

Blackburn Prayers February 2021

Since March 2020 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. As the pandemic continues, prayer also 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

Monday 1 February

Brigid, abbess, c.525

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 4

Pray for all hospital nurses, doctors, healthcare chaplains and allied health professionals working to care for the sickest that they would have courage and strength as they work, empathy and compassion in all they do.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart

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: [Leyland St James](#), Rev Marc Wolverson; also in this benefice Leyland St James 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: The Diocese of All Saints Cathedral - The Anglican Church of Kenya

Meeting: Bishop's Leadership Team

Tuesday 2 February
Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

On this feast of the Presentation of Christ at the Temple, pray for all children and young adults who are feeling isolated and alone because they are unable to meet up at school, youth groups, sports teams and uniformed organisations.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Luke 18.1

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart

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

Diocese: [Leyland St John](#), Rev Andy Meeson, Rev Barbara Wilson

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: The Diocese of Aluakluak – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal Province)

Meeting: Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee; Property Committee; Finance Committee

Wednesday 3 February

Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865

Pray for all schools across the Diocese, their headteachers, teaching staff, support staff and those who work to keep children learning and in touch with other whether face to face or at home.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Luke 18.1

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart

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

Diocese: [Longton St Andrew](#), Rev Andrew Parkinson; also in this benefice Hutton CofE Grammar School

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

Free State: The Bishop's Council

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Amazônia – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (3 Province)

Thursday 4 February

Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189

Give thanks and pray for all laboratory and research staff as they continue their vital work. Give them resilience as they continue to strive to get ahead of the pandemic.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Luke 18.1

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart

Vision 2026: Pray for the new Director of Whalley Abbey, Rev Adam Thomas and all involved in the reopening the Abbey as a Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer later this year.

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

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

Free State: For greater financial responsibility

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Amichi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province)

Friday 5 February

Pray for public health professionals that they would have wisdom and compassion, seeking the common good in all the complex decisions they need to make to ensure people remain safe and well.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Luke 18.1

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart

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

Diocese: [New Longton All Saints](#), Rev Dr Tom Woolford; also in this benefice New Longton All Saints' CofE Primary School

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

Free State: For Mosamaria Aids Ministry

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Amritsar – The (United) Church of North India

Event: Abide: Bitesize; online Diocesan Youth event.

Saturday 6 February

Martyrs of Japan, 1597;
Accession of Queen Elizabeth II,
1952

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 the waste from hospitals. 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 - Luke 18.1

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart

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

Diocese: [Penwortham St Leonard](#), Rev Nick Mansfield; also in this benefice Penwortham Middleforth 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: The Diocese of Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands – The (United) Church of North India

Event: Abide: Bitesize; online Diocesan Youth event.

Sunday 7 February Second Sunday before Lent

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: Making Disciples - Luke 18.1

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart

Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for the recruitment process for the next intake of the Blackpool Ministry Experience.

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

Diocese: [Penwortham St Mary](#), Rev Chris Nelson; also in this benefice Howick Church Endowed Primary School, Penwortham Cop Lane 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: The Anglican Church of Burundi

Monday 8 February

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 5

Pray for all community workers in health and social care as they care for and support vulnerable people in our communities. Pray for their safety and that they would have compassion and wisdom as they work.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Luke 18.1

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart

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

Diocese: [Rufford with Holmeswood St Mary the Virgin and Tarleton Holy Trinity](#), 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 Warton and Timmerlah

Free State: For the urban poor in the townships

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Saint Andrews Dunkeld and Dunblane – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Tuesday 9 February

Pray for relatives and friends of those sick, 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: Making Disciples - Luke 18.1

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart

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

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

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Missionary District – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (3 Province)

Wednesday 10 February

Scholastica, abbes, c.543

Pray for those grieving the death of a loved one, that they would find the support they need.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Luke 18.1

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart

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

Diocese: HMP Wymott, Rev Calum Crombie

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Angola – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Thursday 11 February

Pray for local councils and local councillors, that they would have the resources and the wisdom to work in ways that build up and support their local communities.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 Peter 2.24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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

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

Free State: For the Parish Clergy, the Self-Supporting ministers and Lay Ministers
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Friday 12 February

Pray for national government, the cabinet and civil servants, that they would make wise and compassionate decisions that protect the most vulnerable.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - 1 Peter 2.24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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

Diocese: [Barrowford St Thomas](#) and [Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary](#), Rev Julie Smith, Rev David Hargreaves; also in this Benefice Barrowford St Thomas CofE Primary School, Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary's CofE Primary School, Roughlee CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: For all who are involved in planning for the 2021 Kirchentag; this year it will be online.

Free State: For the work of the Mothers' Union

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of North Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Saturday 13 February

Pray for all those who work in food production, food processing or distribution that they would find ways to ensure food is distributed with fairness and equity.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - 1 Peter 2.24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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: Colne ([Holy Trinity](#) and [St Bartholomew](#)), Vacant, Mr David Hawthorne (cw), Mrs Louise Garnett (cw), Mrs June Mayers (cw), Mrs Christine Smith (cw)

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: The Diocese of Northwest Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Event: Diocesan Children's Ministry Conference

Sunday 14 February Sunday next before Lent

Pray for Bishops Julian, Philip and Jill; Archdeacons Mark and David; Dean Peter as they lead the Diocese and support the parishes through this time.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - 1 Peter 2.24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for youth evangelism within the parish and Deanery.

Mission Partners: Pray for Steve and Lisa Haskett that they would know discernment, wisdom, God's leading and guiding as they establish themselves in their new ministry with Life Association.

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

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

Free State: For the Guild of St Bernard Mizeki

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada

Monday 15 February

Sigfrid, bishop, 1045;
Thomas Bray, priest, founder of
SPCK and SPG, 1730;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 6

Pray for all those whose businesses have been shut down and those who have lost or fear losing their livelihoods because of the pandemic.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - 1 Peter 2.24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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

Free State: For the judiciary based in Bloemfontein

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of South Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team

Tuesday 16 February

On this Shrove Tuesday, pray for your community that they would be places of trust and friendship, where all can feel love and cared for.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - 1 Peter 2.24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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: [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 youth workers in our two Dioceses

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of West Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Wednesday 17 February Ash Wednesday

This Ash Wednesday let us lament with all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones as a result of the global pandemic and commit ourselves to build up each community we serve.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - 1 Peter 2.24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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

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

Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens

Free State: For Chaplains

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Antananarivo – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Thursday 18 February

Pray for those who feel overwhelmed by the uncertainty of the pandemic that they would sense God's love and His peace that passes all understanding.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - 1 Peter 2.24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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

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

Braunschweig: All preparing for confirmation in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Free State: For all victims of crime

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Antsirananana – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Friday 19 February

Pray for all care homes, their residents and staff that they may sense God's love and care for them in these uncertain and challenging times.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - 1 Peter 2.24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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: [Cleveleys St Andrew](#), Vacant, Canon Jo Snape (cw), Mr David Thompson (cw)

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: The Diocese of Araucanía – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Saturday 20 February

Pray for foodbanks and all those groups and individuals who will be providing food for someone today.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - 1 Peter 2.24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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

Braunschweig: For new links between our secondary schools

Free State: For our linked parishes

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

Sunday 21 February First Sunday of Lent

Pray for the Cathedral, the Dean and Canons and the vaccination centre in the crypt, that those working there would sense the prayer that surrounds them as they carry out their vital work.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Joshua 1.9

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

M:Power: Pray for the M:Power work on Roman Road; an outer estate in Blackburn led by Urban Evangelist, Sharon Collins.

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 and everyone in our Vocations Team.

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

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: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Monday 22 February

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

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Joshua 1.9

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

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

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

Braunschweig: All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre

Free State: For the Blackburn Link Committee

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America

Tuesday 23 February

Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c.155

Pray for those who feel their lives are on hold, that they may retain a sense of hope.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Joshua 1.9

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

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: [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: Growth and links between the Education Departments of our two Dioceses

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Northern Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America

Wednesday 24 February

Ember Day

Pray for the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the central governance structures of the Church, that they would have wisdom in their decision making and strive in all they do to enable and empower all people of faith.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Joshua 1.9

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

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

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

Braunschweig: All who are involved in the link committees for our two Dioceses

Free State: For the Fellowship of Vocation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Argyll and The Isles – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Event: 'Looking out in Lent'; our five-week Zoom-based Lent course begins tonight.

Thursday 25 February

Pray for all those involved in the production, distribution and administration of the various vaccines. Pray particularly for those uncertain about having the vaccine that they will find answers to their concerns.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Joshua 1.9

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

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

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

Free State: For the Anglican Women's Fellowship

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Arizona – The Episcopal Church The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (VIII (8) Province)

Meeting: Financial Assistance Group 1

Clergy Moves: Rev Christopher Anderton to become the Vicar of Blackburn The Redeemer

Friday 26 February
Ember Day

Pray for those without a permanent home, living on the streets, sofa surfing or relying on hostels for a bed each night.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Joshua 1.9

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

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

Diocese: [Ashton-on-Ribble St Andrew](#), Rev James Nash, Rev Jonny Lee; also in this Benefice St Andrew'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: The Diocese of Arkansas – The Episcopal Church (VII (7) Province)

Saturday 27 February
George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633
Ember Day

Pray for all prisoners, prison officers, prison chaplains, governors and support staff as they strive to keep prisons safe as well as secure.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Joshua 1.9

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

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

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

Free State: For all school Chaplains

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Armagh – The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province)

Meeting: General Synod (one day meeting, online)

Sunday 28 February
Second Sunday of Lent

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: Growing Leaders – Joshua 1.9

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Preston Resourcing Parish: Please pray for boldness and creativity in inviting people onto the three courses that will run this year. Thank God for the attendance on Alpha in 2020 – even during lockdown in groups, cinema style and live online.

Vision 2026: Pray for our chaplains in schools and universities, that they may be a Christian presence in education, witnessing to the transforming effect of Jesus on people's lives and encouraging the exploration of the Gospel

Diocese: [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: Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer

Free State: For all involved in Ordination training

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America