities across the country. Pray for the ongoing growth of Church Army as they look to partner with more Dioceses to establish further Centres of Mission.

Vision 2026: For us to be mindful of the gifts of God's Creation – earth, water, air, our fellow creatures and that we come together with all that God has made into a common home, a place of thankfulness and peace.

Diocese: [Garstang Deanery Officers](#), Rev Andrew Wilkinson, Rev Stephen Cooper, Mrs Susan Willoughby, Mrs Jean Matthew

Braunschweig: The parish link between Euxton and Wolfenbüttel (Church of Reconciliation/St James/Gross Stöckheim)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Chandigarh – The (United) Church of North India

Clergy Moves: Rev Graham Young, new Vicar of Cleveleys St Andrew

Tuesday 15 June

Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941

Pray for all those whose businesses continue to be affected by Covid restrictions and those businesses planning their response to the proposed further easing of restrictions.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

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Vision 2026: Give thanks for all who exercise leadership in our Diocese, for clergy and lay leaders. Pray that they may have the faithfulness, the wisdom and the joy that they need to lead churches that transform their local communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

Diocese: [Copp St Anne](#) and [Inskip St Peter](#), Rev Paul Hunter, Mrs Angela Ashcroft (IIm); also in this Benefice, Great Eccleston Copp CofE Primary School, Inskip St Peter's CofE VA School

Free State: Remember in your prayers those with responsibility for the difficult financial situation. Pray particularly for those directly impacted by the lack of regular income experienced by parish priests.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Chelmsford – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

Wednesday 16 June

Richard, bishop, 1253;
Joseph Butler, bishop, philosopher,
1752

Pray for all prisoners, prison officers, prison chaplains, governors and support staff as they strive to keep prisons safe as well as secure.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

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Vision 2026: Pray that all might hear God's call in their life and be ready to respond with faithful obedience. Pray that all Christians may feel equipped to live out their faith in the family, the workplace and in their local communities.

Diocese: [Fellside Team Ministry](#), Rev Stephen Cooper, Rev Garry Whittaker, Rev Dr Susan Salt; also in this Benefice, Barton St Lawrence CofE Primary School; Bilsborrow John Cross CofE Primary School; Goosnargh Oliverson's CofE Primary School.

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Chester – The Church of England (York Province)

Clergy Moves: Rev Jonathon Lee, new Rector of Bispham All Hallows

Thursday 17 June

Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936

Pray for those whose livelihoods depend on tourism.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

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Vision 2026: Pray for more lay leaders in our congregations.

Diocese: [Garstang St Helen \(Churchtown\)](#) and [St Michael's on Wyre](#), Rev Andrew Wilkinson, Mrs Karen Ball (IIm); also in this Benefice, Kirkland and Catterall St Helen's CofE VA Primary School, St Michael's on Wyre CofE Primary School

Free State: Give thanks for Fr Joshua Skee, Link Officer in the Free State and for all members of the Link Committee in South Africa.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Chhattisgarh – The (United) Church of North India

Meeting: Area Deans

Friday 18 June

Barnard Mizeki, martyr, 1896

Pray for those who continue to feel overwhelmed by the uncertainty of the pandemic, that they would sense God's love and His peace that passes all understanding.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

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Vision 2026: Pray for more vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life, especially for vocations amongst young adults.

Diocese: [Garstang St Thomas](#), Vacant, Mr Trevor Sperring (cw), Mr David Brewin (cw); also in this Benefice, St Thomas' CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: For new parish links to be built and old ones renewed

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Chicago – The Episcopal Church (V Province)

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Saturday 19 June

Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929

Pray for all care homes, their residents and staff that they may sense God's love and care for them in these uncertain and challenging times.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Vision 2026: Pray for all whose leadership is hidden or unacknowledged and for those who are yet to discover the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given them.

Diocese: Over Wyre ([Pilling](#), [Stalmine](#), [Hambleton](#), [Out Rawcliffe](#), [Preesall](#)), Rev Andy Shaw, Rev Naomi Barraclough, Mrs Nicola Smith (Ilm)

Free State: Pray for all the links between parishes here and in the Free State. Pray also for Helen Ballard who holds the brief for nurturing these links and for her plans to grow the links particularly between lay people.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Chichester – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

Sunday 20 June

Third Sunday after Trinity

Proper 7

Pray for our Cathedral, the Dean and Canons and the vaccination centre in the crypt, that those working there would sense the prayer that surrounds them as they carry out their vital work.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Vision 2026: Pray for lay and ordained leaders who are struggling, for those who have lost the joy of ministry or who feel despondent or overwhelmed by the challenges that face them. Pray that they draw strength from a deeper awareness of the power of God in their lives.

Diocese: [Scorton and Barnacre and Calder Vale](#), Rev Anton Muller; also in this Benefice, Calder Vale St John CofE Primary School, Scorton CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: For growth in links between us in the area of social responsibility

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of North India (United)

Monday 21 June

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 12

Pray for the environment as restrictions on travel and movement are further eased, that all would use their freedom wisely and with consideration for the environmental impact of their actions.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

M:Power: Pray for the current cohort of trainees in Blackburn and Blackpool as they finish their training, and for the right people to come forward and join next year's training programme in Burnley and Blackpool. Pray for the new incumbent of St James' Lower Darwen who will play a key role in the project.

Vision 2026: Pray for all charged with the responsibility of discerning vocation in others in the local church and across the Diocese. Pray for our Director of Vocations, Nick McKee, our Vocations Team, our Assistant Directors of Ordinands and our Examining Chaplains.

Diocese: [Woodplumpton St Anne](#), Vacant, Mr John Hartley (cw), Mrs Joyce Lownsborough (cw), Mrs Victoria Millsop (cw); also in this Benefice, St Anne's CofE Primary School

Free State: The South African High Court and Judiciary are in Bloemfontein. Pray that they might act with a sense of being under God's judgement and mercy; that they carry out their duties according to His law.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Chotanagpur – The (United) Church of North India

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team

Tuesday 22 June

Alban, first martyr of Britain, c.250

Pray for those who are struggling with their mental health that they would find a sense of peace and affirmation.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Vision 2026: For parents that they have confidence and are equipped to raise children who have a living relationship with God.

Diocese: [Kirkham Deanery Officers](#), Rev Chris Scargill, Rev Dr Antony Hodgson, Dr Peter Roberts

Braunschweig: For growth in school partnerships between our two Dioceses

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Christ the King – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Meeting: Bishop's Budget Team

Wednesday 23 June

Etheldreda, abbess, c.678;
Ember Day

Pray for foodbanks and all those groups and individuals who will be providing food for someone today.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Vision 2026: For children and young people that they are able to identify their gifts and recognise God's calling on their lives, allowing them to passionately serve and lead others.

Diocese: [Ansdell and Fairhaven St Paul](#), Rev Paul Bye, Rev Kyle Mulholland, Miss Janet Kimber (IIm);

Free State: Pray today for the Mosamaria Ministries project which encourages the consistent and timely taking of antiretrovirals in the community. This project saves lives but is often short of funding and workers often go without full pay.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Christchurch – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Pakeha Tikanga)

Thursday 24 June
Birth of John the Baptist

As we mark the birth of John the Baptist, pray that each parish would be a beacon of hope and a herald for the gospel in their community.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Mission Partners: Steve and Lisa Haskett ask to give thanks for the overwhelming generosity shown by God's people in response to the suffering in India. Please pray that the relief and mission work we facilitate would be effective in meeting human and spiritual need and hunger.

Vision 2026: For young people's faith, rooted in Jesus Christ, to be nurtured, disciplined and shared within their communities.

Diocese: [Freckleton](#) and [Warton](#), Rev Jane Greenhalgh; also in this Benefice, Bryning with Warton St Paul's CofE Primary School, Freckleton CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: For all who are involved in planning for the 2021 Kirchentag; this year it will be online.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Chubu – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Friday 25 June
Ember Day

Pray that those who need to have a period of rest from their endeavours and time to reflect on the last months, will be enabled to find the time and space they need, and a sense of God's love restoring them.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Vision 2026: For the Youth Provision Development Team's engagement with churches across the Diocese to empower, instil confidence and enable growth in leaders and youth ministries.

Diocese: HMP Kirkham, Rev Fiona Haines

Free State: Give thanks for the Girls' Friendly Society, Girls' Brigade, Sunday Schools and all clubs and societies which nurture girls and young women in the faith.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Clogher – The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province)

Saturday 26 June
Ember Day

Pray for those without a permanent home, living on the streets, sofa surfing or relying on hostels for a bed each night.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Vision 2026: Pray for all schools and academies to be beacons of faith in their communities.

Diocese: [Kirkham St Michael](#), Vacant, Mr Michael O'Brien (cw), Mr Nick Long (cw); also in this Benefice, St Michael's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: The work of the Meissen Commission, working for full and visible unity between our two churches.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese on the Coast – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)

Sunday 27 June
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 8

Pray for the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the central governance structures of the Church, that they would have wisdom in their decision making and strive in all they do to enable and empower all people of faith.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Vision 2026: Pray for all schools and academies to encourage and equip pupils to be courageous advocates for the Gospel, fighting injustice locally and globally.

Diocese: [Lund St John the Evangelist](#), Vacant, Mrs Rosemary Cartwright (cw); also in this Benefice, Newton Bluecoat CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray for Canon Joan Marsden, for her work at Sunflower House in Bloemfontein and also in her work around the world relating to hospice care.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Pakistan (United)

Clergy Moves: Rev Karen Herschell, new Vicar of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury

Monday 28 June

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 13

Pray that parishes would continue to engage imaginatively with technology and social media, to enable the message of the gospel to be heard in new and creative ways.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Preston Resourcing Parish: Thank God for the partnerships that are developing with other Churches, with the City Council, County Council, Police and other agencies. Pray that we will indeed salt the earth and be a source of increased blessing in the City and beyond.

Vision 2026: Pray for our chaplains in schools and universities, that they may be a Christian presence in education, witnessing to the transforming effect of Jesus on people's lives and encouraging the exploration of the Gospel.

Diocese: Lytham St Annes Clifton Hospital, Rev Clive Lord

Braunschweig: All involved in the work for the Foundation of Ecumenical Learning.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cochin – The (United) Church of South India

Tuesday 29 June

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Peter the Apostle

Pray for community cohesion across the Diocese, that communities would pull together as they emerge from the restrictions of the Covid pandemic.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Vision 2026: For the teams giving support to parishes through HR, finance, safeguarding, communications, legal and governance, as they share their knowledge and skills for the benefit of mission as we unlock.

Diocese: [Lytham St Cuthbert](#) and [Lytham St John the Divine](#), Rev Canon Nicholas Wells, Mrs Bev Wells (Ilm), Miss Joanne Hutchinson (Ilm), Mrs Nicola Whitehead (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Lytham CofE VA Primary School

Free State: Pray for the Area Deans and Archdeacons who facilitate the smooth working of so many aspects of the Diocese and support the churches and clergy.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Coimbatore – The (United) Church of South India

Wednesday 30 June

Give thanks for God's amazing generosity that has enabled parishes and communities to flourish, despite all the challenges that have arisen as a result of Covid.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

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Vision 2026: For the support provided to clergy and their families to have suitable homes from which to be leaders in mission.

Diocese: [Ribby cum Wrea St Nicholas](#) and [Weeton St Michael](#), Rev Philip Chew; also in this Benefice, Ribby with Wrea Endowed CofE Primary School, Weeton St Michael's CofE VA Primary School

Braunschweig: Growth in links between University Chaplaincies in our two Dioceses.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Colombia – The Episcopal Church (IX Province)