

## Blackburn Prayers September 2021

In the last 18 months we have seen unprecedented events taking place in our country and around the world in response to the coronavirus outbreak. Updates continue to be sent from Bishop Philip and the Coronavirus Task Group as often as required; 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 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. 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 inspiring Youth/Children and Schools. We have prayers for National Church Funded Projects in Blackpool, Blackburn and Preston; and we also pray for the Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) in our parishes.

We are now asking for people in our parishes to actively report 'Answers to Prayer' to us as an encouragement to all. For current responses [click here](#) to go to the 'Answers to Prayer' page on the Diocesan website. If you have an answer to prayer for sharing, please email [beingwitnesses@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:beingwitnesses@blackburn.anglican.org) with your name, parish and short report of 50-75 words max. Prayer answered can also be submitted anonymously if you prefer - please advise of this when emailing.

If you have any comments, amendments or updates regarding Blackburn Prayers, please direct them to [karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto: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**  
**llm = Licensed Lay Minister**

### Wednesday 1 September

Giles, hermit, c710

Heavenly father, we pray for all schools as they return after the summer break, we ask for a safe return to classrooms, for the health of pupils, teachers, non-teaching staff, governors and all involved with the operation of the school. We pray for wisdom for the decision makers and confidence and courage for all to face whatever lies ahead. We pray that our schools will be places of joy and beacons of your love shining out in the community. Amen

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Galatians 5.22**

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

**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 their hearts, it will equip them in their daily lives.

**Diocese:** [Fulwood Christ Church](#), Rev Christopher Boland, Rev Liz McLean, Mrs Mandy Stanton (llm); also in this Benefice, Archbishop Temple CofE High School

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Ekiti West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)

## Thursday 2 September

Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Galatians 5.22**

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

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

**Free State:** Give thanks for the work of 'Green Anglicans', who, with their links to Tearfund and the Anglican Church in Southern Africa help young people and students find their voice in tackling the issues that matter to them.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Eldoret – The Anglican Church of Kenya

## Friday 3 September

Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Galatians 5.22**

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**Mission Partners:** Stephen and Lisa Haskett are asking for prayer for an ongoing local Covid vaccination programme; that supply of vaccines would be uninterrupted and that there would be lots of opportunities to share the gospel at vaccination camps.

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

**Diocese:** HMP Preston, Rev Gail Miller, Mrs Lorraine Innerdale

**Braunschweig:** All working in church kindergartens.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Port Elizabeth – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Stephen Haskett, Interim Associate Minister of Freckleton and Warton

## Saturday 4 September

Birinus, bishop, 650

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Galatians 5.22**

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**Vision 2026:** Pray for the Director of Whalley Abbey, Rev Adam Thomas and the Whalley Abbey Community as they provide our Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer.

**Diocese:** [Ingol St Margaret](#), Rev Cherie Walker

**Free State:** Pray for the Mothers' Union as they continue their work in support of women and families around the world, but particularly for their work in the churches across Bloemfontein.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Ely – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

## Sunday 5 September

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Harvest Thanksgiving

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### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Galatians 5.22**

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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

**Diocese:** Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Rev David Anderson

**Braunschweig:** All preparing for confirmation in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Richard Dashwood, Vicar of Kirkham St Michael

## Monday 6 September

Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 23

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Galatians 5.22**

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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

**Diocese:** [Lea St Christopher](#) and [Preston Emmanuel](#), Rev Peter Hamborg, Rev Dr Michael Clayton, Mr James Cam (Ilm), Mrs Joyce Willacy (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Lea Neeld's Endowed CofE Primary School

**Free State:** Pray for Helen Ballard as she works linking parishes here is Blackburn with parishes in The Free State. Pray that these links may be fruitful and bless people on both sides of the link.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Embu – The Anglican Church of Kenya  
**Meeting:** Bishop's Leadership Team

## Tuesday 7 September

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Galatians 5.22**

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**Blackpool Ministry Experience (BME):** Pray for the new Blackpool Ministry Experience participants as they move into their new house and begin to form their community for the next ten months.

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

**Diocese:** [Longridge St Lawrence with St Paul](#), Rev Mike Barton, Rev Simon King, Mr Gerald Mack (IIm); also in this Benefice, Longridge CoE Primary School

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Enugu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

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

## Wednesday 8 September Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Galatians 5.22**

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

**Diocese:** [Preston All Saints](#), Rev Nathan Buttery, Rev Simon Griffiths

**Free State:** Give thanks for the joyful attitude to giving in the churches in Bloemfontein. As we think of how some churches dance to the offering plate may we be challenged to give joyfully of what God has given us.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Enugu North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Canon Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar of Lancaster St Mary (The Priory)

## Thursday 9 September Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Galatians 5.22**

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**Vision 2026:** For plentiful workers of all backgrounds, for the plentiful harvest fields across Lancashire and for intercessors who are ambitious, insightful and who storm the gates of heaven.

**Diocese:** [Preston St Cuthbert Fulwood](#), Rev Mark Bradford, Rev Liz Gethin, Rev Kamran Bhatti, Rev Michael Hutchinson, Ms Ann Gray (IIm), Mr Jonathan Greening (IIm), Mrs Janet Mortimer (IIm), Mr Michael Speight (IIm)

**Braunschweig:** For new links between our secondary schools.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Esan – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)

## Friday 10 September

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Galatians 5.22**

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**Mission Partners:** Our Church Mission Society partners, Alan and Lex, would welcome your prayer for their ongoing work in local schools and communities in Cambodia. Recovery from the effects of Covid is a long process in these areas that were already poverty-stricken.

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

**Diocese:** [Preston St Stephen](#), Rev David Hanson, Rev Barbara Houghton; also in this Benefice, Preston St Stephen's CofE Primary School

**Free State:** Pray for the boys and girls at St Andrew's School, Welcom. Pray for their teachers and all who support learning and worship in that place.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Etche – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)

**Meeting:** Diocesan Advisory Committee

## Saturday 11 September

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Psalm 34.8**

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**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:** [Preston St John](#) and [St George the Martyr](#), Rev Sam Haigh, Rev Andrew Dykes, Rev David Craven, Rev Timothy Roberts, Rev David Owens

**Braunschweig:** All who work at Braunschweig Theological Centre.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Etsako – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)

**Clergy Moves:** Rev David Owens, Assistant Curate for Preston St John and St George the Martyr (Preston Minster)

**Event:** We pray for the new Emmanuel Theological College and all those involved in its development in any way as a special launch service takes place today at Blackburn Cathedral at 10.30am.

**Event:** We also pray for all those participating in the Licensed Lay Minister Triennial Licensing Service; also taking place at Blackburn Cathedral, later today at 6pm.

## Sunday 12 September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving

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### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Psalm 34.8**

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

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

**Diocese:** [Preston The Risen Lord](#), Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie, Rev Dan Freeman; also in this Benefice, Preston St Matthew's CofE Primary School

**Free State:** Pray for those who work in the Diocesan offices. Give them wisdom and energy as they work to further your kingdom in the Diocese.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Tanzania

## Monday 13 September

John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 24

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Psalm 34.8**

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**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:** [Ribbleson](#), Rev Keith Fenton, Capt David Thorp

**Braunschweig:** All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe – The Episcopal Church (II Province)

**Meeting:** Diocesan Audit/Risk/Governance Committee

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Rebecca Roberts, Vicar of Lower Darwen St James and Priest-in-Charge of Over Darwen St James and Huddlesden St Paul

## Tuesday 14 September Holy Cross Day

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Psalm 34.8**

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**Blackpool Centre of Mission:** Pray for the start of the new academic year and the Centre of Mission being able to contribute to the life of the local schools. Pray particularly for openness in Secondary schools across the Fylde as we look to increase the churches' presence in the school communities.

**Vision 2026:** For us to be mindful of the gifts of God's Creation – earth, water, air, our fellow creatures and that we come together with all that God has made into a common home, a place of thankfulness and peace.

**Diocese:** [Tunstall Deanery Officers](#), Area Dean Vacant, Mrs Elizabeth Battersby-Hill

**Free State:** Pray for Kelebogile Ditema as she leads the work for Mosamaria Aids ministry at St Patrick's in Bloemfontein.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese in Europe – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

**Meeting:** Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel



## Wednesday 15 September

Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Psalm 34.8**

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**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:** [Bolton-le-Sands Holy Trinity](#), Vacant, Mrs Mary Bunting (cw), Mr Peter Davies (cw); also in this Benefice, Bolton-le-Sands CofE Primary School

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Eyo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)

## Thursday 16 September

Ninian, bishop, c.432;

Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Psalm 34.8**

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**Vision 2026:** Pray that all might hear God's call in their life and be ready to respond with faithful obedience. Pray that all Christians may feel equipped to live out their faith in the family, the workplace and in their local communities.

**Diocese:** [Carnforth Christ Church](#), Rev Canon Stephen Jones; also in this Benefice, Carnforth Christ Church CofE VA Primary School

**Free State:** Pray for all men who are part of the Bernard Mizeki Guild in the churches in The Free State. Pray as they meet to support each other and the churches. Give thanks for all they do in the support of the clergy in those churches.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Exeter – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

## Friday 17 September

Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Psalm 34.8**

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**Clergy with PTO:** Bless, O Lord, all clergy in our Diocese who are retired with Permission to Officiate. Grant them your continued wisdom and strength to serve. We are thankful for the many ways they provide invaluable support as we work together making disciples, growing leaders, being witnesses and inspiring children and young people for Jesus Christ.

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

**Diocese:** [Caton with Litledale St Paul](#), Rev Paul Boulter, Mrs Daphne Wade (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Caton St Paul's CofE Primary School

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Ezo – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Western Equatoria Province)

## Saturday 18 September

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Psalm 34.8**

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

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

**Diocese:** [East Lonsdale](#), Vacant, Mr Jac Beeson (cw), Mrs Susan Hunter (cw), Mrs Joan Withers (cw), Mrs Helen Wilkinson (cw), Mrs Sara Mason (cw), Mr John Wilson (cw), Miss Mary Winter (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Leck St Peter's CofE Primary School, Melling St Wilfrid CofE Primary School, Tatham Fells CofE Primary School, Wray with Botton Endowed Primary School

**Free State:** Pray today for South African Archbishop Thabo. Pray that he leads with truth and love and works always for the furthering of the kingdom of God.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Faisalabad – The (united) Church of Pakistan

**Event:** We pray today for all those involved in the first of the annual Authorised Lay Minister commissioning services for our Diocese, which is taking place at Blackburn Cathedral at 3pm.

**Sunday 19 September**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**  
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***Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Psalm 34.8***

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**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:** [Hornby with Claughton and Whittington with Arkholme and Gressingham](#), Rev Michael Hampson; also in this Benefice, Arkholme CofE Primary School, Hornby St Margaret's CofE Primary School

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Neil Kelley, Priest-in-Charge (additional appointment) and Rev Rebecca Feeney, Curate-in-Charge of Chorley St Peter

**Monday 20 September**

John Coleridge Patteson, bishop,  
and companions, martyrs, 1871  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 25

***Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Psalm 34.8***

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**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:** [Over Kellet St Cuthbert](#), Vacant, Mr Derek Burnside (cw), Mr John Halsey (cw); also in this Benefice, Over Kellet Wilson's Endowed CofE Primary School

**Free State:** Pray for the Diocesan Retreat Centre at Modderpoort. Pray that it will be a place of rest and blessing to the Diocese and that the annual cave service there will be an opportunity for unity and growth in the Diocese.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Parish of the Falkland Islands – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury

**Tuesday 21 September**  
**Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

***Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26***

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**M:Power:** Pray for the new students who will be starting the fourth East Lancs M:Power training programme in Burnley and the second cohort on the Fylde Coast in Blackpool. Pray that God will shape them as they look at what transformation means for them.

**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:** [Silverdale St John](#), Rev Mary Ashton, Mr Peter Dyer (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Silverdale St John's CofE VA Primary School

**Braunschweig:** All involved in the Synod of the Braunschweiger Landeskirche.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of False Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**Wednesday 22 September**  
**Ember Day**

***Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26***

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

**Diocese:** [Slyne with Hest St Luke](#) and [Halton St Wilfrid with Aughton St Saviour](#), Rev Susan Seed, Mr Martin Wakelin (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Halton St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School, Slyne with Hest St Luke's CofE Primary School

**Free State:** Pray for the struggle in the Diocese and wider country with violence perpetrated against women. Remember in your prayers those who have lost family or been harmed in such violence.

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

## Thursday 23 September

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26**

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**Vision 2026:** Pray 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:** [Warton St Oswald with Yealand Conyers St John](#), Rev Robin Figg, Mrs Annette MacKenzie (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Warton Archbishop Hutton's VC Primary School, Yealand CofE Primary School

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

**Meeting:** Financial Assistance Group (1)

## Friday 24 September Ember Day

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26**

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**Mission Partners:** Pray for 'Graham and Fiona' working in a hospital and a college, in a least-reached part of Africa. Much of their work involves removing obstacles (rocky soil) and walking alongside people who want to grow into a fuller understanding of the love of God in Jesus.

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

**Diocese:** [Whalley Deanery Officers](#), Rev Jonathan Carmyllie, Rev Andrew Froud, Rev Jane Lee, Mr David Holt

**Free State:** Bring before God the small business owners and local enterprises which might be struggling as a result of the pandemic. Pray for initiatives, set up by local charities which support people in.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Central Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

**Meeting:** Annual Diocesan Headteachers Conference

## Saturday 25 September

Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626;

Sergei of Radonezh, monastic reformer, teacher of the faith, 1392

### Ember Day

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26**

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**Vision 2026:** Pray for the Inspiring Youth Learning Community, that churches across the Diocese will grow in confidence to enable and grow new youth ministries.

**Diocese:** [Balderstone](#), [Mellor](#) and [Samlesbury](#), Rev Karen Herschell; also in this Benefice, Balderstone St Leonard's CofE VA Primary School, Mellor St Mary CofE Primary School, Samlesbury CofE School

**Braunschweig:** Pray for Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Southeast Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

**Meeting:** Bishop's Council and Directors

## Sunday 26 September Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

### Harvest Thanksgiving

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### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26**

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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

**Diocese:** Bowland Benefice ([Bolton-by-Bowland](#); [Gisburn](#); [Grindleton](#)), Rev Mark Williams, Mr James Taylor (Ilm)

**Free State:** Pray for the Sports' Ministry going on through Mosamaria as they teach sports and life skills to young people in the Bochabela township and feed them as well.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Episcopal Church

## Monday 27 September

Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists, 1660

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 26

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26**

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**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:** [Chipping St Bartholomew](#), Vacant, Mrs Lynne Raphael (IIm), Mr Simon Hore (cw), Mrs Laura Hunt (cw), Mr Matthew Tomlin (cw); also in this Benefice, Chipping Brabins Endowed School

**Braunschweig:** Chair of the Braunschweig Link Committee in Blackburn Diocese.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Southwest Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

**Meeting:** Bishop's Appointment Team

## Tuesday 28 September

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26**

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**Preston Resourcing Parish:** Students are returning to University, a new Leadership Development Year is beginning. Pray for Christian students to find church and to leave University with strengthened, active faith. Pray for those who are seeking to find Jesus, who is the way, through Alpha, Student Groups and relationships.

**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:** [Clitheroe](#), [Chatburn](#) and [Downham](#), Rev Andrew Froud, Rev Catherine Hale-Heighway; also in this Benefice, Chatburn CofE Primary School

**Free State:** Pray for the Christian Union at the University of the Free State. Pray for all learners who witness to God's goodness there.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Fond du Lac – The Episcopal Church (V Province)

## Wednesday 29 September

Michael and All Angels

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26**

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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

**Diocese:** [Clitheroe St James](#), Rev Mark Pickett, Rev Ian Sarginson, Mrs Ruth Haldane (IIm), Dr Sam Johnson (IIm), Mrs Jilly MacDonald (IIm), Mr Duncan Tyson (IIm), Mr Peter Williams (IIm); also in this Benefice, Clitheroe St James CofE Primary School

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Fredericton – The Anglican Church of Canada (Canada Province)

## Thursday 30 September

Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420

### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26**

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**Vision 2026:** For the support provided to clergy and their families to have suitable homes from which to be leaders in mission.

**Diocese:** [Great Harwood St Bartholomew and St John](#), Rev Graham Birch; also in this Benefice, Great Harwood St Bartholomew's Parish CofE VA Primary School, Great Harwood St John's CofE Primary School

**Free State:** Pray for the Lay Ministry and Servers' Guilds as they support clergy in the worshipping life of the church.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Free State – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**Clergy Moves:** Retirement of Rev David Bacon, Vicar of Darwen St Barnabas