

Blackburn Prayers July 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. 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

Thursday 1 July

Henry, John and Henry Venn,
priests, evangelical divines, 1797,
1813, 1873

Ordinations: As they prepare to follow God's call, we pray today for our 24 ordinands, currently on retreat at Whalley Abbey prior to this forthcoming ordination weekend. (Updates, including names of all the ordinands, can be found on the Diocesan website news section www.blackburn.anglican.org/news)

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

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: [St Annes on Sea St Anne \(Heyhouses\)](#), Vacant, Mr Bill Hembrow (llm), Mr John Pitches (cw), Mrs Anne Fletcher (cw); also in this Benefice, Heyhouses Endowed CofE Primary School.

Free State: Pray for the Lay Ministry and Servers Guilds' as they support clergy in the worshipping life of the church.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Colombo – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury (The Church of Ceylon)

Clergy Moves: Rev Jason Gardner, Resourcing Church Leader for Blackburn St Luke.

Friday 2 July

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

Diocese: [St Annes on Sea St Margaret of Antioch](#), Rev Dr Antony Hodgson

Braunschweig: Growth in links between youth workers in our two Dioceses.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Colorado – The Episcopal Church (VI Province)

Saturday 3 July Thomas the Apostle

Ordinations: On this ordination weekend, we pray for our 24 ordinands as they prepare to follow God's call. We pray particularly today for the 12 candidates who will be ordained Priest at Blackburn Cathedral. (Updates, including names of all the ordinands, can be found on the Diocesan website news section www.blackburn.anglican.org/news)

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

Diocese: [St Annes on Sea St Thomas](#), Rev Chris Scargill, Miss Elizabeth O'Connor (Ilm), Mr Peter Watson (Ilm), Mrs Debbie Wood (Ilm)

Free State: Give thanks for the work of 'Green Anglicans', who, with their links to Tearfund and the Anglican Church in Southern Africa help young people and students find their voice in tackling the issues that matter to them.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Connecticut – The Episcopal Church (I Province)

Sunday 4 July Fifth Sunday after Trinity Proper 9

Ordinations: On this ordination weekend, we pray for our 24 ordinands as they prepare to follow God's call. We pray particularly today for the 12 candidates who will be ordained Deacon at Blackburn Cathedral. (Updates, including names of all the ordinands, can be found on the Diocesan website news section www.blackburn.anglican.org/news)

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

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: [Treales Christ Church](#), Rev Christine Morton; also in this Benefice, Treales CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Monday 5 July Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 14

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

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

Diocese: [Wesham Christ Church](#), Rev Anne Beverley; also in this Benefice, Medlar with Wesham CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray for the Mothers' Union as they continue their work in support of women and families around the world, but particularly for their work in the churches across Bloemfontein.

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

Meeting: Bishop's Leadership Team

Tuesday 6 July

Thomas More, scholar, and John Fisher, bishop, martyrs, 1535

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

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

Diocese: [Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery Officers](#), Rev Cindy Rigney, Rev Lorraine Moffatt, Ms Jacqueline Stamper, Dr Awena Carter, Mrs Barbara Gardner
Braunschweig: All preparing for confirmation in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche.
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross – The Church of Ireland (Dublin Province)

Wednesday 7 July

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

Blackpool Ministry Experience (BME): Pray for Emily, Jon and Tom on their commissioning service on 8th July as they leave Blackpool and step out in faith to what God has prepared for them next.

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

Diocese: [Cockerham](#) with [Winmarleigh](#) and [Glasson](#), Rev Gary Lewis, Rev Olivia Haines; also in this Benefice, Cockerham Parochial CofE Primary School, Thurnham Glasson Christ Church CofE Primary School, Winmarleigh CofE Primary School.

Free State: Pray for Helen Ballard as she works linking parishes here in Blackburn with parishes in The Free State. Pray that these links may be fruitful and bless people on both sides of the link.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Costa Rica – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Thursday 8 July

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

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

Diocese: [Dolphinholme with Quernmore and Over Wyresdale](#), Rev Cindy Rigney, Rev Christina Walker; also in this Benefice, Abbeystead Cawthorne's Endowed School, Dolphinholme CofE Primary School, Quernmore CofE VC Primary School.

Braunschweig: All who teach RE in state schools within the Braunschweiger Landeskirche.

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

Friday 9 July

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

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: [Ellel St John the Evangelist](#), Rev Craig Abbott, Rev Ian McGrath, Mrs Diane Otto (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Ellel St John the Evangelist CofE Primary School.

Free State: Give thanks for the joyful attitude to giving in the churches in Bloemfontein. As we think of how some churches dance to the offering plate may we be challenged to give joyfully of what God has given us.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cuba – The Episcopal Church (II Province)

Meeting: General Synod; Diocesan Advisory Committee

Saturday 10 July

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 14.6

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

Diocese: [Heysham St Peter](#), Rev Andrew Osborn; also in this Benefice, Heysham St Peter's CofE Primary School.

Braunschweig: For new links between our secondary schools

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cueibet – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal Province)

Meeting: General Synod

Sunday 11 July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 10

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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: HMP Lancaster Farm, Rev David Noblet

Free State: Pray for the boys and girls at St Andrew's School, Welcom. Pray for their teachers and all who support learning and worship in that place.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Meeting: General Synod

Clergy Moves: Rev Anne Beverley, Area Dean for Kirkham Deanery.

Monday 12 July

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week
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Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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: [Lancaster Christ Church](#), Rev Carol Backhouse, Dr Pat Allen (IIm); also in this Benefice, Lancaster Christ Church CofE Primary School.

Braunschweig: All who work at Braunschweig Theological Centre

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cuernavaca – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Meeting: General Synod

Tuesday 13 July

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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: [Lancaster St Luke Skerton](#) (in plurality with) [Lancaster St Chad Skerton](#), Rev Caitlin Carmichael-Davis, Ms Susan Johnson (IIm); also in this Benefice, Skerton St Luke's CofE Primary School.

Free State: Pray for those who work in the Diocesan offices. Give them wisdom and energy as they work to further your kingdom in the Diocese.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cuttack – The (united) Church of North India

Wednesday 14 July

John Keble, priest, poet, 1866

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - John 10.10

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Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for the work with school leavers and children transitioning from Primary to Secondary school along with changes to the church groups they attend.

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: [Lancaster St Mary \(The Priory\)](#), Vacant, Rev Stephen Harker, Rev Michael Fielding, Rev Keith Brockbank, Canon Christine Mullineaux (IIm), Dame Pauline Fielding (cw), Mr David Redmore (cw); also in this Benefice, Ripley St Thomas CofE Academy.

Braunschweig: All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cyangugu – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Thursday 15 July

Swithun, bishop, c.862;
Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher
of the faith, 1274

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - John 10.10

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Mission Partners: Steve and Lisa Haskett ask for prayer that all the various agencies in India, as well as the church, would be ready and prepared for an anticipated third wave of Covid infections. Pray for them as they continue to help churches and Christian medics respond medically, practically and pastorally.

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 will need to lead churches that transform their local communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

Diocese: [Lancaster St Paul Scotforth](#), Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Rev Claire Cooke; also in this Benefice, Scotforth St Paul's CofE Primary and Nursery School.

Free State: Pray for Kelebogile Ditema as she leads the work for Mosamaria Aids ministry at St Patrick's in Bloemfontein.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

Meeting: Investment Committee

Clergy Moves: Rev Alex Oehring, Rector for Colne.

Friday 16 July

Osmund, bishop, 1099

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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: [Lancaster St Thomas](#), Rev Jon Scamman, Rev Helen Scamman, Rev Matt Guilder, Rev Angie Letchford, Mrs Cathleen Dawson (IIm)

Braunschweig: Growth in links between the Education Departments of our two Dioceses.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Daejeon – The Anglican Church of Korea

Saturday 17 July

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

Diocese: [Morecambe St Barnabas](#), Rev Michael Childs

Free State: Pray for all men who are part of the Bernard Mizeki Guild in the churches in The Free State. Pray as they meet to support each other and the churches. Give thanks for all they do in the support of the clergy in those churches.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of North Dakota – The Episcopal Church (VI Province)

Sunday 18 July
Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Proper 11

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

Diocese: [Morecambe St Christopher Bare](#), Rev David Heap

Braunschweig: All who are involved in the link committees for our two Dioceses.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Monday 19 July

Gregory, bishop, and his sister Macrina, deaconess, teachers of the faith, c.394 and c.379;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 16

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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: [Overton St Helen](#), Rev Lorraine Moffatt; also in this Benefice, Overton St Helen's CofE Primary School.

Free State: Pray today for South African Archbishop Thabo. Pray that he leads with truth and love and works always for the furthering of the kingdom of God.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of South Dakota – The Episcopal Church (VI Province)

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team; Diocesan Synod

Tuesday 20 July

Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4th century;
Bartolome de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - John 10.10

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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: [Poulton-le-Sands Holy Trinity with Morecambe St Laurence](#), Rev Chris Krawiec, Rev Catherine Haydon, Rev Anne Cunliffe, Miss Sue Kiemann (IIm); also in this Benefice, Poulton-le-Sands CofE Primary School.

Braunschweig: All who work in the RE-Institute at Wolfenbüttel

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Dallas – The Episcopal Church (VII Province)

Wednesday 21 July

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

M:Power: Pray for the work of the Urban Evangelists and pray for Ordinands who will be on placement; that God will give them fresh new tools for mission and outreach.

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: [Sandylands St John](#), Rev Canon Linda Macluskie

Free State: Pray for the Diocesan Retreat Centre at Modderpoort. Pray that it will be a place of rest and blessing to the Diocese and that the annual cave service there will be an opportunity for unity and growth in the Diocese.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Damaturu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Jos Province)

Clergy Moves: Rev Michael Fish, Vicar for Blackpool Holy Cross South Shore.

Thursday 22 July
Mary Magdalene

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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

Diocese: [Shireshead St James](#), Rev Canon Peter Ballard

Braunschweig: All involved in the Synod of the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Friday 23 July

Bridget, abbess, 1373

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Vision 2026: Pray 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: [Torrisholme the Ascension](#), Rev Damian Porter, Rev Matteo Zambon, Rev Canon Thomas Bill, Mr David Wilde (Ilm)

Free State: Pray for the struggle in the Diocese and wider country with violence perpetrated against women. Remember in your prayers those who have lost family or been harmed in such violence.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Davao – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Saturday 24 July

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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

Diocese: University of Lancaster, Rev Kevin Huggett

Braunschweig: Bishop Christoph Meyns and all who work in the Landeskirchenamt (Diocesan Offices) at Wolfenbüttel.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Saint David's – The Church in Wales

Sunday 25 July

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

James the Apostle

Proper 12

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Vision 2026: Pray for the Inspiring Youth Learning Community, that churches across the Diocese will grow in confidence to enable and grow new youth ministries.

Diocese: [Leyland Deanery Officers](#), Rev Marc Wolverson, Rev Dr Duncan Bell, Mr Tim Burrige, Mrs Dorothy Gardner, Mr Bob Collins

Free State: Bring before God the small business owners and local enterprises which might be struggling as a result of the pandemic. Pray for initiatives, set up by local charities which support people in.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church

Monday 26 July

Anne and Joachim, parents of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week

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Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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

Diocese: [Bamber Bridge St Aidan and Walton-le-Dale St Leonard](#), Rev Shaun Baldwin, Rev Anna Walker, Dr Belinda Hornby (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Bamber Bridge St Aidan CofE Primary School, Walton-le-Dale St Leonard CofE Primary School.

Braunschweig: Pray for Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Delaware – The Episcopal Church (III Province)

Tuesday 27 July

Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop,

teacher of the faith, 1901

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week

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Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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: [Bamber Bridge St Saviour](#), Vacant, Mr David Pearson (cw), Mr Peter Boyd (cw) also in this Benefice, Cuerden Church School, Bamber Bridge.

Free State: Pray for the Sports' Ministry going on through Mosamaria as they teach sports and life skills to young people in the Bochabela township and feed them as well.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Delhi – The (united) Church of North India

Wednesday 28 July

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Preston Resourcing Parish: Thank God for the growth and responsiveness of the creative team to the need to turn digital. We want a God breathed creativity that increasingly facilitates the presence of God and draws attention to the content.

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: [Buckshaw Village Conventional District](#), Rev James Gwyn-Thomas, Mr Gary Miller (cw), Mrs Katherine Buckley (cw); also in this Benefice, Buckshaw Trinity CofE/Methodist Primary School.

Braunschweig: Chair of the Braunschweig Link Committee in Blackburn Diocese.

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

Thursday 29 July

Mary, Martha and Lazarus,
companions of Our Lord

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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: HMP Garth, Rev Dr Rick Bunday

Free State: Pray for the Christian Union at the University of the Freestate. Pray for all learners who witness to God's goodness there.

Braunschweig: Chair of the Braunschweig Link Committee in Blackburn Diocese.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Derry and Raphoe – The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province)

Friday 30 July

William Wilberforce, social reformer,
Oludah Equiano and Thomas
Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners,
1833, 1797 and 1846

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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

Diocese: [Hesketh with Beconsall All Saints](#), Rev David Dickinson; also in this Benefice, Hesketh with Beconsall All Saints CofE School.

Braunschweig: Growth in links between parishes and Dioceses in England and Germany.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Dhaka – The (united) Church of Bangladesh

Saturday 31 July

Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the
Society of Jesus, 1556

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Vision 2026: For the whole community in Clayton House, the Diocesan offices, who through their varied ministries support the work of all the churches and church schools in the Diocese of Blackburn.

Diocese: [Higher Walton All Saints](#) (in plurality with) [Hoghton Holy Trinity](#), Rev Hannah Boyd, Rev Bryn Naylor; also in this Benefice, Higher Walton 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 San Diego – The Episcopal Church (VIII Province)