

Blackburn Prayers February 2022

In the last two years we have seen unprecedented events taking place in our country and around the world in response to the pandemic. 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](#).

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, albeit with many restrictions recently being lifted, 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.

Remember, we continue to ask 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

Tuesday 1 February
Brigid, abbess, c.525

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 Lent and Advent Devotionals, give thanks for the growing team of contributors, and pray that the 9,500 devotionals distributed each Advent and Lent will encourage many in the habit of daily Bible reading.

We pray for the appointment of a principal for St Wilfrid's Church of England Academy in Blackburn, that Christ will be at the centre of the whole process. Give to the decision makers wisdom, understanding and courage to ensure that the appointed leader will enable the school to flourish and continue to be a beacon of Christ's love in the community.

Diocese: [Bamber Bridge St Aidan and Walton-le-Dale St Leonard](#), Rev Shaun Baldwin, Rev Anna Walker, Dr Belinda Hornby (llm); also in this Benefice, Bamber Bridge St Aidan's CofE Primary School, Walton-le-Dale St Leonard's CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray for Bishop Dintoe and his family as he leads the Diocese of the Free State at a time of great difficulty due to the pandemic and its impact, particularly on the poor, in South Africa.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of All Saints Cathedral – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Meeting: Mission and Pastoral Committee; Resilience Group; Finance Committee; Property Committee

Wednesday 2 February
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Candlemas

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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Vision 2026: For the Vine Community, give thanks for the creation of a new community of prayer across the Diocese, sharing a common rule of life based on John 15, and pray that this will help many church members to abide, grow and bear fruit.

Diocese: [Bamber Bridge St Saviour](#), Rev Matt Cook; also in this Benefice, Cuerden Church School, Bamber Bridge

Braunschweig: The link between Blackburn Diocese and the Braunschweiger Landeskirche.

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Michael Hutchinson, new Vicar of Garstang St Thomas

Event: Candlemas – Blackburn Cathedral at 7.30pm

Thursday 3 February

Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 4

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.

Mission Partners: Stephen and Lisa Haskett ask for our prayers as the demands of the Covid pandemic subside, please pray for blessing and wisdom for the new opportunities opening up to extend their work with churches in India.

Vision 2026: For Whalley Abbey, give thanks that, despite Covid, day bookings from churches and Christian groups are well above projections, and trust that residential bookings will begin to grow as people feel more confident about staying away from home.

Diocese: [Buckshaw Village Conventional District](#), Vacant, Mr Gary Miller (cw), Mrs Katherine Buckley (cw); also in this Benefice, Buckshaw Trinity CofE/Methodist Primary School

Free State: Pray for Fr Lazarus, Dean of Bloemfontein Cathedral, and remember particularly the confirmation classes there as they prepare for the upcoming service.

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

Meeting: Investment Committee

Event: Diocesan Clergy Study Morning at Whalley Abbey

Friday 4 February

Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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Vision 2026: For Roots of Faith, give thanks for the newly rewritten Discipleship Course being launched this year, and pray for the tutors as they prepare to lead partly online and partly face-to-face.

Diocese: HMP Garth, Rev Dr Rick Bunday

Braunschweig: Growth in links between Blackburn Cathedral and the Braunschweiger Dom.

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

Event: Diocesan Clergy Study Morning at St Stephens on the Cliffs

Saturday 5 February

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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Heavenly Father, we place into your hands the Mothers' Union here in Blackburn Diocese. We pray for all involved in the organisation and running of around a hundred branches throughout the Diocese. Surround them with your Holy Spirit as they seek to promote the importance of marriage, to support families and to nurture faith, through prayer, commitment and service. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Vision 2026: For Generous Giving, give thanks for the generous giving of many which has enabled us to maintain stipendiary clergy numbers through the pandemic, and pray for more Christians, including those new to faith, to discover a sense of gratitude for the ability to tithe.

Diocese: [Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints](#), Rev David Dickinson, also in this Benefice Hesketh-with-Becconsall All Saints CofE School

Free State: Pray for school chaplain Deon Lombard and for his work at St Andrews Boys School in Bloemfontein. Remember also the staff and students at the school as they work and worship together.

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

Sunday 6 February Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952

Proper 1

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 Spiritual Direction, give thanks for those in training on the Spiritual Accompaniers' Course, and pray that more individuals will be able to grow as disciples of Jesus through the assistance of a Spiritual Director, soul-friend or confessor.

Diocese: [Higher Walton All Saints](#) (in plurality with) [Hoghton Holy Trinity](#), Rev Hannah Boyd, Rev Bryn Naylor; also in this Benefice, Higher Walton CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands – The (United) Church of North India

Monday 7 February

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 5

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for the recruitment process for the next intake of the Blackpool Ministry Experience to be starting in September 2022.

Vision 2026: For Everyday Faith, pray for those developing online resources and apps that will help Christians to live as confident disciples of Jesus in those places where they spend the most time with those who do not share their faith, maybe at work, the sports or social club, or with family.

Diocese: [Hoole St Michael](#), Rev Ann Templeman; also in this Benefice, Hoole St Michael CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray today for the new Chair, Rev Sam Cheesman, at the start of a new season leading the Link Committee, growing the link between the two Dioceses.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi

Meeting: General Synod

Tuesday 8 February

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: [Leyland St Ambrose](#), Rev Paul Robinson, Mr Alwyn Carroll (IIm)

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

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

Meeting: General Synod

Wednesday 9 February

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 and for intercessors who are ambitious, insightful and who storm the gates of heaven.

Diocese: [Leyland St Andrew](#), Rev David Whitehouse, Rev Dr Duncan Bell, Rev Mark Simpson; also in this Benefice, Balshaw's CofE High School, Leyland St Andrew' CofE Infant School

Free State: Hold all those working for and volunteering with Mosamaria Aids Ministry in the Free State in your prayers. Trudie Harrison is the Programme Coordinator there and has guided the charity for a number of years.

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

Meeting: General Synod

Thursday 10 February

Scholastica, abbess, c.543

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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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. Pray for the economy to recover so that people can make ends meet, schools can re-open fully and people receive the treatment they need.

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

Diocese: [Leyland St James](#), Rev Marc Wolverson, Mrs Deborah Peacock (IIm); also in this Benefice, Leyland St James CofE Primary School

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

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

Meeting: General Synod

Friday 11 February

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: [Leyland St John](#), Rev Andy Meeson, Rev Mark Wooding, Rev Barbara Wilson, Mrs Sue Champness (IIm)

Free State: Pray for Chaplain Grant Trewern and for all he does for the staff and students at St Michael's Girls School in Bloemfontein.

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

Meeting: Bishop's Leadership Team; Diocesan Advisory Committee; General Synod

Saturday 12 February

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: [Longton St Andrew](#), Vacant, Mrs Joan Doerich (Ilm), Mr Martin Reynolds (cw), Mrs Cath Grilli (cw); also in this Benefice, Hutton CofE Grammar School

Braunschweig: The parish link between St Mary's Clitheroe and Schandelah and Gardessen.

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

Sunday 13 February Third Sunday before Lent Proper 2

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

Free State: Pray today for all involved in treating and supporting those suffering with or because of Covid. Remember particularly in your prayers those living in townships who may struggle with reduced income and close living conditions.

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

Monday 14 February

Cyril and Methodius, missionaries, 869 and 885;
Valentine, martyr at Rome, c.269
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 6

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 Jenny as she prepares for Mental Health First Aid sessions at the Sixth Form College. Also pray for an opening in Aspire Academy secondary school, and the continued ministry in Boundary Primary School.

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

Braunschweig: The parish link between Euxton and Wolfenbüttel (Church of Reconciliation/St James/Gross Stöckheim).

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada

Tuesday 15 February

Sigfrid, bishop, 1045;
Thomas Bray, priest, founder of the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge and Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 1730

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

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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: [Penwortham St Leonard](#), Rev Nick Mansfield; also in this Benefice, Penwortham Middleforth CofE Primary School

Free State: Remember in your prayers those with responsibility for the difficult financial situation. Pray particularly for those directly impacted by the lack of regular income experienced by parish priests.

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

Meeting: Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel; HR Committee

Wednesday 16 February

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: [Penwortham St Mary](#), Rev Chris Nelson; Howick Church Endowed Primary School, Penwortham Cop Lane CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah.

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

Thursday 17 February

Janani Luwum, archbishop, martyr, 1977

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.

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: [Rufford with Holmeswood St Mary 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

Free State: Give thanks for Fr Joshua Skee, Link Officer in the Free State and for all members of the Link Committee in South Africa.

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

Friday 18 February

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

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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: [Wellfield Pioneer Church](#), Leyland, Rev Mark Simpson

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

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

Saturday 19 February

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: HMP Wymott, Rev Calum Crombie

Free State: Pray for all the links between parishes here and in the Free State. Pray also for Helen Ballard who holds the brief for nurturing these links and for her plans to grow the links particularly between lay people.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Araucanía – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Sunday 20 February
Second Sunday before Lent

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

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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: [Pendle Deanery Officers](#), Rev Chris Casey, Mrs Elizabeth Johnston, Mrs Margaret Taylor, Mrs Anne Scarborough

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

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

Monday 21 February

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 7

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 who has planted a cultural church based in the local Library. Pray that Sharon continues to communicate the good news of the gospel effectively to her neighbours on the estate.

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

Free State: The South African High Court and Judiciary are located in Bloemfontein. Pray that they might act with a sense of themselves being under God's judgement and mercy and that they might carry out their duties according to His law.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team; Strategic Development Funding Project Board

Clergy Moves: Rev Jane Lee, new Vicar of East Lonsdale Benefice

Tuesday 22 February

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

Diocese: [Brierfield St Luke](#) (in plurality with) [Burnley St Cuthbert](#), Rev Munawar Din

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

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

Meeting: Making Disciples Team meeting

Wednesday 23 February

Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c.155

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 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: Colne ([Holy Trinity](#) and [St Bartholomew](#)), Rev Alex Oehring, Mrs Lisa Peynado (Ilm), Mrs Christine Smith (Ilm)

Free State: Pray today for the Mosamaria Ministries project which encourages the consistent and timely taking of Antiretrovirals in the community. This project saves lives but is often short of funding and workers often go without full pay.

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

Thursday 24 February

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.

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: [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: Following a successful 2021 Kirchentag held online, please pray for all aspects of planning for the next Kirchentag in 2023; and particularly that delegates are able to joyfully gather together in person again.

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

Friday 25 February

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 the Inspiring Youth Learning Community, that churches across the Diocese will grow in confidence to enable and grow new youth ministries.

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

Free State: Give thanks for the Girls' Friendly Society, Girls' Brigade, Sunday Schools and all clubs and societies which nurture girls and young women in the faith.

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

Event: Children's Ministry Conference

Saturday 26 February

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.

Ladywell House: For Rev David Craven, Bishop Jill and Bishop Philip establishing the new contextual training pathway for Traditional Catholic Ordinands based in Preston; to find a first cohort and a suitable house close to St George's church.

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

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

Braunschweig: The work of the Meissen Commission, working for full and visible unity between our two churches.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Arkansas – The Episcopal Church (7 Province)

Event: Children's Ministry Conference

Sunday 27 February Sunday next before Lent

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

Free State: Pray for Canon Joan Marsden, for her work at Sunflower House in Bloemfontein and also in her work around the world relating to hospice care.

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

Monday 28 February

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 8

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 2021 – 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.

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

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Barbara Pack, Assistant Priest of Balderstone, Mellor and Samesbury

Event: Diocesan Clergy Study Morning at Burnley St Stephens