

Blackburn Prayers March 2020

In 2020 we are continuing to share Bishop Julian's three Bible verses to meditate on and memorise each month as part of his '**Bishop's Bible Challenge**' and to encourage the spiritual discipline of learning Bible verses by heart. There is more information from Bishop Julian about the Bible Challenge on the Diocesan website [here](#).

We are continuing with Vision 2026 prayers to reflect the themes of Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders and Youth/Children and Schools. For 2020, we have also included prayers for our National Church Funded Projects in Blackpool, Blackburn and Preston.

As always, if you have an event coming up in your parish for which you would particularly value prayer, please let us know by **March 6** for the **April** edition. Any comments, amendments or updates regarding Blackburn Prayers should be directed to karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org. If you want to find out more about any of the parishes in this month's edition, to the [A Church Near You](#) website.

Key: cw = churchwarden of vacant parish

Sunday 1 March First Sunday of Lent

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8

These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from 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 our hearts will equip us in our daily life.

Diocese: Preston The Risen Lord, Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie; also in this benefice St Matthew's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: The link between Blackburn Diocese and the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Free State: The Bishop of the Free State, **Bishop Dintoe** and his family

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
The Most Rev Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz - Bishop of Santiago and Primate

Monday 2 March Chad, bishop, missionary, 672

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8

These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me
Vision 2026: For Ruth Hassall, our Director of Discipleship, as she continues getting to know the parishes; supporting them in developing confident Christian disciples

Diocese: Ribblesdale, Rev Keith Fenton, Capt Dave Thorp

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

Free State: The Cathedral Church of St Michael and St Andrew and its Dean, **the Very Rev Lazarus Mohapi**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Mandalay (Myanmar) The Right Rev David Nyi Nyi Naing
Toronto (Canada) The Most Rev Colin Robert Johnson

Tuesday 3 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8

These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me
Vision 2026: For Carolyn Barton, our new Vision Coordinator as she continues to get to know the parishes and seeks to support them in implementing Vision 2026

Diocese: University of Central Lancashire, Rev Canon Andrew Clitherow

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

Free State: The Bishop's Council

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Manicaland (Central Africa) The Right Rev Erick Ruwona

Toungoo (Myanmar) The Right Rev Saw John Wilme

Hawaii (The Episcopal Church) The Right Rev Robert Fitzpatrick

Wednesday 4 March
Ember Day

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8

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Vision 2026: For Whalley Abbey as it becomes a Centre for Christian Discipleship, and for God to call into being a small community of prayer, resident and dispersed, praying for the Abbey and the Diocese.

Diocese: Tunstall Deanery Officers, Rev Nancy Goodrich, Mrs Elizabeth Battersby-Hill

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

Free State: For greater financial responsibility

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Maper (South Sudan) The Right Rev William Madding Machar

Trichy-Tanjore (South India) The Right Rev Gnanamuthu Paul Vasanthakumar

Meeting: Bishop's Leadership Team

Thursday 5 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8

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Vision 2026: For a deepening of the prayer life of our churches, and for those planning Pathways to Prayer events around the Diocese this year.

Diocese: Bolton-le-Sands Holy Trinity, Rev Nancy Goodrich; also in this benefice Bolton-le-Sands CofE Primary School

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

Free State: For Mosamaria Aids Ministry

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Mara (Tanzania) The Right Rev George Okoth

Trinidad and Tobago (West Indies) The Right Rev Claude Berkley

Truro (England) The Right Rev Philip Mounstephen

Clergy Moves: Rev Christopher Casey, Vicar to Worsthorne St John the

Evangelist

Friday 6 March
Ember Day

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8

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Vision 2026: For churches using our Generosity, Gift and Grace course, that many will catch a fresh vision of how generous giving to their local church can impact their community for Christ.

Diocese: Carnforth Christ Church, Rev Canon Stephen Jones; also in this benefice Carnforth Christ Church CofE VA Primary School

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

Free State: For the link between our two Dioceses

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Maralal (Kenya) The Right Rev Jacob Lesuuda

Tuam, Killala and Achonry (Ireland) The Right Rev Patrick William Rooke

Saturday 7 March
Perpetua, Felicity and
companions, martyrs, 203;
Ember Day

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8

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Blackpool Ministry Experience: 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 23rd and 24th March.

Diocese: Caton with Littledale St Paul in plurality with Over Kellet St Cuthbert, Rev Paul Boulter; also in this benefice St Paul's CofE Primary School and Over Kellet Wilson's Endowed CofE Primary School

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

Free State: For the President of the Republic of South Africa

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Marathwada (North India) The Right Rev Madhukar Kasab

Twic East (South Sudan) The Right Rev Ezekiel Diing Ajang Malangdit

Hereford (England) The Right Rev Richard Frith

Meeting: Bishop's Council and Directors

Sunday 8 March
Second Sunday of Lent

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8

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

Diocese: East Lonsdale, Rev Mark Cannon, Rev Canon Sue Williams; also in this benefice Tatham Fells CofE Primary School, Leck St Peter's CofE Primary School, Melling St Wilfrid CofE Primary School, Wray with Botton Endowed Primary School

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah

Free State: For the urban poor in the townships

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

The Most Rev Zacharie Masimango Katanda - Archbishop of the Congo and Bishop of Kindu

Monday 9 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8

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Vision 2026: For plentiful workers of all backgrounds for the plentiful harvest fields across Lancashire.

Diocese: Hornby with Claughton and Whittington with Arkholme and Gressingham, Rev Michael Hampson, Rev Judith Smith; also in the benefice Arkholme CofE Primary School, Hornby St Margaret's CofE Primary School

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

Free State: For Fr Joshua Skee, the Free State Link Officer

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Maridi (South Sudan) The Right Rev Moses Zungo Udi (Nigeria) The Right Rev Chjioke Augustine Aneke

Highveld (Southern Africa) The Right Rev Charles Mthetheleli May

Tuesday 10 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8

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

Diocese: Silverdale St John, Rev Mary Ashton; also in this benefice Silverdale St John's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School

Braunschweig: Growth in links in the area of Social Responsibility

Free State: For those engaged with the Church Schools in Welkom and Bloemfontein

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Ughelli (Nigeria) The Right Rev Cyril Odotemu Ho (West Africa) The Right Rev Matthias Mededues-Badohu

Wednesday 11 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

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: Slyne with Hest St Luke and Halton St Wilfrid with Aughton St Saviour, Rev Susan Seed; also in this benefice Slyne with Hest St Luke's CofE Primary School, Halton St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: The theological discussions between our two Dioceses

Free State: For the Parish Clergy, the Self-Supporting ministers and Lay Ministers

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Marsabit (Kenya) The Right Rev Daniel Qampicha Ukhahlamba (Southern Africa) The Right Rev Moses Madywab

Meeting: Area Deans' Meeting

Thursday 12 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

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

Diocese: Warton St Oswald with Yealand Conyers St John, Rev Robin Figg; also in this benefice Warton Archbishop Hutton's VC Primary School

Braunschweig: All who are involved in the next Kirchentag in Dortmund 2019

Free State: For the work of the Mothers' Union

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Maryland (The Episcopal Church) The Right Rev Eugene Sutton

Ukwa (Nigeria) The Right Rev Samuel Kelechi Eze

Umuahia (Nigeria) The Most Rev Ikechi Nwachukwu Nwosu

Friday 13 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

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

Diocese: Whalley Deanery Officers, Rev Jonathan Carmyllie, Rev Andrew Froud, Mr David Holt, Mr Miles Leadbeater

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

Free State: For the St Agnes Guild

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Masasi (Tanzania) The Right Rev James Almasi Upper Shire (Central Africa) The Right Rev Brighton Vitta Mala

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Saturday 14 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Romans 1.16

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Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for doors to open and relationships with the local schools; Boundary Primary School, Layton Primary School, Christ the King Primary Academy, Staining C of E Primary School, Highfurlong Community Special School, Blackpool Aspire Academy and Blackpool 6th.

Diocese: Balderstone, Mellor and Sablesbury, Vacant, Mr Peter Singleton (cw), Mr Eric Mather (cw), Ms Betty Green (cw), Mr Len Redmayne (cw), Mr John Eastham (cw); St Leonard's CofE VA Primary School, St Mary's CofE Primary School, Sablesbury CofE School

Braunschweig: All involved in the work for the Foundation of Ecumenical Learning, including those serving in Blackpool

Free State: For the Guild of St Bernard Mizeki

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Maseno East (Kenya) The Right Rev Joshua Owiti Upper South Carolina (The Episcopal Church) The Right Rev Andrew Waldo Hokkaido (Japan) The Most Rev Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu (Primate)

Sunday 15 March Third Sunday of Lent

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

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: Bowland, Rev Mark Williams; also in this benefice Bolton-by-Bowland CofE Primary School, Grindleton CofE VA Primary School

Braunschweig: Growth in links between University Chaplaincies in our two Dioceses; Growth in school partnerships between our two Dioceses

Free State: For the judiciary based in Bloemfontein

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of England
The Most Rev and Right Hon Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury

Monday 16 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

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: Chipping St Bartholomew, Rev Fiona Jenkins; also in this benefice Chipping Brabins Endowed School

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

Free State: For the Archbishop of the Province of Southern Africa

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Maseno North (Kenya) The Right Rev Charles Kaskan Asilutwa

Utah (The Episcopal Church) The Right Rev Scott Hayashi

Honduras (The Episcopal Church) The Right Rev Lloyd Allen

Meeting: Bishop's Appointment Team

Tuesday 17 March

Patrick, bishop, missionary,
Patron of Ireland, c.460

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

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

Diocese: Clitheroe Chatburn and Downham, Rev Andrew Froud, Rev Catherine Hale-Heighway; also in this benefice Chatburn CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens

Free State: For Chaplains

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Maseno South (Kenya) The Right Rev Charles Ong'injo

Uyo (Nigeria) The Right Rev Prince Asukwo Antai

Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong) The Most Rev Paul Kwong (Primate)

Wednesday 18 March

Cyril, bishop, teacher of the
faith, 386

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

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

Diocese: Clitheroe St James, Rev Mark Pickett, Rev Ian Sarginson; also in this benefice St James' CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All preparing for confirmation in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Free State: For all victims of crime

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Maseno West (Kenya) The Right Rev Joseph Wasonga

Valparaiso (Chile) The Right Rev Samuel Morrison

Clergy Moves: Rev Shaun Baldwin, Vicar to Walton-le-Dale St Leonard

Thursday 19 March Joseph of Nazareth

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Romans 1.16

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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 Harwood St Bartholomew and St John, Rev Graham Birch; also in this benefice St Bartholomew's CofE VA Primary School, St John's CofE Primary School

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

Free State: For those engaged in youth work across the Free State

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Masindi-Kitara (Uganda) The Right Rev George Kasangaki

Vanuatu (Melanesia) The Rev James Tama

Vermont (The Episcopal Church) The Right Rev Thomas Ely

Friday 20 March

Cuthbert, bishop, missionary,
687

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Romans 1.16

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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: Ribchester St Wilfrid (held in plurality with) Hurst Green and Mitton, Rev Canon Brian McConkey, Rev Karen Herschell; also in this benefice Ribchester St Wilfrid's CofE VA Primary School

Braunschweig: For new links between our secondary schools

Free State: For our linked parishes

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church) The Right Rev Alan McIntosh Gates

Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania) Vacant

Saturday 21 March

Thomas Cranmer,
archbishop, Reformation
martyr, 1556

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land

M:Power: Pray for the M:Power work at Over Darwen and for the Urban Evangelist Rob McGibbon. Pray for Rob as he ploughs the ground ready to plant the seed of the gospel especially via the new congregation in the Reachout Centre located in the middle of the estate.

Diocese: Langho St Leonard, Rev Tracy Swindells; also in this benefice Lango and Billington St Leonard's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All who work at Braunschweig Theological Centre

Free State: For **Canon John Hall**, Commissary to the Bishop of the Free State

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Masvingo (Central Africa) The Right Rev Godfrey Tawonezwi

Virgin Islands (The Episcopal Church) The Right Rev Ambrose Gumbs

Hpa-an (Myanmar) The Right Rev Saw Mark Maung Doe

Meeting: Diocesan Synod

Sunday 22 March

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land

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

Diocese: Read St John and Simonstone St Peter, Rev Robert Fielding; also in this benefice Read St John's CofE Primary School, Simonstone St Peter's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre

Free State: For the Blackburn Link Committee

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
The Most Rev Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and
Bishop of Hong Kong Island

Monday 23 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land

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: Rishton St Peter and St Paul, Rev Christopher Holden; also in this benefice Rishton St Peter's and St Paul's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: Chair of the Braunschweig Link Committee in Blackburn Diocese

Free State: For the Cathedral Staff and members of the Diocesan Office

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Matabeleland (Central Africa) The Right Rev Cleophas Lunga

Virginia (The Episcopal Church) The Right Rev Shannon Johnston

Huron (Canada) Vacant

Clergy Moves: Rev Carol Backhouse, Vicar to Lancaster Christ Church

Tuesday 24 March

Walter Hilton, mystic, 1396;

Paul Couturier, priest, ecumenist, 1953;

Oscar Romero, archbishop, martyr, 1980

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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

Diocese: Salesbury St Peter, Rev Martin Duerden, Rev Sam Cheesman; also in this benefice Salesbury CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: Ralph Ohainski, Chair of the Blackburn Link Committee in Braunschweig

Free State: For the Fellowship of Vocation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Matana (Burundi) The Right Rev Seth Ndayirukiye Wad Medani (Sudan) The Right Rev Saman Farajalla Mahdi

Hyderabad (Pakistan) The Right Rev Kaleem John

Wednesday 25 March Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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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: Waddington, Rev Christopher Wood; also in this benefice Waddington and West Bradford CofE VA Primary School

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

Free State: For the Anglican Women's Fellowship

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Matlosane (formerly Klerksdorp) (Southern Africa) The Right Rev Stephen Diseko

Waiapu (Aotearoa NZ and Polynesia) The Right Rev Andrew Hedge

Thursday 26 March

Harriet Monsell, founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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Diocese: West Pendleside, Rev Jonathan Carmyllie, Rev Jane Lee; also in this benefice Whalley CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All involved in the Synod of the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Free State: For all Archdeacons and their respective Archdeaconries

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Mauritius (Indian Ocean) Vacant

Waikato and Taranaki (Aotearoa NZ and Polynesia) The Most Rev Philip Richardson (Primate)

Wangaratta (Australia) The Right Rev John Parkes

Friday 27 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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

Diocese: Whitewell St Michael, Vacant, Mr Nick Millward (cw)

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

Free State: For all school Chaplains

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Mbaise (Nigeria) The Right Rev Chamberlain Chinedu Ogunedo

Warri (Nigeria) The Right Rev Christian Ezezi Ide

Saturday 28 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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Preston Resourcing Parish: As we get out on the streets to engage with people, we find people saying 'yes' to Alpha and showing up on Sunday. Pray for an increase in curiosity and hunger and for people to know the amazing presence of Christ.

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

Diocese: Accrington Deanery Officers, Rev Ian Enticott, Rev Stephen Brown, Mrs Denise Taylor, Mrs Wendy Papworth

Braunschweig: Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer

Free State: For all involved in Ordination training

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Mbale (Uganda) The Right Rev Patrick Gidudu

Washington (The Episcopal Church) The Right Rev Mariann Edgar Budde

Ibadan (Nigeria) The Most Rev Joseph Akinfenwa

Ibadan North (Nigeria) The Right Rev Segun Okubadejo

Ibadan South (Nigeria) The Right Rev Akintunde Popoola

Sunday 29 March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passiontide begins

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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

Diocese: Accrington St John with Huncoat St Augustine, Rev Hugh Scriven; also in this benefice St John with St Augustine CofE Primary School

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

Free State: For Bishop Tom and Bishop Paddy, former Bishops of the Diocese.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Season of Prayer and Repentance

Monday 30 March

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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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: Accrington Christ Church, Rev Ian Enticott, Rev Paul McNally

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

Free State: For all engaged in national and local politics

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Mbamili (Nigeria) The Right Rev Henry Okeke Wau (South Sudan) The Most Rev Moses Deng Bol

Ibba (South Sudan) The Right Rev Wilson Elias Kamani

Meeting: Bishop's Leadership Team

Tuesday 31 March

John Donne, priest, poet,
1631

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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Vision 2026: For the whole community at the Diocesan Offices in Clayton House who through their varied ministries support the work of all the churches in the Diocese of Blackburn.

Diocese: Accrington St James and St Paul, Rev Ian Enticott

Braunschweig: For new parish links to be built or old ones renewed with our two companion Dioceses

Free State: For all at the Diocesan office in Bloemfontein and in the Retreat House at Modderport

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Mbeere (Kenya) The Right Rev Moses Masamba Nthukah

Wellington (Aotearoa NZ and Polynesia) The Right Rev Justin Duckworth
Idah (Nigeria) The Right Rev Joseph Musa