



Blackburn Prayers July 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 with your name, parish and contact details.

If you have not already subscribed to receive our Daily Prayers email into your inbox, please consider doing so. Simply [click the link here](#).

Meanwhile, 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. A prayer for the process of finding a new Bishop can be found [here](#).

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
Ilm = Licensed Lay Minister

Friday 1 July

Henry, John and Henry Venn,
priests, evangelical divines,
1797, 1813 and 1873

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 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

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: [Whittle-le-Woods St John Evangelist](#), Rev Philip Venables. Rev Paul Davies, Mrs Kathy Bigio (Ilm), Dr Gillian Lancaster (Ilm), Mr Leslie Jones (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Clayton-le-Woods CofE Primary School, Whittle-le-Woods CofE Primary School

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

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

Event: Ordinations 2022: We hold [this year's group of ordinands](#) in our prayers as their ordination weekend approaches. They are currently on retreat at Whalley Abbey.

Saturday 2 July

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 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

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: [Wrightington with Heskin St James the Great](#), Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj; also in this Benefice, Heskin Pemberton's CofE Primary School

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

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

Event: Ordinations 2022: We hold [those to be ordained Deacon and Priest](#) today at Blackburn Cathedral in our prayers.

Sunday 3 July

Third Sunday after Trinity
Thomas the Apostle

Proper 9

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 14.6

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Mission Partners: Lisa and Steve Haskett ask us to pray for the Life Association bank account to remain protected in the face of increased government regulation designed to restrict Christian work in India.

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: Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust, Rev Canon Anne Edwards, Rev Jane Reynolds, Rev Michele Ryan, Rev Caroline Tracey

Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Event: Ordinations 2022: We hold [those to be ordained Priest today](#) in our prayers.

Monday 4 July
Thomas the Apostle
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 14

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 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

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: [Garstang Deanery Officers](#), Rev Andrew Wilkinson, Mrs Susan Willoughby (IIm), Mrs Jean Matthew (IIm)

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Malindi – The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Meeting: Bishop's Leadership Team; Lighting Up New Generations Steering Committee.

Tuesday 5 July

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 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

Mothers' Union: 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: [Copp St Anne](#) and [Inskip St Peter](#), Rev Paul Hunter, Mrs Angela Ashcroft (IIm); also in this Benefice, Great Eccleston Copp CofE Primary School, Inskip St Peter's CofE VA School

Braunschweig: All preparing for confirmation in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Te Pihopatanga o Manawa o Te Wheke – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Maori Tikanga).

Clergy Moves: Rev Victor Sohail, curate of Altham with Clayton-le-Moors

Meeting: Making Disciples Team meeting

Events: Pray for the Bishop's Farewell Deanery Prayer Services taking place today and during this month. [Click here](#) for the full list of dates and venues;

Commissioning of Rev Sarah Gill as Assistant Archdeacon of Blackburn; Rev Steve Haskett as Parish Renewal Lead, working at the Diocesan Offices and Rev Joanne Macholic and Rachel Fielding as Hospital Chaplains; 5pm today at Blackburn Cathedral.

Wednesday 6 July

Thomas More, scholar, and
John Fisher, bishop, martyrs,
1535

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Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for Amelia on her commissioning service today as she steps out in faith to what God has prepared for her next.

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: [Fellside Team Ministry](#), Rev Stephen Cooper, Rev Garry Whittaker; also in this Benefice, Barton St Lawrence CofE Primary School, Bilsborrow John Cross CofE Primary School, Goosnargh Oliverson's CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Manchester – The Church of England (York Province).

Event: Pray for the Year 6 leavers' services being held at Blackburn Cathedral.

Thursday 7 July

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 14.6

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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: [Garstang St Helen \(Churchtown\)](#) and [St Michael's on Wyre](#), Rev Andrew Wilkinson, Mrs Karen Ball (Ilm), Mrs Audrey Ashbridge (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Kirkland and Catterall St Helen's CofE VA Primary School, St Michael's on Wyre CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Mandalay – The Church of the Province of Myanmar.

Events: Pray for the Vision Champion Gatherings being held this month. [Click here](#) for the list of venues and dates;

Pray for the Year 6 leavers' services being held at Blackburn Cathedral.

Friday 8 July

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 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

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

Diocese: [Garstang St Thomas](#), Rev Michael Hutchinson; also in this Benefice, Garstang St Thomas' CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Manicaland – The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee; General Synod

Saturday 9 July

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 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: Over Wyre ([Hambleton](#), [Out Rawcliffe](#), [Pilling](#), [Preesall](#), [Stalmine](#)), Rev Andy Shaw, Rev Naomi Barraclough, Mrs Nicola Smith (Ilm), Mrs Jo Smallwood (Ilm), Mr Ray Hart (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Pilling St John's CofE VA Primary School, Preesall Fleetwood's Charity CofE Primary School, Preesall St Aidan's CofE High School

Braunschweig: For new links between our secondary schools.

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

Meeting: General Synod

Sunday 10 July Fourth Sunday after Trinity Proper 10

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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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: [Scorton and Barnacre and Calder Vale](#), Rev Anton Muller; also in this Benefice, Calder Vale St John's CofE Primary School, Scorton CofE Primary School

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

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

Meeting: General Synod

Monday 11 July Benedict, abbot, c.550 Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 15

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 – John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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: [Woodplumpton St Anne](#), Rev Lois Ward; also in this Benefice, Woodplumpton St Anne's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All who work at Braunschweig Theological Centre.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Mara – The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Meeting: General Synod

Tuesday 12 July

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 – John 10.10

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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: [Kirkham Deanery Officers](#), Rev Anne Beverley, Rev Chris Scargill, Dr Peter Roberts, Rev Dr Tony Hodgson

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Maralal – The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Meeting: General Synod

Event: Pray for the [Rural Mini Conference](#), to be held at Myerscough College, Bilsborough.

Wednesday 13 July

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 – John 10.10

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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: [Ansdell and Fairhaven St Paul](#), Rev Paul Bye, Rev Kyle Mulholland, Miss Janet Kimber (Ilm)

Braunschweig: All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre.

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Jane Atkinson, to become Area Dean of Poulton Deanery.

Event: Vine Gathering at the Cathedral

Thursday 14 July

John Keble, priest, poet, 1866

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Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – John 10.10

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Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for the national work of the Church Army in this and the other Centres of Mission located in deprived communities across the country. Pray for the ongoing growth of Church Army as they look to partner with more Dioceses to establish further Centres of Mission.

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: [Freckleton and Warton](#), Rev Jane Greenhalgh, Ms Anne-Marie Aspden (Ilm), Mrs Grace Smith (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Bryning with Warton St Paul's CofE Primary School, Freckleton CofE Primary School

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

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

Diocesan Strategic Programme Board

Friday 15 July

Swithun, bishop, c.862;
Bonaventure, friar, bishop,
teacher of the faith, 1274

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Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – John 10.10

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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: HMP Kirkham, Rev Fiona Haines

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Saint Mark the Evangelist – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Clergy Moves: Rev Cindy Rigney, to become Area Dean of Tunstall Deanery.

Saturday 16 July

Osmund, bishop, 1099

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 – John 10.10

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

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

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

Meeting: Diocesan Synod

Event: Pray for Bishop Julian and Heather as they say farewell at the Bishop's Farewell Eucharist held in Blackburn Cathedral at 2pm, all welcome. [Click here](#) for further information.

Sunday 17 July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 11

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 – John 10.10

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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: [Lund St John the Evangelist](#), Rev Canon Deborah Larkey; also in this Benefice, Newton Bluecoat CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church.

Monday 18 July

Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess,
founder of the Community of St
Andrew, 1883
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 16

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 – John 10.10

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Maryland – The Episcopal Church (III Province).

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team

Tuesday 19 July

Gregory, bishop, and his sister
Macrina, deaconess, teachers of
the faith, c.394 and c.379

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 – John 10.10

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Masasi – The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Clergy Moves: Rev Nicholas Heale to become Vicar of North and East Blackburn.

Event: Preston Mothers' Union Deanery Festival at St Margaret's Ingol

Wednesday 20 July

Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4th
Century;
Bartolomé de las Casas, apostle
to the Indies, 1566

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 – John 10.10

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Maseno East – The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Thursday 21 July

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

M:Power: Pray for the work of the Urban Evangelists and pray for Ordinands who will be on placement; that God will give them fresh new tools for mission and outreach.

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Maseno North – The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Meeting: Whalley Abbey Governance Committee

Friday 22 July Mary Magdalene

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 2.2

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Maseno South – The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Saturday 23 July Bridget, abbess, 1373

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Maseno West – The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Sunday 24 July
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 12

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales.

Monday 25 July
James 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: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

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

Braunschweig: Pray for Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Masindi-Kitara – The Church of the Province of Uganda.

Tuesday 26 July

Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 17

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 2.2

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

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Massachusetts – The Episcopal Church (I Province).

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Janet Taylor, to become Associate Priest (SSM) of Penwortham St Leonard

Event: Lambeth Conference

Wednesday 27 July

Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop,
teacher of the faith, 1901

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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: [Cockerham](#) with [Winmarleigh](#) and [Glasson](#), Rev Gary Lewis; also in this Benefice, Cockerham Parochial CofE Primary School, Thurnham Glasson Christ Church CofE Primary School, Winmarleigh CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Western Massachusetts – The Episcopal Church (I Province).

Event: Lambeth Conference

Thursday 28 July

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Preston Resourcing Parish: Thank God for the growth and responsiveness of the creative team to the need to turn digital. We want a God breathed creativity that increasingly facilitates the presence of God and draws attention to the content.

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Masvingo – The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Event: Lambeth Conference

Friday 29 July

Mary, Martha and Lazarus,
companions of Our Lord

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Matabeleland – The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Event: Lambeth Conference

Saturday 30 July

William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners, 1822, 1797 and 1846

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Matana – The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Event: Lambeth Conference

Sunday 31 July Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Proper 13

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

Diocese: HMP Lancaster Farm, Rev David Noblet

Braunschweig: For opportunities for people in our two Dioceses to meet virtually with each other when travel is not possible.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa.

Clergy Moves: The retirement of Rev Stephen Cooper, Team Rector of the Fellside Team Ministry.

Event: Lambeth Conference