

Blackburn Prayers September 2022

Welcome to Blackburn Prayers

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.

Earlier this year we launched The Vine Community. 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](#).

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](#) and for the time being we have added this link to every day of Blackburn Prayers

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

Thursday 1 September

Giles, hermit, c.710

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Galatians 5.22

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

Free State: Pray for 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 Minnesota – The Episcopal Church (VI Province)

Meeting: Investment Committee

Friday 2 September

Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942

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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: [Rufford and Tarleton](#), Rev Canon Mark Soady, Rev Tristan Meares; also in this Benefice, Rufford CofE School, Tarleton Holy Trinity CofE Primary School, Tarleton Mere Brown CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh – The Anglican Church of Canada (Rupert's Land Province)

Saturday 3 September

Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604

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Mission Partners: Lisa and Steve Haskett ask us to pray for the church in India as they face increasing levels of persecution and violence, that they would remain steadfast in their faith and witness.

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: HMP Wymott Prison, Rev Calum Crombie

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 Mississippi – The Episcopal Church (IV Province)

Sunday 4 September Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 18

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia

Monday 5 September

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 23

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

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

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

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Team

Clergy Moves: Rev Michael Print, Priest-in-Charge of Chorley All Saints

Tuesday 6 September

Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of West Missouri – The Episcopal Church (VII Province)

Wednesday 7 September

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Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for the new Blackpool Ministry Experience participants as they move into their new house and begin to form their community for the next ten months.

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

Free State: Pray today for the Chair, Rev Sam Cheesman, leading the Link Committee and growing the link between the two Dioceses.

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

Thursday 8 September Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Diocese: [Fence-in-Pendle St Anne](#) and [Higham St John the Evangelist](#), Rev Lesley Hinchcliffe; also in this Benefice, Higham St John's CofE Primary School

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

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

Meeting: Making Disciples Team meeting; Strategic Programme Board

Friday 9 September Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880

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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: [Foulridge Laneshawbridge](#) and [Trawden](#), Vacant, Mrs Lisa Burnham (cw), Mrs Sheila Walker (cw), Miss Karen Wilkinson (cw), Mrs Catriona Logan (cw), Mr David Foster (cw), Mrs Hilary Foster (cw), Mr Oswald Rudolph (cw); also in this Benefice, Colne Christ Church CofE VA Primary School, Foulridge St Michael and All Angels CofE VA Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Monmouth – The Church in Wales

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Saturday 10 September

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Montana – The Episcopal Church (VI Province)

Sunday 11 September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving

Proper 19

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Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Psalm 34.8

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh

Monday 12 September

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 24

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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: [Poulton Deanery Officers](#), Rev Jane Atkinson, Mr David Thompson, Rev Canon Martin Keighley

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Montreal – The Anglican Church of Canada (Canada Province)

Meeting: Audit / Risk / Governance Committee

Tuesday 13 September

John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407

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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: [Cleveleys St Andrew](#), Rev Graham Young

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 Moosonee – The Anglican Church of Canada (Ontario Province)

Meeting: Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel

Event: For prayer and reflection, Whalley Abbey Day Retreat with Bishop Cyril Ashton

Wednesday 14 September

Holy Cross Day

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Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for the long term financial sustainability of the Centre of Mission and for individuals and churches to consider supporting it. Pray for the steering group take a lead in exploring ways to develop and financially sustain the work.

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: Fleetwood Hospital, Rev Helen Houston

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Clergy Moves: Retirement of Rev Chris Casey, Vicar of Holme-in-Cliviger St John the Divine with Worsthorne St John

Thursday 15 September

Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258

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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: [Fleetwood St Nicholas](#), Rev Carolyn Leitch, Mr Phil Deegan (Ilm)

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 Port Moresby – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Meeting: Financial Assistance Group 1

Friday 16 September

Ninian, bishop, c.432;
Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882

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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: [Fleetwood St Peter and St David](#), Rev Canon John Hall, Mrs Gloria Birdsall (Ilm)

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah.

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

Saturday 17 September

Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179

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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: [Little Thornton St John the Evangelist](#), Rev Jane Atkinson, Mrs Judith Robson (Ilm), Mrs Margaret Warburton (Ilm)

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 Morogoro – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Sunday 18 September

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving

Proper 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: [Poulton, Carleton and Singleton](#), Rev Canon Martin Keighley; also in this Benefice, Carleton St Hilda's CofE Primary School, Poulton-le-Fylde St Chad's CofE Primary School, Singleton CofE VA Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Monday 19 September

Theodore, archbishop, 690

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 25

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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: [Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church](#), Rev Damian Platt, Rev Andrew Downes

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

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

Meeting: People and Places Team

Clergy Moves: Rev Jon Price, Vicar of Brindle St James and Diocesan Start of Ministry Officer

Tuesday 20 September

John Coleridge Patteson, bishop,
and companions, martyrs, 1871

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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: [Preston Deanery Officers](#), Rev David Hanson, Rev Chris Boland, Mrs Stephanie Rankin, Mrs Susan Cherry

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Mpwapwa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Meeting: Mission and Pastoral Committee

Wednesday 21 September
Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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](#).

Our next Bishop: As the Crown Nominations Commission meets today to shortlist five candidates, please continue to keep your prayers focused on the discernment process for our next Diocesan Bishop. [Use this prayer](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

M:Power: Pray for the new students who will be starting the M:Power training programme soon. Pray that God will shape them as they look at what transformation means for them.

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: [Ashton-on-Ribble St Andrew](#), Rev James Nash; also in this Benefice, Ashton-on-Ribble St Andrew’s 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 Mthatha – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Thursday 22 September

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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: [Ashton-on-Ribble St Michael and All Angels](#), Rev Canon Andrew Evans

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

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

Meeting: Whalley Abbey Governance Committee

Event: [National Day of Prayer for Schools](#). Our Diocese will join with others cross the country to lift up children, teachers and everyone working or associated with our schools in prayer.

Friday 23 September

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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: [Broughton St John Baptist](#), Rev Canon Fleur Greet, Rev Nathaniel Gilmour, Rev Pauline Taylor, Canon Andrea Titterington (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Broughton in Amounderness CofE Primary School, Fulwood St Peter’s CofE Primary School and Nursery

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 Mukono – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Saturday 24 September

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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: [Fulwood Christ Church](#), Rev Chris Boland, Mrs Mandy Stanton (IIm); also in this Benefice, Archbishop Temple CofE High 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 Multan – The (United) Church of Pakistan

Meeting: Bishop’s Council and Directors

Event: [M:Power Network](#) launch, for M:Power alumni, Samsbury Hotel

Sunday 25 September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving Proper 21

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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: [Grimsargh St Michael](#), Rev Neil Salt; also in this Benefice, Grimsargh St Michael’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 Anglican Church of Burundi

Monday 26 September Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942 Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 26

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

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

Diocese: HMP Preston, Rev Gail Miller, Mrs Lorraine Innerdale

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

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

Tuesday 27 September

Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists, 1660

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Diocese: [Ingol St Margaret](#), Rev Rie Walker

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 Mumias – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Wednesday 28 September

Ember Day

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Preston Resourcing Parish: Students are returning to University, a new Leadership Development Year is beginning. Pray for Christian students to find church and to leave University with strengthened, active faith. Pray for those who are seeking to find Jesus who is the way through Alpha, Student Groups and relationships.

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: Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Rev David Anderson

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Mundri – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Amadi Province)

Thursday 29 September

Michael and All Angels

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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.

Diocese: [Lea St Christopher](#) and [Preston Emmanuel](#), Vacant, Rev Dr Mike Clayton, Mrs Debra Foster (cw), Mr Darren Shirley (cw), Mrs Merline Ferguson (cw), Mrs Ann Berry (cw), Mr James Cam (IIm), Mrs Joyce Willacy (IIm); also in this Benefice, Lea Neeld’s Endowed 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 Mundu – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Central Equatoria Province)

Friday 30 September

Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420

Ember Day

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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: [Longridge St Lawrence with St Paul](#), Rev Mike Barton, Rev Simon King, Mrs Muriel Anderson (IIm), Mr Gerald Mack (IIm); also in this Benefice, Longridge CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Murang'a South – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Clergy Moves: Retirement of Rev Andrew Evans, Vicar of Ashton-on-Ribble St Michael and All Angels