

Blackburn Prayers June 2020

Since March we have seen unprecedented events taking place in our country and around the world in response to the coronavirus outbreak. A Daily Update for parishes is being sent from Bishop Philip and the coronavirus task group; they are also available each day on the main [coronavirus advice page](#). Bishop Philip wrote in one of those Daily Updates that, above all, we must give ourselves at this time to the work of prayer. That is why you will notice we have introduced a special intention each day in Blackburn Prayers to help us to pray into the current crisis. Meanwhile, if you have not subscribed to receive our Daily Prayers email into your inbox, now may be the time to do so. Simply [click the link here](#).

We also continue to share Bishop Julian's Bible verses to meditate on and memorise each month as part of his 'Bishop's Bible Challenge' to encourage the spiritual discipline of learning Bible verses by heart. More information about the Bible Challenge [here](#). We also continue with Vision 2026 prayers reflecting Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders and Youth/Children and Schools and prayers for our National Church Funded Projects in Blackpool, Blackburn and Preston.

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

Key: cw = churchwarden of vacant parish

Monday 1 June
Visit of the Blessed Virgin
Mary to Elizabeth

As we remember the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth and the support they were able to give each other, pray for all those who are unable to physically visit those they care about. We pray that each community and church family would be a source of hope and support those who feel isolated and alone at this time.

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 our hearts will equip us in our daily life.

Diocese: [Shevington St Anne](#), Rev Andrew Brown, Rev Jenny Brown; also in this Benefice Standish Lower Ground St Anne'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: Nebraska (The Episcopal Church) The Rev Scott Barker

Akot (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Isaac Dhieu Ater

Irele - Eseodo (Nigeria) Vacant

Tuesday 2 June

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 9

Pray for all who work in our hospitals. Those on the frontline, nurses, doctors, healthcare chaplains and allied health professionals and those who work behind the scenes to support their work. Pray that they would have courage and strength as they work, as well as 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: For Ruth Hassall, our Director of Discipleship, as she continues getting to know the parishes; supporting them in developing confident Christian disciples

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

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: Nelson (Aotearoa NZ and Polynesia) The Rt Rev Steve Maina

Akure (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Simeon Borokini

Isial-Ngwa South (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Isaac Nwaobia

Wednesday 3 June

Martyrs of Uganda 1885-7,
1977

Give thanks for those who stand up for justice and pray for all those who serve our communities by keeping them safe, from the police, to those who collect the bins and keep public transport running to those elected to serve on our local and county councils.

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 Carolyn Barton, our Vision Coordinator as she continues to get to know the parishes and seeks to support them in implementing Vision 2026

Diocese: [Whittle-le-Woods St John Evangelist](#), Rev Philip Venables, Rev Paul Davies; also in this Benefice Clayton-le-Woods CofE Primary School, Whittle-le-Woods CofE Primary School

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

Free State: The Bishop's Council

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Nevada (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Dan Edwards

Alabama (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev John McKee Sloan

Thursday 4 June

Petroc, abbot, 6th century

Pray and give thanks for all those key workers who help to keep day to day life running: from those who deliver post and food to those who enable the delivery of medicines and other vital supplies to our communities.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 17.3

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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: Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust, Rev Caroline Tracey

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

Free State: For greater financial responsibility

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: New Busa (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Israel Amoo

Alaska (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Mark Lattime

Albany (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev William Love

Friday 5 June

Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr, 754

Give thanks and pray for all those who are volunteering in our communities; especially those who support the vulnerable and those who make or provide supplies of food or equipment to key workers.

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

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

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

Free State: For Mosamaria Aids Ministry

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: New Guinea Islands, The (Papua New Guinea) Dennis Kabekabe

Algoma (Canada) The Rt Rev Anne Germond

Saturday 6 June

Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

Pray for all those who live and work in care homes or sheltered housing complexes. Pray for safety for all and that those who work to care for residents would have compassion and wisdom as they work.

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 churches using the 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: [Garstang Deanery Officers](#), Rev Andrew Wilkinson, Rev Stephen Cooper, Mr Douglas Willoughby, Mrs Susan Willoughby, Mrs Jean Matthew

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: New Hampshire (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Robert Hirschfeld

All Saints Cathedral Diocese (Kenya) The Most Rev Jackson Ole Sapit (Primate) Isikwuato (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Manasses Chijiokem Okere

Sunday 7 June Trinity Sunday

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, pray for those who are being asked to self-isolate that they would sense the care of their community around them and God's peace in the midst of uncertainty.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 17.3

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Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for leaders of Ministry Experience Schemes in other Dioceses.

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

Diocese: [Copp St Anne](#) and [Inskip St Peter](#), Rev Canon Dr Simon Cox, Rev Paul Hunter; also in this Benefice Great Eccleston Copp CofE Primary School, Inskip St Peter's CofE VA 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: Pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico The Most Rev Francisco Moreno - Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico and Bishop of Northern Mexico

Monday 8 June

Thomas Ken, bishop,
nonjuror, hymn writer,
1711;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 10

Pray for all schools across the Diocese; their head teachers, teaching staff and support staff as they work to keep children learning and connected with each other. Give thanks for all the staff working within the Diocesan Board of Education. Continue to bless and inspire them as they provide resources for schools and families.

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: [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

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah

Free State: For the urban poor in the townships

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: New Jersey (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev William Stokes

Amazon (Brazil) The Rt Rev Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto

Jabalpur (North India) The Most Rev Dr Prem Chand Singh

Tuesday 9 June

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

Give thanks and pray for all research and laboratory staff as they process essential tests and develop new tests. Give them resilience as they strive to understand more about the virus. Inspire their thinking around new ways of approaching the virus.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 17.3

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

Diocese: [Garstang St Helen \(Churchtown\)](#) and [St Michael's on Wyre](#), Rev Andrew Wilkinson; also in this Benefice Kirkland and Catterall St Helen's CofE VA Primary School, St Michael's on Wyre 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: New Westminster (Canada) The Most Rev Melissa Skelton

Amichi (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Ephraim Ikeakor

Jaffna (South India) The Rt Rev Daniel Selvaratnam Thiagarajah

Wednesday 10 June

Pray for all those involved in ensuring communication networks function and those who work in administration to keep essential services running smoothly. That they would feel valued in the vital work they do and to be able to work safely and diligently.

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: [Garstang St Thomas](#), Rev John Griffiths; also in this Benefice Garstang St Thomas CofE 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: New York (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Andrew Dietsche

Amritsar (North India) The Most Rev Dr Pradeep Samantaroy

Thursday 11 June
Day of Thanksgiving for
the Institution of the holy
Communion;
Barnabas the Apostle

Pray for public health professionals and all in positions of influence that they would have wisdom and compassion as they analyse statistics and research. That they would seek the common good in all complex and difficult decisions they need to make at this time.

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: Over Wyre ([Out Rawcliffe](#), [Hambleton](#), [Stalmine](#), [Preesall](#), [Pilling](#)), Rev Andy Shaw, Rev Naomi Barraclough; also in this Benefice Fleetwood's Charity CofE Primary School, Pilling St Joh's CofE Primary School, St Aidan's CofE High 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: Newala (Tanzania) The Rt Rev Oscar Mnung'a Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands (North India) The Rt Rev Christopher Paul Angola (Missionary Diocese) (Southern Africa) The Rt Rev Andre Soares

Friday 12 June
Barnabas the Apostle

Pray for all those individuals who are ill; that they would be kept safe and sense God's love surrounding them. For relatives and friends that they would sense that peace that passes all understanding in the midst of the turmoil of worry and self-isolation.

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

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

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

Free State: For the work of the Mothers' Union

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Newark (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Carlye J Hughes

Ankole (Uganda) The Rt Rev Sheldon Frederick Mwesigwa

Saturday 13 June

Pray for those who work in food production, food processing or distribution. Give thanks for those running and supporting food banks so that those who are the most vulnerable may have enough to eat each day.

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

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

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

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: Newcastle (Australia) The Rt Rev Dr Peter Stuart Newcastle (England) The Rt Rev Christine Hardman

Sunday 14 June
First Sunday after
Trinity
Proper 6

Pray for Bishops Julian, Philip and Jill and Archdeacons Mark and David as they lead the Diocese and support the Parishes in response to the ever changing circumstances of the pandemic.

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 twenty Centres of Mission located in deprived communities across the country.

Vision 2025: For God to raise up intercessors who are ambitious, insightful and who storm the gates of heaven.

Diocese: [Kirkham Deanery Officers](#), Rev David Lyon, Rev Chris Scargill, Dr Peter Roberts, Mr Michael Briers

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: Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

The Most Rev Stephen Than Myint Oo - Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon

Monday 15 June
Evelyn Underhill, spiritual
writer, 1941;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 11

Give thanks for those who through their talents bring comfort and inspiration through writing, music, visual and performing arts. Enable them to find new avenues for their work and to sense God's hand on all they do.

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

Diocese: [Ansdell and Fairhaven St Paul](#), Rev Paul Bye

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: Ngbo (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Godwin A. Awoke
Antananarivo (Indian Ocean) The Rt Rev Samoela Jaona Ranarivelo
Jalingo (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Foreman Nedison

Tuesday 16 June
Richard, bishop, 1253;
Joseph Butler, bishop,
philosopher, 1752

Pray for those grieving the death of a loved one that they would find the support they need and sense God's love surrounding them.

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: [Freckleton](#) and [Warton](#), Rev Jane Greenhalgh, Rev Fiona Haines; also in this Benefice Bryning with Warton St Paul's CofE Primary School, Freckleton CofE Primary 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: Niagara (Canada) The Rt Rev Susan Jennifer Anne Bell

Antsiranana (Indian Ocean) The Rt Rev Theophile Botomazava

Jamaica and The Cayman Islands (West Indies) The Rt Rev Howard Gregor

Wednesday 17 June
Samuel and Henrietta
Barnett, social reformers,
1913 and 1936

Pray for all those whose businesses have to grapple with new ways to operate and those who have lost, or fear losing their livelihoods because of the pandemic.

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

Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens

Free State: For Chaplains

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Niassa (Southern Africa) The Rt Rev Vicente Msossa
Aotearoa (Aotearoa NZ and Polynesia) The Most Rev Don Tamihere

Thursday 18 June
Bernard Mizeki, martyr,
1896

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

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: [Lund St John the Evangelist](#), Rev John Bannister; also in this Benefice Newton Bluecoat CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All preparing for confirmation in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Free State: For all victims of crime

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Nicaragua (Central America) The Rt Rev Sturdie Downs

Argentina (South America) The Most Rev Gregory James Venables
Argyll and The Isles (Scotland) The Rt Rev Kevin Pearson

Friday 19 June
Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929

Pray for national government, the cabinet and civil servants; that they would make wise and compassionate decisions that protect the most vulnerable and build up our common life.

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

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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: Lytham St Annes Clifton Hospital, Rev Clive Lord

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: Niger Delta North (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Wisdom Buwu Ihunwo

Niger Delta West (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Emmanuel Oko-Jaja

The Niger Delta (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Ralph Ebirien

Niger West (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Johnson Ekwe

Saturday 20 June

Pray for those without a permanent home, those living on the streets, sofa surfing or relying on hostels for a bed each night; that they would find places where they could receive the support they need.

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

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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: [Lytham St Cuthbert](#), Rev Canon Nicholas Wells, Rev Adam Thomas

Braunschweig: For new links between our secondary schools

Free State: For our linked parishes

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Nike (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Christian Onyia
Arizona (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Jennifer Reddall
Jebba (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Timothy Adewole

Sunday 21 June Second Sunday after Trinity Proper 7

Pray for your own community; that it would be a place of trust and friendship where there is an openness to hear the Gospel. Pray for all those who have made contact with the church for the first time through online services and activities.

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 Rev Canon Tim Horobin as he goes on sabbatical until September. Thanks for the guidance and commitment of the Project Board under Bishop Philip and Rev Nick McKee's leadership.

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: [Lytham St John the Divine](#), Rev Ann Wood; also in this Benefice Lytham CofE VA 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: Pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

The Most Rev Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba - Metropolitan and Primate of all Nigeria and Bishop of Abuja

Monday 22 June Alban, first martyr of Britain, c.250; Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 12

Pray for all the young people who are unable to meet together at church, as part of uniformed organisations, youth groups, choirs or other groups; that they might find other ways to stay connected.

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

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

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

Braunschweig: All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre

Free State: For the Blackburn Link Committee

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Nimule Area (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Martin Abuni
Arkansas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Larry Benfield
Jerusalem (Jerusalem & Middle East) The Most Rev Suheil Dawani

Tuesday 23 June

Etheldreda, abbess, c.678

Pray for all prisoners, prison officers, prison chaplains, governors and support staff. Pray too for the criminal justice system, magistrates and judges as they continue to administer justice in these challenging times.

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: [St Annes on Sea St Anne \(Heyhouses\)](#), Rev David Lyon, Rev Aiden Edwards; also in this Benefice Heyhouses Endowed 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: Nnewi (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Godwin Izundu Nmezinwa Okpala

Armagh (Ireland) Vacant

Johannesburg (Southern Africa) The Rt Rev Stephen Mosimanegape Moreo

Wednesday 24 June

Birth of John the Baptist

Ember Day

Pray for all those who have been bereaved recently; that they may sense God's loving presence in the midst of their grief. Pray for those who support them both informally and formally that they might have the wisdom and compassion they need to listen and support each individual.

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

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

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

Free State: For the Fellowship of Vocation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Nord Kivu (Congo) The Rt Rev Muhindo Isesomo Armidale (Australia) The Rt Rev Richard Lewers

Thursday 25 June

Give thanks for our Cathedral Church; the Dean and Chapter and its ministry to the Diocese as the mother church. Pray for wisdom and inspiration as they respond to the changing requirements in managing the pandemic.

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

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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: [St Annes on Sea St Thomas](#), Rev Christ Scargill; also in this Benefice St Annes on Sea St Thomas CofE 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: North Ankole (Uganda) The Rt Rev Stephen Namanya

Arochukwu/Ohafia (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Johnson Onuoha

Aru (Congo) The Rt Rev Georges Titre Ande

Friday 26 June

Pray for greater confidence amongst Christians as we seek new ways to reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ and meet people in their material and spiritual need.

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

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

Diocese: [Treales Christ Church](#), Rev Christine Morton; also in this Benefice Treales 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: North Carolina (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Samuel Rodman

Asaba (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Justus Mogekwu

Saturday 27 June

Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 444;

Ember Day

Pray for all those called by God to licenced ministries in the church both lay and ordained, that each individual would have a vision for their ministry and feel affirmed in their call. Pray for all who are preparing for Ordination.

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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 all schools and academies to be beacons of faith in their communities.

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

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

Free State: For all school Chaplains

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: North Central Philippines (Philippines) The Most Rev Joel Atiwag Pachao

North Central Philippines (Philippines) The Rt Rev Nestor D Poltic
Asante-Mampong (West Africa) The Rt Rev Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith
Jos (Nigeria) The Most Rev Benjamin Kwashi

Sunday 28 June

Third Sunday after

Trinity

Proper 8

Give thanks for all the different ways we are able to keep in touch with each other and come together virtually. Pray that we continue to learn new ways to come together and support each other.

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

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Preston Resourcing Parish: We are blessed with a staff team. We count it as a privilege. Please pray that we maximise the benefits – for growth and to bless and resource others.

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: [Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery Officers](#), Rev Cindy Rigney, Ms Jacqueline Stamper, Dr Awena Carter, Mrs Barbara Gardner

Braunschweig: Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer

Free State: For all involved in Ordination training

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the united Church of North India

The Most Rev Dr Prem Chand Singh - Moderator of CNI and Bishop of Jabalpur

Monday 29 June
Peter and Paul, Apostles
Peter the Apostle

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

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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: [Cockerham](#) with [Winmarleigh](#) and [Glasson](#), Rev Gary Lewis; also in this Benefice Cockerham Parochial CofE Primary School, Thurnham Glasson Christ Church CofE Primary School, Winmarleigh 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: North Dakota (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Michael Smith

Athabasca (Canada) The Rt Rev Fraser Lawton

Juba (South Sudan) The Most Rev Justin Badi Arama

Tuesday 30 June
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 13

Pray for those who feel their lives are on hold that they may find and retain a sense of hope rooted in the Gospel.

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

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: North East India (North India) The Rt Rev Michael Herenz

Atlanta (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Robert Wright

Kabba (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Steven Akobe