

Blackburn Prayers October 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

Thursday 1 October

Remigius, bishop, 533;
Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftesbury), social reformer, 1885

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: Making Disciples - 1 John 1.9

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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: [Whitewell St Michael](#), Vacant, Mr Nick Millward (cw)

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: Perth (Australia) The Most Rev Kay Goldsworthy; Chhattisgarh (North India) The Rt Rev Robert Ali; Chicago (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Jeffrey Lee

Friday 2 October

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. 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 - 1 John 1.9

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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: [Accrington Deanery Officers](#), Rev Stephen Brown, Mrs Denise Taylor, Mrs Wendy Papworth, Mrs Gwen Greenwood

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: Peru (South America) The Rt Rev Jorge Luis Aguilar; Chichester (England) The Rt Rev Martin Warner

Event: For this month's Diocesan #HomeGrown online conference on October 13/14; that all would go well with the ongoing arrangements and planning. For more information about the conference and to book, visit www.blackburn.anglican.org

Saturday 3 October

Pray for those who have recently been ordained to the priesthood and diaconate, that in such challenging times for ministry they may swiftly hear where and how God is calling them to serve and settle into new patterns and routines of ministry.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - 1 John 1.9

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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: [Accrington St John with Huncoat St Augustine](#), Rev Hugh Scriven; also in this benefice Accrington St John with Huncoat St Augustine 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: Peshawar (Pakistan) The Most Rev Humphrey Peters (Primate); Chotanagpur (North India) The Rt Rev B. B. Baskey; Koforidua (West Africa) The Rt Rev Felix Odei Annancy

Sunday 4 October Harvest Thanksgiving; Dedication Festival; Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity; Proper 22

Pray for 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 - 1 John 1.9

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 the Autumn 2021

Diocese: [Accrington Christ Church](#), Rev Paul McNally

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

Free State: For greater financial responsibility

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania. The Most Rev Dr Maimbo Mndolwa - Archbishop of Tanzania and Bishop of Tanga

Monday 5 October

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 27

Pray for students and for our universities as they seek to meet unprecedented challenges in keeping students safe. Pray for new students, especially those who are missing home and are having to live in lockdown conditions.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - 1 John 1.9

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Vision 2026: Deepening prayer life.

Diocese: Accrington [St Andrew](#), [St Mary Magdalen](#) and [St Peter](#) and Church Kirk, Vacant, Mr Pete Blackburn (cw), Mr John Fisher (cw), Mr Peter Crook (cw), Mr Derrick Brockbank (cw), Mrs Pat Pickavance (cw), Miss Lorna Kenyon; also in this benefice Church St Nicholas CofE Primary School, St Christopher's CofE High School, St Mary Magdalen's CofE Primary School, St Peter's CofE Primary School

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

Free State: For Mosamaria Aids Ministry

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Peterborough (England) The Rt Rev Donald Spargo Allister; Christ the King (Southern Africa) The Rt Rev William Mostert

Meeting: Bishop's Leadership Team

Tuesday 6 October

William Tyndale, translator,
martyr, 1536

Pray for all those who exercise a lay leadership in the local church and for those who seek to witness to their faith in the workplace. Pray especially for those who have discovered new opportunities for service in the pandemic.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - 1 John 1.9

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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: Accrington [St James](#) and [St Paul](#), Vacant, Mr Gordon Whewell (cw), Mr Andrew Crowe (cw), Mr Terence Jones (cw); also in this benefice Benjamin Hargreaves VA CofE Primary School, Green Haworth CofE 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: Phulbani (North India) The Rt Rev Bijay Nayak; Christchurch (Aotearoa NZ and Polynesia) The Rt Rev Peter Carrell; Kolhapur (North India) The Rt Rev Sandeep Suresh Vibhute

Wednesday 7 October

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 the residents would have compassion and wisdom as they work.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - 1 John 1.9

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Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for the new Blackpool Ministry Experience participants as they settle into their placements, studies and community. Pray that they will have opportunities to share their faith with those living in the surrounding areas

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

Diocese: [Altham](#) with [Clayton-le-Moors](#), Rev Toby Webber; also in this benefice Altham St James CofE Primary School, Clayton-le-Moors All Saints 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: Pittsburgh (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Dorsey W M McConnell; Chubu (Japan) The Rt Rev Peter Ichiro Shibusawa

Clergy Moves: Rev Lindsay Pearson instituted as Vicar of Blackpool St Mary South Shore

Thursday 8 October

Pray for all who feel lonely, isolated or anxious because of the pandemic. Pray especially for those who are isolated from loved ones, for grandparents who long to see a grandchild, for those worried about elderly parents and for families who are under pressure.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - 1 John 1.9

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Diocese: [Baxenden St John](#), Rev Tom Donaghey; also in this benefice St John's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah

Free State: For the urban poor in the townships

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Polynesia (Aotearoa NZ and Polynesia) The Most Rev Fereimi Cama (Primate); Clogher (Ireland) The Rt Rev John McDowell; Cochin (South India) The Rt Rev Baker Ninan Fenn

Friday 9 October

Denys, bishop, and companions, martyrs, c.250; Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist, 1253

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 - 1 John 1.9

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Diocese: [Haslingden St James w Grane St Stephen and Stonefold St John](#) (in plurality with) [Musbury St Thomas](#), Rev David Stephenson, Rev Judith Balkwell, Rev Andrew Holmes; also in this benefice St James' CofE Primary School, Stonefold St John'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: Popondota (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Rev Lindsley Ihove; Coimbatore (South India) The Rt Rev Timothy Ravinder

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Event: For the Diocesan #HomeGrown online conference on October 13/14; that all would go well with the ongoing arrangements and planning. For more information about the conference and to book visit www.blackburn.anglican.org

Saturday 10 October

Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644; Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674

Pray for all those involved in ensuring communication networks function and those who work in administration to keep essential services running smoothly. Pray 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 - 1 John 1.9

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Diocese: [Laneside St Peter](#), Rev Stephen Brown

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: Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Rev Denny Bray Guka; Colombia (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Francisco Duque; Kollam - Kottarakkara (South India) The Rt Rev Dr Oommen George

Sunday 11 October
Harvest Thanksgiving;
Eighteenth Sunday after
Trinity;
Proper 23

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

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near

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: Oswaldtwistle ([Immanuel](#), [St Paul](#) and [All Saints](#)), Rev Martin Joss, Rev Carole Garner; also in benefice St Andrew's CofE Primary School, St Paul'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: Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda. The Most Rev Stephen Samuel Kaziimba - Archbishop of Uganda and Bishop of Kampala

Monday 12 October
Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709;
Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845;
Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week28

Pray for those who work in food production, food processing or distribution. 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: Being Witnesses - Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near

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

Diocese: [Blackburn with Darwen Deanery Officers](#), Rev Canon Fleur Green, Rev Canon Andrew Horsfall, Canon Susan Witts, Mrs Elaine Williams

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: Port Sudan (Sudan) The Rt Rev Abdu Elnur Kodi; Colombo (Ceylon) The Rt Rev Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabay; Kondoia (Tanzania) The Rt Rev Given Gaula

Event: For the Diocesan #HomeGrown online conference which starts tomorrow night. Pray for all the speakers and presenters and that all would go well with the last minute arrangements and planning behind the scenes. More information about the conference on www.blackburn.anglican.org

Tuesday 13 October
Edward the Confessor, king, 1066

Give thanks for those who through their talents inspire our worship through writing, music, visual and performing arts. Pray for energy and imagination for those who are maintaining worship, live or online, during the pandemic.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near

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

Diocese: [Blackburn Christ Church with St Matthew](#), Rev Canon Andrew Raynes, Rev Munawar Din; also in this benefice St Matthew'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: Portsmouth (England) The Rt Rev Christopher Foster; Colorado (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Robert O'Neill; Kongor (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Gabriel Thuch Agot

Event: For the Diocesan #HomeGrown online conference which starts tonight and continues tomorrow. We pray for all the speakers and presenters and that all would go well with the last minute arrangements and planning. Also pray for everyone participating by watching on YouTube or joining online seminars. More information about the conference on www.blackburn.anglican.org

Wednesday 14 October

Pray for those responsible for the Test and Trace programme in this country and for those doing similar work in other parts of the world. Strengthen them to address problems and help them to play to the full their part in bringing us through the crisis.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near

Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for the long term financial sustainability of the Centre of Mission and for individuals and churches to consider supporting it.

Vision 2026: For God to raise up intercessors who are ambitious, insightful and who storm the gates of heaven.

Diocese: Blackburn [St Aidan](#) and [St Luke, St Mark and St Philip](#), Rev Cath Brooks, Rev Barbara Pack, also in this benefice, St Wilfrid's CofE Academy, St Luke's and St Philip's CofE Primary School, Wensley Fold CofE Primary School, Mill Hill St Aidan's CofE Primary Academy

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: Pretoria (Southern Africa) The Rt Rev Allan John Kannemeyer; Concepcion (Chile) The Rt Rev Enrique Lago Zugadi

Event: For the Diocesan #HomeGrown online conference which started last night and continues today. Pray for all the speakers and presenters and everyone participating by watching on YouTube or joining in online seminars. More information about the conference on www.blackburn.anglican.org

Thursday 15 October

Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582

Give thanks for those who stand up for justice in our communities and pray for all those who serve our communities, 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: Being Witnesses - Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near

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: [Blackburn St Gabriel](#), Rev Stephen Corbett; also in this benefice St Gabriel's CoE 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: Puerto Rico (The Episcopal Church) The Rev Rafael Morales Maldonado; Connecticut (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Ian Douglas; Connor (Ireland) The Rt Rev Alan Francis Abernethy

Meeting: HR Committee

Friday 16 October

Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs, 1555

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 - Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near

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: [Blackburn St Mary the Virgin with St Paul \(Blackburn Cathedral\)](#), Very Rev Peter Howell-Jones, Rev Canon Dr Rowena Pailing, Rev Canon Gary O'Neill

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: Pune (North India) The Rt Rev Sharad Yuvraj Gaikwad; Cork, Cloyne and Ross (Ireland) The Rt Rev William Paul Colton

Saturday 17 October

Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c.107

Pray for our communities that they would be places of trust and friendship where there is an openness to hear the Gospel. Pray for all those who seek to build up community life.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near

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

Diocese: [Blackburn St Silas](#), Rev Sheelagh Aston; also in this benefice St Silas CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens

Free State: For Chaplains

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Qu'Appelle (Canada) The Rt Rev Robert Hardwick
Costa Rica (Central America) The Rev Orlando Gomez
Kontagora (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Jonah Ibrahim

Meeting: Diocesan Synod

Sunday 18 October

Luke the Evangelist;
Nineteenth Sunday after
Trinity;

Proper 24

On the feast of St Luke, pray for the medical profession. Pray especially for Christian healthcare workers, for chaplains and for all who seek to live out the Gospel in the healthcare profession.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near

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

Diocese: Blackburn [St Stephen and St James](#), Rev Sarah Gill, Rev Joanne Macholc; also in this benefice St Stephen's CofE Primary School, 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: Pray for the Episcopal Church. The Most Rev Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Monday 19 October

Luke the Evangelist;

Henry Martyn, translator,
missionary, 1812;

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 29

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 - Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near

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: [Blackburn The Redeemer](#), Vacant, Rev Chris Anderton, Mr Derek Forrest (cw), Mrs Coleen Leaver (cw), Mr David Rintoul (cw); also in this benefice The Redeemer 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: Quebec (Canada) The Rt Rev Bruce Myers;
Coventry (England) The Rt Rev Christopher Cocksworth; Krishna-Godavari (South India) The Rt Rev George Cornelious Tanteputi

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team

Tuesday 20 October

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 29

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 - Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near

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: [Darwen St Barnabas](#), Rev David Bacon; also in this benefice St Barnabas CofE Primary Academy

Braunschweig: For new links between our secondary schools

Free State: For our linked parishes

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Raiwind (Pakistan) The Rt Rev Azad Marshall; Cuba (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Griselda Delgado Del Carpio; Kubwa (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Duke Akamisoko

Meeting: Financial Assistance Group

Wednesday 21 October

Pray for the economy of our nation and our communities and for the Chancellor of the Exchequer and his team. Pray for all those whose businesses who are grappling with new ways of working and those who have lost or fear losing their livelihoods because of the pandemic.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline

M:Power: Pray as the dark nights draw in and winter approaches for the outer estate work across the diocese. As the church to ministers into the needs of the area.

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: [Darwen St Cuthbert with Tockholes St Stephen](#), Rev Nicholas Davis; also in this Benefice Darwen St Cuthbert's CofE Primary School, Tockholes St Stephen'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: Rajasthan (North India) The Rt Rev Darbara Singh; Cueibet (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Elijah Muteny Awet

Thursday 22 October

Pray for those who live in parts of the country which are especially hard hit by the pandemic and where infection rates are high. Help them to balance courage and wisdom in the decisions they make each day.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline

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

Diocese: [Darwen St Peter](#), Rev Canon Fleur Green; also in this Benefice Holy Trinity VC School, 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: Rayalaseema (South India) The Rt Rev B D Prasada Rao; Cuernavaca (Mexico) The Rt Rev Enrique Treviño Cruz; Curitiba (Brazil) The Most Rev Naudal Alves Gomes (Primate)

Friday 23 October

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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline

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: [Feniscliffe St Francis](#) and [Feniscowles Immanuel](#), Rev David Roscoe; also in this Benefice Feniscliffe St Francis 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: Recife (Brazil) The Rt Rev João Cancio Peixoto; Cuttack (North India) The Rt Rev Surendra Kumar Nanda

Saturday 24 October

Pray for all schools across the Diocese, their head teachers, teaching staff and support staff as they start a new school year. Give thanks for all the staff working with the Diocesan Board of Education. Continue to bless and inspire them as they provide resources for schools.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline

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

Diocese: [Knuzden St Oswald](#), Rev Dr Anne Morris; also in this Benefice St Oswald's 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: Rejaf (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Edward Oliver Mathew Tombe; Cyangugu (Rwanda) The Rt Rev Francis Karenera; Kuching (South East Asia) The Rt Rev Danald Jute

Sunday 25 October Dedication Festival; Last Sunday after Trinity; Bible Sunday; Proper 25

Give thanks for our Cathedral Church, the Dean and Canons 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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline

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: [Lower Darwen St James and Over Darwen St James and Hoddlesden St Paul](#), Vacant, Rev Dr Alice Cole, Mr Mike Gerrard (cw), Mrs Cath Gerrard (cw), Mrs Linda Winder (cw), Mrs Elaine Williams (cw), Mrs Jacqueline Brine (cw); also in this Benefice Lower Darwen St James' CofE Primary School, Over Darwen St James CofE Primary Academy, Hoddlesden St Paul's 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: Pray for the Church in Wales. The Most Rev John Davies - Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Swansea and Brecon

Monday 26 October

Alfred, king, scholar, 899;
Cedd, abbot, bishop, 664;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 30

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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline

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

Diocese: [Blackpool Deanery Officers](#), Rev Peter Lillicrap, Rev Clive Lord, Miss Margaret Hayhurst, Mrs Diane Dennett, Mrs Rita Templeton

Braunschweig: All involved in the Synod of the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Free State: For all Archdeacons and their respective Archdeaconries

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Remo (Nigeria) The Most Rev Dr Michael Fape; Cyprus and the Gulf (Jerusalem and Middle East) The Rt Rev Michael Augustine Owen Lewis (Primate); Kumasi (West Africa) The Most Rev Dr Daniel Sarfo

Tuesday 27 October

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 despite the restrictions of the global pandemic.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline

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: [Anchorsholme All Saints](#), Rev Anthony Barnshaw

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

Free State: For all school Chaplains

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Renk (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Joseph Garang Atem; Daejeon (Korea) The Most Rev Moses Nagjun Yoo (Primate); Kumi (Uganda) The Rt Rev Edison Irigei

Wednesday 28 October Simon and Jude, Apostles

On the feast of St Simon and St Jude, pray that Christians may find fresh confidence in speaking the Good News of Jesus Christ and in building a world which reflects the values of God's kingdom.

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Preston Resourcing Parish: Pray for the kind of unity amongst all God's people in Preston that results in the blessing of life for evermore.

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: [Bispham All Hallows](#), Vacant, Rev Jim Crawford, Miss Margaret Cook (cw), Mrs Jane Carter (cw); also in this Benefice Bispham Endowed CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer

Free State: For all involved in Ordination training

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Rhode Island (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Nicholas Knisely; Dallas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev George R Sumner Jr

Thursday 29 October

James Hannington, bishop,
martyr, 1885

Pray for all those who are dying, those who watch with them and those who care for them at home, in hospital and hospice that they would sense the love of God that passes all understanding even in the darkest of times.

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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: [Blackpool Christ Church with All Saints](#), Rev Adrian Wolton

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: Rift Valley (Tanzania) The Rt Rev John Daudi Lupaa; Damaturu (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Yohannah A Audu; Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania) The Rt Rev Jackson Sosthenes

Friday 30 October

Pray for those whose jobs, businesses and livelihoods are under threat because of the pandemic. Pray for all those who are struggling to make ends meet and those drifting into debt.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Timothy 1.7

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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: [Blackpool Holy Cross South Shore](#), Vacant, Mrs Jacqueline Gunn (cw), Mr Alan Asher (cw)

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: Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) The Rt Rev Eduardo Coelho Grillo; Davao (Philippines) The Rt Rev Jonathan Labasan Casimina

Saturday 31 October

Martin Luther, reformer, 1546

Pray for all suffering from long-Covid and who are living with long-term symptoms such as tiredness, breathlessness or depression. Pray for medical researchers and all seeking to understand the impact of the virus.

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

Diocese: [Blackpool Holy Trinity South Shore](#) (in plurality with) [Blackpool St Peter South Shore](#), Rev Tracy Charnock

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: Rio Grande (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Michael Vono; Delaware (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Kevin S Brown; Kurunegala (Ceylon) The Rt Rev Keerthisiri Fernando