

## Blackburn Prayers June 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**

### Wednesday 1 June

Justin, martyr, c.165

**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 – John 17.3**

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

**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:** [Blackpool The Trinity Benefice](#), Rev Peter Lillicrap, Rev Matt Robinson, Mr Greg Doughty (llm)

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

## Thursday 2 June

**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 – John 17.3**

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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:** Blackpool Trinity The Hospice in the Fylde, Rev Paul Berry

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Lusitanian Church – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury

## Friday 3 June

Martyrs of Uganda 1885-7, 1977

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**Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3**

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**Mission Partners:** Lisa and Steve Haskett ask us to pray for the protection of the pastors, project leaders and their families as they carry out their work, sometimes in dangerous circumstances.

**Vision 2026:** For Whalley Abbey, give thanks that 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:** [Mereside St Wilfrid](#), Rev Linda Tomkinson; also in this Benefice, Blackpool St George's School, a Church of England Academy

**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 Luweero – The Church of the Province of Uganda

## Saturday 4 June

Petroc, abbot, 6<sup>th</sup> Century

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**Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3**

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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:** [Burnley Deanery Officers](#), Rev Munawar Din (6.6.22), Mrs Carol Waddington, Mr Bob Clayfield

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Northern Luzon – Philippines

**Sunday 5 June**  
**Pentecost**  
**Whit Sunday**

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**Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3**

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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 about one 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 the joy and exhilaration of tithing.

**Diocese:** [Briercliffe St James](#), Vacant, Mrs Andrea Bettany (cw), Mrs Janet Hartley (cw), Mr Christopher Holdsworth (cw); also in this Benefice, Brindle St James CofE VA Primary School

**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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**Monday 6 June**

Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

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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:** Burnley General Hospital, Rev Canon Andrew Horsfall

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

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

**Meeting:** Bishop's Leadership Team

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Lesley Hinchcliffe, Area Dean of Pendle; Rev Munawar Din, Area Dean of Burnley

**Tuesday 7 June**

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**Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3**

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**Blackpool Ministry Experience:** Offering thanks for all that the BME has achieved in this past year. Praying for guidance for the future of the scheme, and praying for Amelia as she reflects on the last 10 months, and what God has done in her and through her.

**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:** [Burnley St Andrew with St Margaret and Burnley St James](#), Rev Aiden Edwards, Rev Paul Benfield, Mr Campbell Barker (Ilm)

**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 Missionary Area of Macau – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Mary Ashton, Vicar of Silverdale St John

## Wednesday 8 June

Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711

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**Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3**

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

**Diocese:** [Burnley St Catherine with St Alban and St Paul](#), Rev Roger Parker

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

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

**Event:** [The Primary Visitation](#) for Lancaster Archdeaconry held at Lancaster St Mary (The Priory) at 7.30pm

## Thursday 9 June

Columba, abbot, missionary, 597;  
Ephrem, deacon, hymn writer, teacher of the faith, 373

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

**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 Madhya Kerala – The (United) Church of South India

## Friday 10 June

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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:** [Burnley St Matthew the Apostle \(Habergham Eaves\) with Holy Trinity](#), Rev Alex Frost, Rev Kat Gregory-Witham, Mrs Jackie Mackrell (IIm); also in this Benefice, Burnley Holy Trinity CofE Primary School

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Madi-West Nile – The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Saturday 11 June**  
**Barnabas the Apostle**

**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 – 1 John 3.8**

Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

**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:** [Burnley St Peter](#) and [St Stephen](#), Vacant, Rev Paul Payton, Mrs Sandra Davies (cw), Mrs Jean Beeston (cw); also in this Benefice, Burnley St Peter's CofE Primary School, Burnley St Stephen's CofE VA 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 Diocese of Madras – The (united) Church of South India

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

**Sunday 12 June**  
**Trinity Sunday**

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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:** [Burnley West All Saints with St John Baptist](#), Rev Charlie Hill; also in this Benefice, Wellfield Methodist and Anglican Church School

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of South America

**Monday 13 June**  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 11

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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:** [Holme-in-Cliviger St John the Divine](#) with [Worsthorne St John Evangelist](#), Rev Chris Casey; also in this Benefice, Cliviger St John'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 Madurai-Ramnad – The (United) Church of South India

**Meeting:** Bishop's Appointments Team

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Wilma Colley, Vicar of Chipping St Bartholomew



## Tuesday 14 June

Richard Baxter, puritan divine, 1691

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**Blackpool Centre of Mission:** Pray for Jeni Nottingham as she leads the youth and children's Deanery network and partners with the Diocesan Youth Officer, Ben Green, to support and encourage mission to young people in the Deanery. Pray for Matt Rowley as he prepares for curacy.

**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:** [Padiham with Hapton and Padiham Green](#), Rev Canon Mark Jones, Rev Kit Walker, Mrs Lynne Trudgill (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Hapton CofE/ Methodist School, Padiham Green CofE Primary School, Padiham St Leonard's VA 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 Magwi – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Eastern Equatoria Province)

**Meeting:** Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel

**Event:** Blackburn with Darwen Mothers' Union Deanery Festival at St Cuthbert's, Darwen.

## Wednesday 15 June

Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941

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### **Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8**

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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:** [Chorley Deanery Officers](#), Rev Neil Kelley, Rev Joanne Smith, Rev Canon Andrew Holliday, Mr Andrew Stokes

**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 Mahajanga – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

**Meeting:** Mothers' Union Trustees meeting

**Event:** [The Primary Visitation](#) for the Blackburn Archdeaconry held at Chorley St George's church at 7.30pm

## Thursday 16 June

### Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion (Corpus Christi);

Richard, bishop, 1253;

Joseph Butler, bishop, philosopher, 1752

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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:** [Adlington St Paul](#), Rev Graeme Buttery, Adlington St Paul's CofE Primary School

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

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

## Friday 17 June

Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936

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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:** [Appley Bridge](#) and [Parbold](#), Rev Susan Timmins, Rev Prof Michelle Plant, Mrs Diane Green (IIm), Dr Sara Ashley (IIm); also in this Benefice, Appley Bridge All Saints CofE Primary School, Parbold Douglas CofE Academy

**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 Maine – The Episcopal Church (I Province)

**Meeting:** Diocesan Advisory Committee

## Saturday 18 June

Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896

**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 – 1 John 3.8**

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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:** [Brindle St James](#), Vacant, Mr Martin Coane (cw), Mrs Jennifer Ashcroft (cw), Mr Roger Parr (cw); also in this Benefice, Brindle St James CofE VA Primary School

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

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

**Event:** [Walsingham Festival](#) at Blackburn Cathedral

## Sunday 19 June

First Sunday after Trinity

Proper 7

**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 – 1 John 3.8**

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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:** [Chorley All Saints](#), Vacant, Mrs Shirley Starkey (cw), Mrs Christine Ireland (cw); also in this Benefice, Chorley All Saints CofE Primary School and Nursery Unit

**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:** Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

## Monday 20 June

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 12

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**Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8**

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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:** [Chorley St George](#), Rev Mike Print; also in this Benefice, Chorley St George's CofE Primary School

**Braunschweig:** For growth in links between us in the area of social responsibility.  
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Makamba – The Anglican Church of Burundi

## Tuesday 21 June

**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 – 1 Corinthians 1.17**

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

**M:Power:** Pray for the current cohort of trainees in Burnley and Blackpool as they finish their training that they would have a sense of how God is calling them to use their training. Pray too for the right people to come forward and join next year's training programme.

**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:** [Chorley St James](#), Rev David Phillips, Mr Phil Parker (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Chorley St James' 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 Diocese of Makueni – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Event:** Kirkham Mothers' Union Deanery Festival at St Anne's, St Annes

## Wednesday 22 June

Alban, first martyr of Britain, c.250  
Ember Day

**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 – 1 Corinthians 1.17**

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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:** [Chorley St Laurence](#), Rev Neil Kelley, Rev Mo Baldwin, Mrs Joan Hayward (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Chorley St Michael's CofE High School, Chorley the parish of St Laurence CofE Primary School

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

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Sam Crossley, Vicar of Longton St Andrew

**Event:** Tunstall Mothers' Union Deanery Festival at Holy Trinity Bolton-le-Sands



## Thursday 23 June

Etheldreda, abbess, c.678  
Ember Day

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**Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17**

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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:** [Chorley St Peter](#), Rev Neil Kelley, Rev Rebecca Feeney; also in this Benefice, Chorley St Peter's CofE Primary School

**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 Malabar – The (United) Church of South India

**Meeting:** Strategic Programme Board

## Friday 24 June

Birth of John the Baptist

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**Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17**

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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:** [Coppull and Coppull St John the Divine](#), Rev Matthew Hornby, also in this Benefice, Coppull St John CofE Primary School, Coppull Parish 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 Malaita – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

## Saturday 25 June

Ember Day

**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 – 1 Corinthians 1.17**

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**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:** [Croston, Bretherton and Mawdesley with Bispham](#), Rev Michael Woods, Rev Janet Taylor, Mrs Janet Maggs (IIm); also in this Benefice, Bishop Rawstone CofE Academy, Bretherton Endowed CofE VA Primary School, Croston Trinity and St Michael's VA CofE/Methodist Primary School, Mawdesley St Peter's 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 Diocese of Malakal – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Upper Nile Province)

**Sunday 26 June**  
**Second Sunday after Trinity**

Proper 8

**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 – 1 Corinthians 1.17**

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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

**Diocese:** [Eccleston St Mary the Virgin](#) and [Charnock Richard Christ Church](#), Rev Andrew Brown; also in this Benefice, Eccleston St Mary's CofE Primary School. Charnock Richard Christ Church CofE Primary School

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

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

**Monday 27 June**

Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 444;  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 13

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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:** [Euxton](#), Rev Joanne Smith, Rev Amy Bland; also in this Benefice, Euxton CofE VA 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 Lake Malawi – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Tuesday 28 June**

Irenæus, bishop, teacher of the faith,  
c.200

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**Preston Resourcing Parish:** Thank God for the partnerships that are developing with other Churches, with the City Council, County Council, Police and other agencies. Pray that we will be indeed the salt of the earth and be a source of increased blessing in the City and beyond.

**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:** [Heapey St Barnabas](#) and [Withnell St Paul](#), Rev Alan Hogarth, Rev Gary Bullock; also in this Benefice, Brinscall St John's CofE and Methodist Primary School

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Northern Malawi – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Wednesday 29 June**  
**Peter and Paul, Apostles / Peter the Apostle**

**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 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:** [Shevington St Anne](#), Rev Andrew Brown, Rev Jenny Brown; also in this Benefice, Standish Lower Ground St Anne's CofE Primary School

**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 Southern Malawi – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Thursday 30 June**

**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 – 1 Corinthians 1.17**

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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:** [Standish St Wilfrid](#), Rev Canon Andrew Holliday, Rev Catherine Gabriel, Dr Sheila Fisher (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Standish St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of West Malaysia – The Church of the Province of South East Asia