

Blackburn Prayers August 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 launched The Vine Community earlier this year. This is our flexible framework for living a Christian life. You can [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 we continue to feature Bible verses to meditate on and memorise each month as part of the ongoing Bible Challenge across the Diocese. 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
llm = Licensed Lay Minister

Monday 1 August
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 18

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

Vision 2026: For Lent and Advent Devotionals, give thanks for the growing team of contributors, and pray that the devotionals distributed each Advent and Lent will encourage many in the habit of daily Bible reading.

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

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

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

Event: Lambeth Conference

Tuesday 2 August

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

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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: Lancaster Royal Infirmary Hospital, Rev Ian Dewar

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 Mauritius – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Event: Lambeth Conference

Wednesday 3 August

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

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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 have been well above projections; and trust that residential bookings will continue to grow.

Diocese: [Lancaster St Chad Skerton](#) (in plurality with) [Lancaster St Luke Skerton](#), Rev Caitlin Carmichael-Davis; also in this Benefice, Skerton St Luke's CofE Primary School.

Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens.

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

Event: Lambeth Conference

Thursday 4 August

Jean-Baptiste Vianney, curé d'Ars, spiritual guide, 1859

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

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

Diocese: [Lancaster St Mary \(The Priory\)](#), Rev Leah Vasey-Saunders, Rev Dr Susan Salt, Rev Stephen Harker, Rev Keith Brockbank, Canon Christine Mullineaux (IIm), Prof Richard Carter (IIm), Mrs Lois Kirtley (IIm); also in this Benefice, Lancaster Ripley St Thomas CofE Academy.

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 Mbale – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Event: Lambeth Conference

Friday 5 August
Oswald, king, martyr, 642

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

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Vision 2026: For Generous Giving, give thanks for the generous giving of many which 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: [Lancaster St Paul Scotforth](#), Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Ms Margaret Ives (IIm); also in this Benefice, Scotforth St Paul's CofE Primary and Nursery School.

Braunschweig: All preparing for confirmation in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche.

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

Event: Lambeth Conference

Saturday 6 August
Transfiguration of Our Lord

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

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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: [Lancaster St Thomas](#), Rev Canon Jon Scamman, Rev Helen Scamman, Rev Matt Guilder, Rev Angie Letchford, Mrs Cathleen Dawson (IIm).

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 Mbamili – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province)

Event: Lambeth Conference

Sunday 7 August
Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Proper 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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

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Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for preparations to receive the new Blackpool Ministry Experience participants. Pray for them as they prepare to move to Blackpool to dedicate 10 months of their lives to listening for God's call on their lives.

Vision 2026: For Everyday Faith, pray for those developing online resources to 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: [Morecambe St Barnabas](#), Rev Michael Childs.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Event: Lambeth Conference

Monday 8 August

Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 19

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21

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

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

Free State: Pray for Helen Ballard as she works linking parishes here in Blackburn Diocese 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 Mbeere – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Event: Lambeth Conference

Tuesday 9 August

Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

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

Braunschweig: For new links between our secondary schools.

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

Event: Mothers' Union; Mary Sumner Day

Wednesday 10 August

Laurence, deacon, martyr, 258

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Mission Partners: Our Church Mission Society partners, 'A' and 'L', would welcome your prayer for their ongoing work in local schools and communities in South East Asia. 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: [Sandylands St John](#), Vacant, Ms Anne Millar (cw), Mrs Jane Brown (cw).

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 Diocese of Mbujimayi – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Thursday 11 August

Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253;
John Henry Newman, priest, 1890

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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

Braunschweig: All who work at Braunschweig Theological Centre.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Meath and Kildare – The Church of Ireland (Dublin Province)

Friday 12 August

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

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 Medak – The (United) Church of South India

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Saturday 13 August

Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667;
Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer, 1910;
Octavia Hill, social reformer, 1912

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Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

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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: University of Cumbria (Lancaster Campus), Rev Alex Logan

Braunschweig: All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Wad Medani – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Sunday 14 August

Ninth Sunday after

Trinity

Proper 15

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Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

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Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for all our summer missional activities both local in the Parish and also the wider Deanery. Also pray for all school leavers as they move into new surroundings after their summer break.

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: University of Lancaster, Rev Kevin Huggett.

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 Extra-Provincial Churches

Monday 15 August
The Blessed Virgin Mary

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Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Central Melanesia – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Event: [Whalley Abbey Residential Retreat](#) - 'Walking and Prayer' with Archdeacon Mark and Gill Ireland

Tuesday 16 August
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 1

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

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

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

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Emma Swarbrick, Mission Enabler of Lytham Benefice;

Retirement of Rev Jane Greenhalgh, Vicar of Freckleton Holy Trinity and Warton St Paul

Event: [Whalley Abbey Residential Retreat](#) - 'Walking and Prayer' with Archdeacon Mark and Gill Ireland

Wednesday 17 August

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Meridional (Southern) – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (1 Province)

Event: [Whalley Abbey Residential Retreat](#) - 'Walking and Prayer' with Archdeacon Mark and Gill Ireland

Thursday 18 August

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

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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: [Buckshaw Village Conventional District](#), Rev Ian Sarginson; also in this Benefice, Buckshaw Trinity CofE/Methodist 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 Meru – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Event: [Whalley Abbey Residential Retreat](#) - 'Walking and Prayer' with Archdeacon Mark and Gill Ireland

Friday 19 August

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

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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: HMP Garth Prison, Rev Dr Rick Bunday

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Mexico – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Meeting: HR Committee

Saturday 20 August

Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153;
William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912, 1890

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20

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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: [Hesketh with Beconsall All Saints](#), Rev David Dickinson; also in this Benefice, Hesketh with Beconsall All Saints CofE 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 Northern Mexico – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Sunday 21 August
Tenth Sunday after
Trinity

Proper 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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

M:Power: Pray for the M:Power Team and Board as we explore how M:Power might developed and be resourced in the future, so that we can continue to see urban ministry develop across the Diocese and further afield.

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Monday 22 August

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary
week 21

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Southeastern Mexico – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Tuesday 23 August

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

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: [Leyland St Ambrose](#), Rev Paul Robinson, Rev Mo Baldwin, Mrs Jean Brundrett (Ilm), Mr Alwyn Carroll (Ilm).

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Western Mexico – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Wednesday 24 August
Bartholomew 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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

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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: [Leyland St Andrew](#), Rev David Whitehouse, Rev Dr Duncan Bell, Rev Lloyd Etheridge; also in this Benefice, Balshaw's CofE High School, Leyland St Andrew's CofE Infant 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 Diocese of Michigan – The Episcopal Church (V Province)

Thursday 25 August

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

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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: [Leyland St Andrew](#) and [Wellfield Pioneer Church](#), Rev Mark Simpson.

Braunschweig: Pray for Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Eastern Michigan – The Episcopal Church (V Province)

Friday 26 August

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

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

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Northern Michigan – The Episcopal Church (V Province)

Saturday 27 August

Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

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Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

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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: [Leyland St John](#), Rev Andy Meeson, Rev Mark Wooding, Mrs Sue Champness (Ilm).

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Western Michigan – The Episcopal Church (V Province)

Sunday 28 August
Eleventh Sunday after
Trinity
Proper 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](#).

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Preston Resourcing Parish: We love that we have Anglo Catholic and Evangelical Charismatic expressions of church within our parish. Please continue to pray for Fr David as he leads St George the Martyr, to be “Blessed to be a Blessing”; mutual flourishing and a cross fertilisation and strengthening of both distinctive traditions.

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: [Longton St Andrew](#), Rev Sam Crossley, Mrs Joan Doerich (Ilm), Mrs Jane Slinger (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Hutton CofE Grammar 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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Monday 29 August
Beheading of John the Baptist;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 22

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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

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.

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Missionary District of Micronesia – The Episcopal Church (VIII Province)

Tuesday 30 August
John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688

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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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: [New Longton All Saints](#), Rev Dr Tom Woolford; also in this Benefice, New Longton All Saints’ 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 Milwaukee – The Episcopal Church (V Province)

Wednesday 31 August
Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651

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 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: [Penwortham St Leonard](#), Rev Nick Mansfield, Rev Janet Taylor, Mr John Robinson (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Penwortham Middleforth CofE Primary School.

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 Diocese of Minna – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province)