

## Blackburn Prayers April 2022

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as they face Russian aggression. You can find prayers, liturgical resources and other updates [here](#); including support being given to Ukrainian aid charities by many of our parishes.

Meanwhile, we recently launched The Vine Community - our flexible framework for living a Christian life. Read about the launch event [here](#) and [visit this page on the Diocesan website](#) where you will find everything you need to get involved in The Vine Community. When you have made your personal pledge to join, you can email [vinecommunity@blackburncathedral.co.uk](mailto:vinecommunity@blackburncathedral.co.uk) with your name, parish and contact details. You will then receive an invite to a special Service of Commitment at the Cathedral on June 19.

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](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**

### Friday 1 April

Frederick Denison Maurice, priest,  
teacher of the faith, 1872

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – 2 Corinthians 8.7**

Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

**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.

**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 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 Bath and Wells – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

## Saturday 2 April

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

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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. More about the community [here](#).

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

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Bathurst – The Anglican Church of Australia (New South Wales Province)

## Sunday 3 April Passiontide Begins

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**Mission Partners:** Steve and Lisa Haskett ask us to pray for persecuted Christians in India, for their protection and ability to remain steadfast in faith. Pray for the work of Life Association to support existing and new projects to bless and enable people to flourish.

**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 leaving home.

**Diocese:** [Slyne with Hest St Luke](#) and [Halton St Wilfrid](#) with [Aughton St Saviour](#), Rev Susan Seed; also in this Benefice, Halton St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School; Slyne with Hest St Luke's CofE 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 Bauchi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Jos Province)

## Monday 4 April

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

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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:** [Warton St Oswald with Yealand Conyers St John](#), Rev Robin Figg; also in this Benefice, Warton Archbishop Hutton's VC Primary School; Yealand CofE Primary School.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Ian Sarginson, Priest-in-Charge of Buckshaw Village Conventional District

## Tuesday 5 April

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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 100 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 the joy and exhilaration of tithing.

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

**Free State:** Pray for school chaplain Deon Lombard and for his work at St Andrew's 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 Belize – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

**Meeting:** The Resilience Group

## Wednesday 6 April

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**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:** [Whalley Abbey Chapel](#), Rev Adam Thomas

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Bendigo – The Anglican Church of Australia (Victoria Province)

## Thursday 7 April

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

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**Blackpool Ministry Experience:** Pray that our Blackpool Ministry Experience participants would continue to search out God's plan for life beyond the Blackpool Ministry Experience in July.

**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:** [Balderstone](#), [Mellor](#) and [Samlesbury](#), Rev Karen Herschell, Rev Barbara Pack, Canon Pam Daunton (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Balderstone St Leonard's CofE VA Primary School, Mellor St Mary's CofE Primary School, Samlesbury CofE 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 Diocese of Benin – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)

## Friday 8 April

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

**Diocese:** Bowland Benefice ([Bolton-by-Bowland](#); [Gisburn](#); [Grindleton](#)), Rev Mark Williams, Mr James Taylor (IIm); also in this Benefice, Bolton-by-Bowland CofE Primary School, Grindleton CofE VA Primary School.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Bentiu – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Upper Nile Province)

**Meeting:** Diocesan Advisory Committee

## Saturday 9 April

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, martyr, 1945

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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:** [Chipping St Bartholomew](#), Vacant, Mrs Lynne Raphael (IIm), Mr Simon Hore (cw), Mrs Barbara Butters (cw), Mrs Laura Hunt (cw), Mr Matthew Tomlin (cw); also in this Benefice, Chipping Brabins Endowed 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 Diocese of Bermuda – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury

## Sunday 10 April

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

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Bethlehem – The Episcopal Church (III Province)

## Monday 11 April

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 2 Peter 3.9**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**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:** [Clitheroe St James](#), Rev Mark Pickett, Canon 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.

**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 Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

## Tuesday 12 April

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

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

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

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

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

**Event:** [Whalley Abbey Holy Week](#) – Day Retreat with Rev Adam Thomas

## Wednesday 13 April

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 2 Peter 3.9**

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**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:** [Ribchester St Wilfrid](#) (in plurality with) [Hurst Green](#) and [Mitton](#), Rev Canon Brian McConkey; also in this Benefice, Ribchester St Wilfrid's CofE VA 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 Bida – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province)

**Thursday 14 April  
Maundy Thursday**

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 2 Peter 3.9**

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**Blackpool Centre of Mission:** Pray for the staff team of the Centre of Mission and The Trinity Parish. Rev Peter, Captain Matt, Jeni CA, Rev Simon, Rev Matt, Alison, Gregg and Vicky. Also pray for all the volunteers as they serve God and the community.

**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:** [Langho St Leonard](#), Rev Tracy Swindells, Mrs Janet Parker (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Langho and Billington St Leonard's CofE Primary School.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Event:** [Chrism Eucharist](#) at Blackburn Cathedral;

[Whalley Abbey Holy Week](#) – Residential Retreat with Rev Adam Thomas

**Friday 15 April  
Good Friday**

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**Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 2 Peter 3.9**

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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:** [Read St John and Simonstone St Peter](#), Rev Susan Ball; also in this Benefice, Read St John's CofE Primary School, Simonstone St Peter's 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 Birmingham – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

**Event:** [Whalley Abbey Holy Week](#) – Residential Retreat with Rev Adam Thomas

**Saturday 16 April  
Easter Eve (Easter Vigil)**

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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:** [Rishton St Peter and St Paul](#), Rev Eddie Carr; also in this Benefice, St Peter's and St Paul's CofE Primary School.

**Braunschweig:** The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Blackburn – The Church of England (York Province)

**Event:** [Whalley Abbey Holy Week](#) – Residential Retreat with Rev Adam Thomas

**Sunday 17 April  
Easter Day (Easter Vigil)**

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

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**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:** [Salesbury St Peter](#), Rev Liz McLean, Mrs Janet Haworth (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Salesbury 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 Bo – The Church of the Province of West Africa (West Africa Province)

**Clergy Moves:** Retirement of Rev John Knott, Rector of Foulridge Laneshawbridge and Trawden

**Event:** [Whalley Abbey Holy Week](#) – Residential Retreat with Rev Adam Thomas

**Monday 18 April  
Monday of Easter Week**

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 2 Peter 3.9**

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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:** [Waddington](#), Rev Christopher Wood; also in this Benefice, Waddington and West Bradford CofE VA Primary School.

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

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

**Tuesday 19 April  
Tuesday of Easter Week**

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 2 Peter 3.9**

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**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:** West Pendleside ([Sabden](#); [Pendleton](#); [Whalley](#)), Rev Jonathan Carmyllie, Ms Lynne Smith (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Whalley CofE Primary School.

**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 Boga – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

**Clergy Moves:** Retirement of Rev Ed Straszak, Vicar of Chorley All Saints

**Wednesday 20 April**  
**Wednesday of Easter Week**

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

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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:** [Whitewell St Michael](#), Vacant, Mr Nick Millward (cw), Mr William Leeming (cw).

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Bolivia – The Anglican Church of South America

**Thursday 21 April**  
**Thursday of Easter Week**

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Daniel 12.3**

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

**M:Power:** Pray for the M:Power team and Bishop Philip as the process of recruiting for the 22/23 intake of participants begins. Pray that we will call out the urban leaders to be beacons across this Diocese.

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

**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 Diocese of Bondo – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Friday 22 April**  
**Friday of Easter Week**

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Daniel 12.3**

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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:** [Accrington St John with Huncoat St Augustine](#), Rev Hugh Scriven, Mrs Christine Ritson (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Accrington St John with St Augustine CofE Primary School.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Bor – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Jonglei Province)



**Saturday 23 April**  
**Saturday of Easter Week**

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Daniel 12.3**

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**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:** [Accrington Christ Church](#), Rev Paul McNally, Mrs Gail Whittaker (IIm), Mr Mick Whittaker (IIm)

**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 Botswana – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Sunday 24 April**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Daniel 12.3**

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**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:** [Accrington St Andrew](#), [St Mary Magdalen](#) and [St Peter](#) and Church Kirk, Rev Canon David Arnold, Rev Jordan McDermott; also in this Benefice, Accrington St Christopher's CofE High School, Accrington St Mary Magdalen's CofE Primary School, Accrington St Peter's CofE Primary School, Church St Nicholas 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 Brandon – The Anglican Church of Canada (Rupert's Land Province)

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Peter Hamborg, Vicar of Bolton-le-Sands Holy Trinity with Nether Kellet St Mark

**Monday 25 April**  
**Mark the Evangelist**

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**Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Daniel 12.3**

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

**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:** [Accrington St James](#) and [St Paul](#), Vacant, Rev Paul McNally (C-in-C St James), Rev Amanda Marshall (C-in-C St Paul), Rev Kevin Logan, Mr Tony Hindle (IIm), Mr Andrew Crowe (cw), Mr Gordon Whewell (cw), Mr Terence Jones (cw); also in this Benefice, Accrington Benjamin Hargreaves VA CofE Primary School, Accrington Green Haworth CofE 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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Meeting:** Bishop's Appointments Team

## Tuesday 26 April

George, martyr, patron of England, c.304

**Ukraine:** We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the aggression of the armies of the Russian Federation. Our Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine [is here](#).

**Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Daniel 12.3**

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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

**Diocese:** [Altham](#) with [Clayton-le-Moors](#), Rev Toby Webber

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Brasília – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (III Province)

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

## Wednesday 27 April

Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894

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**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:** [Baxenden St John](#), Rev Amanda Marshall, Dr Patricia Wilkinson (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Baxenden St John'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 Brazzaville – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

**Meeting:** Budget Scrutiny Group

## Thursday 28 April

Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr, 1841

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**Preston Resourcing Parish:** Thank God for the five Leadership Development Year Students. Please pray that this will continue to be a year of personal growth, leadership development and blessing.

**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:** [Haslingden St James with Grane St Stephen and Stonefold St John](#) (in plurality with) [Musbury St Thomas](#), Rev David Stephenson, Rev Judith Balkwell, Rev Andrew Holmes; also in this Benefice, Haslingden St James' CofE Primary School, Haslingden St John's Stonefold CofE Primary School.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Brechin – The Scottish Episcopal Church

**Meeting:** Strategic Development Funding Programme Board

**Event:** [Whalley Abbey Supper Club](#) with Bishop Jill Duff

## Friday 29 April

Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380

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

**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 Brisbane – The Anglican Church of Australia (Queensland Province)

## Saturday 30 April

Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922

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

**Diocese:** [Oswaldtwistle](#), Rev Martin Joss, Rev Carole Garner, Mrs Heather Aspbury (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Oswaldtwistle St Andrew's CofE Primary School, Oswaldtwistle St Paul's CofE Primary School.

**Braunschweig:** Growth in links between University Chaplaincies in our two Dioceses.

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

**Event:** [Licensed Lay Ministry \(LLM\) Study Morning](#)