

Blackburn Prayers January 2022

In the last 2 years 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 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 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

Saturday 1 January
Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

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: HMP Kirkham, Rev Fiona Haines

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 Isi mbano – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Owerri Province)

Sunday 2 January
Epiphany
Second Sunday of Christmas

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

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

Diocese: [Kirkham St Michael](#), Rev Richard Dashwood; also in this Benefice, Kirkham St Michael's CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Monday 3 January

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

Mission Partners: Stephen and Lisa Haskett ask for our prayers for blessing and wisdom for the new opportunities opening up to extend their work with churches in India.

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

Diocese: [Lund St John the Evangelist](#), Vacant, Mrs Helen Bushe (cw); also in this Benefice, Newton Bluecoat 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 Isiala-Ngwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba Province)

Tuesday 4 January

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

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: Lytham St Annes Clifton Hospital, Rev Clive Lord, Rev Helen Houston

Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Isial-Ngwa South – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba Province)

Wednesday 5 January

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

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

Diocese: [Lytham St Cuthbert](#) and [Lytham St John the Divine](#), Rev Canon Nicholas Wells, Mrs Bev Wells (Ilm), Miss Joanne Hutchinson (Ilm), Mrs Nicola Whitehead (Ilm); also in this Benefice Lytham CofE VA Primary School

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 Isikwuato – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba Province)

Thursday 6 January

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

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

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

Braunschweig: All preparing for confirmation in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche.

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

Meeting: Whalley Abbey Governance Committee

Friday 7 January

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

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

Diocese: [St Annes on Sea St Anne \(Heyhouses\)](#), Rev Glen Brooks, Mr Bill Hembrow (IIm); also in this Benefice, Heyhouses Endowed CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray for Helen Ballard as she works linking parishes here in 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 Western Izon – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)

Saturday 8 January

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

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

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

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

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

Sunday 9 January First Sunday of Epiphany Baptism of Christ

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

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: [St Annes on Sea St Thomas](#), Rev Chris Scargill, Miss Elizabeth O'Connor (IIm), Mrs Debbie Wood (IIm); also in this Benefice, St Annes on Sea St Thomas CofE Primary School

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: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Monday 10 January

William Laud, archbishop, 1645
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 1

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

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: [Treales Christ Church](#), Rev Christine Morton; also in this Benefice, Treales CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: For new links between our secondary schools.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Jaffna – The (United) Church of South India

Meeting: Bishop's Leadership Team

Clergy Moves: Rev Andrew Horsfall, new Area Dean of Blackburn with Darwen Deanery; Rev Nick Davis, Vicar of Darwen St Cuthbert with Tockholes St Stephen.

Tuesday 11 January

Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Jalingo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Jos Province)

Wednesday 12 January

Aelred, abbot, 1167;

Benedict Biscop, scholar, 689

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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

Diocese: [Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery Officers](#), Rev Helen Scamman, Rev Lorraine Moffatt, Mrs Jacqueline Stamper, Dr Awena Carter, Mrs Barbara Gardner

Braunschweig: All who work at Braunschweig Theological Centre.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Meeting: Making Disciples Team Meeting

Thursday 13 January

Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367;

Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop, 603;

George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), 1691

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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: [Cockerham](#) with [Winmarleigh](#) and [Glasson](#), Rev Gary Lewis, Rev Olivia Haines; also in this Benefice, Cockerham Parochial CofE Primary School, Thurnham Glasson Christ Church CofE Primary School, Winmarleigh 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 Diocese of Jebba – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kwara Province)

Meeting: Bishop's Budget Team

Friday 14 January

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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

Braunschweig: All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Jerusalem – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Saturday 15 January

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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: [Ellel St John the Evangelist](#), Rev Craig Abbott, Rev Ian McGrath, Mrs Diane Otto (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Ellel St John the Evangelist CofE Primary School

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 of San Joaquin – The Episcopal Church (VIII Province)

Meeting: Bishop's Council and Directors

Sunday 16 January Second Sunday of Epiphany

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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: [Heysham St Peter](#), Vacant, Mr Graham Berry (cw), Mrs Irene Charlton (cw); also in this Benefice, Heysham St Peter's CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England

Monday 17 January

Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356;
Charles Gore, bishop, founder of
the Community of the Resurrection,
1932;

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 2

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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: HMP Lancaster Farm, Rev David Noblet

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 Johannesburg – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Meeting: Audit/Risk/Governance Committee

Clergy Moves: Rev Dave Hanson, new Area Dean of Preston Deanery

Tuesday 18 January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January

Amy Carmichael, founder of the
Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual
writer, 1951

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Sisters of the Order of the Companions of Mary and Martha: Pray for Sister Judith and Sister Sue at St Joseph's House, Tunstall, living a vowed life of prayerful presence and hospitality. Give thanks for their faithful witness to the gospel and bless all who visit there seeking peace and refreshment.

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

Diocese: [Lancaster Christ Church](#), Rev Carol Backhouse, Dr Pat Allen (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Lancaster Christ Church CofE Primary School

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

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

Wednesday 19 January

Wulfstan, bishop, 1095

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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: [Lancaster St Chad Skerton](#) (in plurality with) [Lancaster St Luke Skerton](#), Rev Caitlin Carmichael-Davis; also in this Benefice, Skerton St Luke's CofE 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 Juba – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Thursday 20 January

Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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 God will guide supporters who can help them draw strength from Him.

Diocese: [Lancaster St Mary \(The Priory\)](#), Rev Canon Leah Vasey-Saunders, Rev Keith Brockbank, Rev Michael Fielding, Rev Stephen Harker; also in this Benefice, Lancaster, Ripley St Thomas CofE Academy

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Kabba – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province)

Friday 21 January

Agnes, child martyr, 304

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

M:Power: Pray for the M:Power students as they come back from their Christmas break. This term we are looking at evangelism, mission and outreach and the new tools needed to be effective to reach this generation.

Vision 2026: Pray for all charged with the responsibility of discerning vocation in others in the local church and across the Diocese. Pray for the entire Growing Leaders Team based at the Diocesan offices.

Diocese: [Lancaster St Paul Scotforth](#), Rev Dr Rebecca Aehtner, Rev Claire Cooke; also in this Benefice, Scotforth St Paul's CofE Primary and Nursery 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 Diocese of Kadugli and Nuba Mountains – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Saturday 22 January

Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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

Diocese: [Lancaster St Thomas](#), Rev Canon Jon Scamman, Rev Helen Scamman, Rev Matt Guilder, Rev Angie Letchford

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

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

Sunday 23 January
Third Sunday of Epiphany

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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: [Morecambe St Barnabas](#), Rev Michael Childs

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: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (the Anglican Church in Hong Kong and Macao)

Monday 24 January

Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1622

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 3

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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: [Morecambe St Christopher Bare](#), Rev David Heap

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Kafanchan – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Abuja Province)

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team

Tuesday 25 January
Conversion of Paul

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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: [Overton St Helen](#), Rev Lorraine Moffatt; also in this Benefice, Overton St Helen's CofE Primary School

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 Kagera – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Wednesday 26 January
Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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

Diocese: [Poulton-le-Sands Holy Trinity with Morecambe St Laurence](#), Rev Chris Krawiec, Rev Catherine Haydon, Rev Anne Cunliffe; also in this Benefice, Poulton-le-Sands CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: Pray for Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Kajiado – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Thursday 27 January

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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: [Sandylands St John](#), Rev Canon Linda Macluskie

Free State: Pray for the Sports' Ministry 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 Diocese of Kajo-Keji – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Central Equatoria Province)

Meeting: Strategic Development Funding (SDF) Project Board

Friday 28 January

Thomas Aquinas, priest,
philosopher, teacher of the faith,
1274

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Preston Resourcing Parish: We want people to find their home, their purpose and take part in the transformation of Preston. Please pray for clarity as the vision is re-cast this month.

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: [Shireshead St James](#), Rev Canon Peter Ballard

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Kamango – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Saturday 29 January

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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: [Torrisholme The Ascension](#), Rev Damian Porter, Rev Matteo Zambon, Rev Keith Fenton, Rev Canon Thomas Bill

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 Kampala – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Sunday 30 January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Candlemas Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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

Diocese: University of Lancaster, Rev Kevin Huggett

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Monday 31 January

John Bosco, priest, founder of the
Salesian Teaching Order, 1888
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 4

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Vision 2026: For the whole community in Clayton House, the Diocesan offices, who through their varied ministries support the work of all the churches and church schools in the Diocese of Blackburn.

Diocese: [Leyland Deanery Officers](#), Rev Marc Wolverson, Rev Dr Duncan Bell, Mr Tim Burrige, Mrs Dorothy Gardner, Mr Bob Collins

Free State: Pray for the Area Deans and Archdeacons who facilitate the smooth working of so many aspects of the Diocese and support the churches and clergy.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Kano – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kaduna Province)