

Blackburn Prayers August 2021

In the last 18 months we have seen unprecedented events taking place in our country and around the world in response to the coronavirus outbreak. Updates continue to be sent from Bishop Philip and the Coronavirus Task Group as often as required; 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

Sunday 1 August
Ninth Sunday after Trinity
Proper 13

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

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: [Hoole St Michael](#), Rev Ann Templeman; also in this Benefice, Hoole St Michael CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: The link between Blackburn Diocese and the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Clergy Moves: Retirement of Rev Fiona Jenkins

Monday 2 August

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 18

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

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

Diocese: [Leyland St Ambrose](#), Vacant, Rev Patricia Belshaw, Mr Alwyn Carroll (Ilm), Ms Janet Singleton (cw), Mrs Louisa McFarlane (cw)

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 Dogura – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

Tuesday 3 August

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

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

Diocese: [Leyland St Andrew](#) and [Wellfield Pioneer](#), Rev David Whitehouse, Rev Mark Simpson, Rev Dr Duncan Bell, Rev Peter Harvey, Rev Matt Cook; also in this Benefice, Balshaw's CofE High School, Leyland St Andrew's CofE Infant School

Braunschweig: For opportunities for people in our two Dioceses to meet virtually with each other when travel is not possible.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Doko – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (*Lokoja Province*).

Wednesday 4 August

Jean-Baptiste Vianney, curé d'Ars, spiritual guide, 1859

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

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

Diocese: [Leyland St James](#), Rev Marc Wolverson, Mr Alan Johnson (Ilm), Mrs Deborah Peacock (Ilm); also in this Benefice, St James' CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray for school chaplain Deon Lombard and for his work at St Andrew's 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 Dominican Republic – The Episcopal Church (IX Province).

Meeting: HR Committee

Thursday 5 August

Oswald, king, martyr, 642

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

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

Diocese: [Leyland St John](#), Rev Andrew Meeson, Rev Barbara Wilson, Rev Mark Wooding, Mrs Sue Champness (Ilm), Mr David Spencer (Ilm)

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

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

Friday 6 August
Transfiguration of Our Lord

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

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

Diocese: [Longton St Andrew](#), Vacant, Mr Martin Reynolds (cw), Mrs Cath Grilli (cw); also in this Benefice, Hutton CofE Grammar School

Free State: Pray today 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 Down and Dromore – The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province).

Saturday 7 August

John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer, 1866

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

Blackpool Ministry Experience (BME): Pray for preparations to receive the new Blackpool Ministry Experience participants. Pray for them as they prepare to move to Blackpool to dedicate 10 months of their lives to listening for God's call on their lives.

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

Diocese: [Lostock Hall St James](#) and [Farington Moss St Paul](#), Rev Matthew McMurray; also in this Benefice, Farington Moss St Paul's CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough – The Church of Ireland (Dublin Province).

Sunday 8 August
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 14

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

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

Diocese: [New Longton All Saints](#), Rev Dr Tom Woolford; also in this Benefice, New Longton All Saints' 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 Church of South India (United).

Monday 9 August

Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 19

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

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: [Penwortham St Leonard](#), Rev Julian Mansfield, Mr John Robinson (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Penwortham Middleforth CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Duk – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Jonglei Province).

Tuesday 10 August

Laurence, deacon, martyr, 258

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

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

Diocese: [Penwortham St Mary](#), Rev Chris Nelson; also in this Benefice, Howick Church Endowed Primary School, Penwortham Cop Lane 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 Dunedin – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Pakeha Tikanga).

Wednesday 11 August

Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253;

John Henry Newman, priest, 1890

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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: [Rufford and Tarleton](#), Rev Canon Mark Soady, also in this Benefice, Rufford CofE School, Tarleton Holy Trinity CofE Primary School, Tarleton Mere Brow CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin – The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province).

Thursday 12 August

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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: HMP Wymott, Rev Calum Crombie

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 Diocese of Durgapur – The (United) Church of North India.

Friday 13 August

Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667;

Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer, 1910;

Octavia Hill, social reformer, 1912

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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: [Pendle Deanery Officers](#), Rev Chris Casey, Mrs Elizabeth Johnston, Mrs Margaret Taylor, Mrs Anne Scarborough

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

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

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Saturday 14 August

Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for summer activities, holiday clubs and the volunteers that help, that many would learn more about Jesus. Pray also for our relationship with the Message Trust as we build on our partnership in mission for Blackpool

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

Diocese: [Barrowford St Thomas](#) and [Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary](#), Rev Julie Smith, Rev David Hargreaves, Mrs Melanie Clark (IIm); also in this Benefice, Barrowford St Thomas CofE Primary School, Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary's CofE Primary School, Roughlee CofE Primary 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 Dutse – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kaduna Province).

Sunday 15 August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity The Blessed Virgin Mary

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Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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: [Brierfield St Luke](#) (in plurality with Burnley St Cuthbert), Rev Munawar Din

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Monday 16 August The Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 20

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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: Colne ([Holy Trinity](#) and [St Bartholomew](#)), Rev Alex Oehring, Mrs Lisa Peynado (IIm), Mrs Christine Smith (IIm)

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 Easton – The Episcopal Church (III Province).

Tuesday 17 August

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 20

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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

Diocese: [Fence-in-Pendle St Anne](#) and [Higham St John the Evangelist](#), Rev Lesley Hinchcliffe, Mr James Taylor (IIm); also in this Benefice, Higham St John's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Eau Claire – The Episcopal Church (V Province).

Wednesday 18 August

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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

Diocese: [Foulridge](#), [Laneshawbridge](#) and [Trawden](#), Rev John Knott; also in this Benefice, Colne Christ Church CofE VA Primary School, Foulridge St Michael and All Angels CofE VA Primary School

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 Central Ecuador – The Episcopal Church (IX Province).

Thursday 19 August

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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: [Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip](#), Rev Lorelli Hilliard, Rev Victor Sohail, Mrs Lesley Wright (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Great Marsden St John's CofE Primary School (a CofE Academy), Nelson St Philip's CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Edinburgh – The Scottish Episcopal Church.

Clergy Moves: Rev Paul Robinson, Vicar of Leyland St Ambrose

Friday 20 August

Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153;

William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912, 1890

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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: [Nelson Little Marsden](#), Rev Guy Jamieson, Rev Simon Lloyd; also in this Benefice, Nelson St Paul's CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Edmonton – The Anglican Church of Canada (Rupert's Land Province).

Saturday 21 August

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."

M:Power: Pray for all who are involved in the project; students who have been on the training programme and ordinands who have been on placement. Please pray they will find time for rest and family time during the summer period.

Vision 2026: Pray for all charged with the responsibility of discerning vocation 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: [Poulton Deanery Officers](#), Rev Canon Martin Keighley, Mr David Thompson

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich – The Church of England (Canterbury Province).

Sunday 22 August
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Proper 16

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."
Mission Partners: Steve and Lisa Haskett ask for prayer for our ongoing Covid vaccination programme, that the supply of vaccines would be uninterrupted and that there would be lots of opportunities to share the gospel at vaccination camps.
Vision 2026: Pray for parents that they have confidence and are equipped to raise children who have a living relationship with God.

Diocese: [Cleveleys St Andrew](#), Rev Graham Young

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 Anglican Church of South America.

Monday 23 August
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 21

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."
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: [Fleetwood St Nicholas](#), Rev Carolyn Leitch

Braunschweig: For growth in school partnerships between our two Dioceses.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Egba – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province).

Tuesday 24 August
Bartholomew the Apostle

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."
Vision 2026: Pray for young people's faith, rooted in Jesus Christ, to be nurtured, disciplined and shared within their communities.

Diocese: [Fleetwood St Peter and St David](#), Rev Canon John Hall, Mrs Gloria Birdsall (Ilm)

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 Egba West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province).

Clergy Moves: Rev Matt Cook, Vicar of Bamber Bridge St Saviour's

Wednesday 25 August

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."
Vision 2026: Pray for the Inspiring Youth Learning Community, that churches across the Diocese will become grow in confidence to enable and grow new youth ministries.

Diocese: [Little Thornton St John the Evangelist](#), Rev Jane Atkinson, Mrs Judith Robson (Ilm)

Braunschweig: Following a successful 2021 Kirchentag held online, please pray for all aspects of planning for the next Kirchentag in 2023; and particularly that delegates are able to joyfully gather together in person again.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Egbu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Owerri Province).

Thursday 26 August

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."
Vision 2026: Pray for all schools and academies to be beacons of faith in their communities.

Diocese: [Poulton, Carleton](#) and [Singleton](#), Rev Canon Martin Keighley, Rev Lois Ward, Mr Phil Deegan; also in this Benefice, Carleton St Hilda's CofE Primary School, Poulton-le-Fylde St Chad's CofE Primary School, Singleton CofE VA 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 Diocese of Egypt – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Friday 27 August

Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."

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: [Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church](#), Rev Damian Platt

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Missionary Diocese of Eha - Amufu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province).

Saturday 28 August

Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."

Preston Resourcing Parish: We love that we have Anglo Catholic and Evangelical Charismatic expressions of church within our parish. Please continue to pray for Fr David as he leads St George the Martyr, to be "Blessed to be a Blessing", for mutual flourishing and a cross fertilisation and strengthening of both distinctive traditions.

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: [Preston Deanery Officers](#), Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie, Rev Christopher Boland, Mrs Stephanie Rankin, Mr Ken Curphey, Mrs Susan Cherry, Mr Tim Cox (Ilm)

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 Ekiti – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province).

Sunday 29 August

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 17

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."

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: [Ashton-on-Ribble St Andrew](#), Rev James Nash; also in this Benefice, Ashton-on-Ribble St Andrew's CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Monday 30 August

John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 22

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."

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

Diocese: [Ashton-on-Ribble St Michael and All Angels](#), Rev Canon Andrew Evans

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 Ekiti Kwara – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province).

Tuesday 31 August

Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."

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: [Broughton St John Baptist](#), Vacant, Rev Pauline Taylor, Mrs Ann-Louise Robson (cw); also in this Benefice, Broughton in Amounderness CofE Primary School, Fulwood St Peter's CofE Primary School and Nursery

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ekiti Oke – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province).