



Blackburn Prayers, August 2020

Since March 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 after lockdown Bishop Philip wrote that, above all, we must give ourselves at this time to the work of prayer. Several months on, prayer continues to be vital of course. That is why we are continuing to open with a special intention each day in Blackburn Prayers to help us to pray into the current crisis. Meanwhile, if you have not already subscribed to receive our Daily Prayers email into your inbox, please consider doing so. Simply [click the link here](#).

Bishop Julian's Bible verses continue, to meditate on and memorise each month as part of his ongoing 'Bishop's Bible Challenge' which is encouraging the spiritual discipline of learning Bible verses by heart. More information about the Bible Challenge [here](#). We also continue with Vision 2026 prayers reflecting the Vision key themes of Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders and Youth/Children and Schools. And we have prayers for 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 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

Saturday 1 August

Pray for those who work in food production, especially farmers as they continue to harvest their crops. We give thanks for those running and supporting food banks enabling those who are the most vulnerable to have enough to eat each day.

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 our hearts will equip us in our daily life.

Diocese: [Penwortham St Leonard](#), Rev Nick Mansfield; also in this Benefice Penwortham Middleforth 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: Offa (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Dr Solomon Olusola Akambi
Bolivia (South America) The Rt Rev Raphael Samuel
Karimnagar (South India) The Rt Rev Reuben Mark

Sunday 2 August
Eighth Sunday after
Trinity
Proper 13

As more church buildings open for private prayer and public worship, 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 your hand on all they do.

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 Ruth Hassall, our Director of Discipleship, as she continues getting to know the parishes; supporting them in developing confident Christian disciples

Diocese: [Penwortham St Mary](#), Rev Chris Nelson; also in this Benefice Howick Church Endowed Primary School, Penwortham Cop Lane 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: Pray for the new Province of Alexandria - created from the former Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Monday 3 August
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 18

Pray for all those who live or work in care homes, sheltered housing complexes particularly those who are anxious or fearful. Pray for those who are unable to physically visit people they care about.

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

Diocese: [Rufford and Tarleton](#), Rev Canon Mark Soady; also in this Benefice Rufford CofE School, Tarleton Holy Trinity CofE Primary School, Tarleton Mere Brown 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: Karnataka Central (South India) The Rt Rev Prasana Kumar Samuel

Karnataka North (South India) The Rt Rev Ravikumar J. Niranjana
Karnataka South (South India) The Rt Rev Mohan Manoj

Tuesday 4 August
Jean-Baptiste Vianney,
curé d'Ars, spiritual guide,
1859

Pray for those who work to maintain law and order in our communities that, as restrictions around movement and meeting are eased, they would be enabled to keep the peace and maintain order wisely and safely.

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 Whalley Abbey Steering group as they work towards reopening the Abbey as a Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer in September 2021

Diocese: [Wellfield Pioneer \(Leyland\)](#) and [Leyland St Andrew](#), Rev Mark Simpson, Rev Peter Harvey

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

Free State: For greater financial responsibility

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Ogbaru (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Dr Prosper Amah Bondo (Kenya) The Rt Rev David Kodja Kasai - Mbuji mayi (Congo) Vacant

Wednesday 5 August
Oswald, king, martyr, 642

Pray for your community that it would be a place of trust and friendship, supporting those who need additional support through the pandemic. Pray that there would be an openness to hear the Gospel and see it lived out.

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

Diocese: Wymott Prison, Rev Calum Crombie

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

Free State: For Mosamaria Aids Ministry

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Ogbia (Nigeria) The Rt Rev James Oruwori Bor (South Sudan) The Most Rev Ruben Akurdid Ngong Umzimvubu (Southern Africa) The Rt Rev Sitembele Mzamane

Thursday 6 August
Transfiguration of Our Lord

Pray for all young people during this holiday season who are unable to meet together at church, as part of uniformed organisations, youth groups or other groups, that they would continue to find other ways to stay connected with each other and with the wider church community.

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 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: [Pendle Deanery Officers](#), Rev Guy Jamieson, Mrs Elizabeth Johnston, Mrs Anne Scarborough

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: Ogbomoso (Nigeria) Vacant Botswana (Central Africa) The Rt Rev Metlhayotthe Rawlings Beleme Brandon (Canada) The Rt Rev William Cliff

Friday 7 August
John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer, 1866

Pray for all those involved in funerals, from the funeral directors to those who work in the crematoria, from the grave diggers to monumental stone masons that they would be strengthened to carry out their roles with compassion and empathy, recognising the pain and distress caused by the current restrictions on families and mourners and themselves.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 7.21

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Blackpool Ministry Experience: 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 new spiritual director or companion.

Diocese: [Barrowford St Thomas](#) and [Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary](#), Rev Julie Smith; also in this Benefice Barrowford St Thomas CofE Primary School, Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary's CofE Primary School, Roughlee 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: Ogoni (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Solomon Gberegbara Brasilia (Brazil) The Rt Rev Maurício Jose Araujo De Andrade Brazzaville (Congo) The Rt Rev Molanga Jean Botola

Saturday 8 August

Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

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, from 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 - 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: [Brierfield St Luke](#) (in plurality with [Burnley St Cuthbert](#)), Rev Dr Stephen Adesanya

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah

Free State: For the urban poor in the townships

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Ogori-Magongo (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Festus Davies Brechin (Scotland) The Rt Rev Andrew Swift Katakwa (Kenya) The Rt Rev John Okude Omuse

Sunday 9 August Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 14

Pray for Bishops, Julian, Philip and Jill, Archdeacons Mark and David; also Dean Peter, as they lead the Diocese and support the Parishes in response to the ever-changing circumstances of the pandemic, government and national church guidance.

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 Joy Rushton, our new Being Witnesses Manager, as she gets to know the parishes; supporting them in sharing the Gospel of salvation with confidence.

Diocese: Colne ([Holy Trinity](#) and [St Bartholomew](#)), Rev Lisa Senior

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: Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda, The Most Rev Laurent Mbanda - Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda and Bishop of Shyira

Monday 10 August

Laurence, deacon, martyr, 258; Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 19

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 be able to work safely and diligently for the good of all.

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: [Fence-in-Pendle St Anne](#) and [Higham St John the Evangelist](#), Rev Lesley Hinchcliffe; also in this Benefice Higham St John's 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:

Ohaji/Egbema (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Chidi Collins Oparaojiaku

Brisbane (Australia) The Most Rev Phillip John Aspinall (Diocesan Bishop)

Tuesday 11 August

Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253; John Henry Newman, priest, 1890

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, from the domestic and catering staff to laboratory workers, administrators and security staff.

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

Ohio (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Mark Hollingsworth

Bristol (England) The Very Rev Vivienne Faull

Katanga (Congo) The Rt Rev Bertin Subi

Wednesday 12 August

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: 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 into you and eat with you, and you with me.

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

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

Braunschweig: Growth in links between the Readers and the Lektoren and Prädikanten

Free State: For the work of the Mothers' Union

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Oji River (Nigeria) The Most Rev Amos Amankechinelo Madu

British Columbia (Canada) The Rt Rev Logan McMenamie

Thursday 13 August

Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667; Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer, 1910; Octavia Hill, social reformer, 1912

Pray for public health professionals and all in positions of influence that they would have wisdom and compassion as they analyse statistics and research and monitor the virus in each of our communities. Give them wisdom as they make complex and difficult decisions.

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 into you and eat with you, and you with me.

Vision 2026: For people of all ages to be fired up to be beacons of faith in their schools, workplaces and communities.

Diocese: [Nelson Little Marsden](#), Rev Guy Jamieson; also in this Benefice Nelson St Paul'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: Okene (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Emmanuel Onsachi

Buhiga (Burundi) The Rt Rev Evariste Nijimbere

Bujumbura (Burundi) The Rt Rev Eraste Bigirimana

Friday 14 August
Maximilian Kolbe, friar,
martyr, 1941

As we remember Maximilian Kolbe who volunteered to take the place of a fellow prisoner in Auschwitz, we remember all those who have died from Covid 19 as a result of their work in health, social care and public transport.

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 into 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.

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

Diocese: [Poulton Deanery Officers](#), Rev Canon Martin Keighley, Mr David Thompson, Mr Liam Burns

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: Oke-Ogun (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Cornelius Adagbada; Bukavu (Congo) The Rt Rev Sylvestre Bahati

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Saturday 15 August
The Blessed Virgin Mary

As we remember the Blessed Virgin Mary and her willingness to place all her trust in God's call on her life, pray for all those who nurture others in their faith and for Ruth Hassall and the Discipleship team as they encourage and equip the Diocese.

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 into 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: [Cleveleys St Andrew](#), Vacant, Canon Jo Snape (cw), Mr Don Ashworth (cw)

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: Oke-Osun (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Abraham Akinlalu Bukedi (Uganda) The Rt Rev Samuel Egesa Katsina (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Jonathan Bamaiyi

Sunday 16 August
Tenth Sunday after
Trinity
Proper 15

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 restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

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 into 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: [Fleetwood St Nicholas](#), Rev Carolyn Leitch

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: Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church, The Most Rev Mark Strange - Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church and Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness

Monday 17 August

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 20

Pray for all those who are involved in monitoring and protecting our natural world particularly remembering those who are looking for ways to enable sustainable and eco-friendly tourism across the county of Lancashire.

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 into you and eat with you, and you with me.

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

Diocese: [Fleetwood St Peter and St David](#), Rev Canon John Hall, Rev Dr Christopher Dingwall-Jones

Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens

Free State: For Chaplains

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Okigwe (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Edward Osuegbu; Okigwe North (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Godson Udochukwu Ukanwa Okigwe South (Nigeria) The Rt Rev David Onuoha Kebbi (Nigeria) The Most Rev Edmund Akanya

Tuesday 18 August

Pray for all those whose businesses who are struggling and those who have lost, or fear losing, their livelihoods because of the pandemic.

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 into 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: [Little Thornton St John the Evangelist](#), Rev Jane Atkinson

Braunschweig: Future confirmation candidates in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Free State: For all victims of crime

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Okinawa (Japan) The Rt Rev David Eisho Uehara; Bukuru (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Jwan Zhumbes

Wednesday 19 August

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 - Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into 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: [Poulton, Carleton](#) and [Singleton](#), Rev Canon Martin Keighley, Rev Lois Ward; also in this Benefice Carleton St Hilda's CofE Primary School, Poulton-le-Fylde St Chad's CofE Primary School, Singleton CofE Voluntary Aided 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:

Oklahoma (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Edward Konieczny
Bunbury (Australia) The Rt Rev Dr Ian Coutts

Thursday 20 August

Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153; William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912, 1890

Pray for those parishes providing holiday clubs, food banks and or additional support over the summer to families and individuals who are struggling in any way, that they may be able to do that safely and sustainably.

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

Braunschweig: For new links between secondary schools

Free State: For our linked parishes

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Okrika (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Tubokosemie Atere; Bungoma (Kenya) The Rev George Mechumo

Friday 21 August

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

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 based in our Diocese; ordinands who have been on placement. Please pray they will get rest and family time during the summer period.

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: [Preston Deanery Officers](#). Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie, Mrs Stephanie Rankin, Mr Ken Curphey

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: Oleh (Nigeria) The Rt Rev John Usiwoma Aruakpor; Bunyoro-Kitara (Uganda) The Rt Rev Samuel Kahuma

Saturday 22 August

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: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

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

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

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

Braunschweig: All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre

Free State: For the Blackburn Link Committee

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Kentucky (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Terry White

Kericho (Kenya) The Rt Rev Ernest Kiprotich Ng'eno

Khartoum (Sudan) The Most Rev Ezekiel Kumir Kondo (Primate)

Sunday 23 August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Proper 16

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.

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

Braunschweig: Chair of the Braunschweig Link Committee in Blackburn Diocese

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia; The Most Rev Melter Tais - Archbishop of South East Asia and Bishop of Sabah

Monday 24 August Bartholomew the Apostle

As we remember St Bartholomew, pray for all Christians who find themselves in vulnerable and dangerous situations across the world that they may be protected and have the strength they need to make choices that will enable them to flourish.

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

Diocese: [Broughton St John Baptist](#), Vacant, Rev Pauline Taylor, Mr Barry Townsend (cw); also in this Benefice, Broughton in Amounderness CofE Primary School, Fulwood St Peter's CofE Primary School and Nursery

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

Free State: For the Fellowship of Vocation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Kibondo (Tanzania) The Rt Rev Sospeter Ndenza; Kigali (Rwanda) The Rt Rev Nathan Amooti Rusengo; Kigeme (Rwanda) The Rt Rev Assiel Musabyimana

Tuesday 25 August

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 21

Pray for the World Health Organization as they lead the global response to the pandemic and speak up for those countries with the least resources.

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

Diocese: [Fulwood Christ Church](#), Rev Christopher Boland, Rev Elizabeth McLean; also in this Benefice Archbishop Temple CofE Specialist College

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

Free State: For the Anglican Women's Fellowship

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Olo (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Tandema Obede; Busan (Korea) The Most Rev Onesimus Dongsin Park
Kigezi (Uganda) The Rt Rev George Bagamuhunda

Wednesday 26 August

Pray for all those individuals who are ill in hospital, in hospice or at home that they would sense God's love surrounding them. Pray for relatives and friends that they would sense that peace that passes all understanding in the midst of the turmoil of worry and uncertainty that surrounds illness.

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: [Grimsargh St Michael](#), Rev Neil Salt; also in this Benefice, Grimsargh St Michael's 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:

Olympia (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Gregory Rickel
Busoga (Uganda) The Rt Rev Paul Moses Samson Naimanhye

Thursday 27 August

Monica, mother of
Augustine of Hippo, 387

Pray for all schools across the Diocese, their head teachers, teaching staff and support staff as they learn new ways of working that create safe spaces children can learn and stay connected as they return for the new school year.

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: Preston HMP, Rev Gail Miller, Rev Barry Eaton

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

Free State: For all school Chaplains

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Omu-Aran (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Philip Adeyemo
Butare (Rwanda) The Rt Rev Nathan Gasatura
Butere (Kenya) The Rt Rev Timothy Wambunya

Friday 28 August

Augustine, bishop, teacher
of the faith, 430

Pray for all institutions providing higher education, particularly remembering theological colleges, especially the new theological college being developed across the North West.

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: Pray that those with whom we have contact yearn for the kind of discipleship that brings about inward change and outward change in the workplace, family, relationships, finance.... the whole of life.

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: [Ingol St Margaret](#), Rev Rie Walker

Braunschweig: Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer

Free State: For all involved in Ordination training

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: On the Lake (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Chijioke Oti
Buye (Burundi) The Rt Rev Sixbert Macumi

Saturday 29 August
Beheading of John the Baptist

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

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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: Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Rev David Anderson

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

On the Niger (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Owen Chidozie Nwokolo

Byumba (Rwanda) The Rt Rev Emmanuel Ngendahayo

Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh (Ireland) The Rt Rev Ferran Glenfield

Sunday 30 August
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Proper 17

Pray for all who have a role in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene, from hospital cleaners, to those who clean our streets, from those who manage our household waste to those who manage our household waste.

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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: [Lea St Christopher](#) and [Preston Emmanuel](#), Rev Peter Hamborg

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: Pray for the united Church of South India, The Most Rev Dharmaraj Rasalam - Moderator of CSI and Bishop of South Kerala

Monday 31 August
Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651; Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 22

Pray for all those who work in the hospitality or leisure industry as they adapt to new ways of operating. Pray that each business would find new ways to be that enable them to thrive whilst keeping people safe as they enjoy their leisure time.

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Vision 2026: For the whole community normally based at the Diocesan offices (Clayton House) who, through their varied ministries and using their varied talents, support the work of all the churches in the Diocese of Blackburn.

Diocese: [Longridge St Lawrence with St Paul](#), Rev Mike Barton; also in this Benefice Longridge CofE Primary School

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Kimberley and Kuruman (Southern Africa) The Rt Rev Oswald Swartz

Kindu (Congo) The Most Rev Zacharie Masimango Katanda (Primate)

Kinkiizi (Uganda) The Rt Rev Dan Zoreka

Clergy Moves: Retirement of Rev Canon Dr Simon Cox, Rector of Bispham All Hallows and Rev John Bannister, Vicar of Lund St John the Evangelist