



Blackburn Prayers October 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

Saturday 1 October

Remigius, bishop, 533;
Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftesbury), social reformer, 1885
Ember Day

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

Our next Bishop: Please continue to keep the discernment process for our next Diocesan Bishop in your prayers. [Use this prayer](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – 1 John 1.9

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Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for the new Blackpool Ministry Experience participant as he settles into his placement, studies and community. Pray that he will have the opportunity to share his faith with those living in the surrounding areas.

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: [Preston All Saints](#), Rev Nathan Buttery, Rev Simon Griffiths

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of the Murray – The Anglican Church of Australia (South Australia Province)

Sunday 2 October
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving
Dedication Festival
Proper 22

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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: Preston Royal and Sharoe Green Hospitals, Rev Martin McDonald

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 Anglican Church of Canada

Monday 3 October
George Bell, bishop, ecumenist,
peacemaker, 1958
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 27

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Mission Partners: Lisa and Steve Haskett ask us to pray for blessing and protection over our Indian project partners and their families as they reach and serve the poorest in their communities, sometimes in dangerous circumstances.

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: [Preston St Cuthbert Fulwood](#), Rev Mark Bradford, Rev Liz Gethin, Rev Martin McDonald, Ms Ann Gray (Ilm), Mr Jonathan Greening (Ilm), Mrs Janet Mortimer (Ilm)

Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Muyinga – The Anglican Church of Burundi

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Team

Tuesday 4 October
Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226

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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: [Preston St John](#) and [St George the Martyr](#), Rev Sam Haigh, Rev David Craven, Rev David Owens, Rev Timothy Roberts

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 Myitkyina – The Church of the Province of Myanmar

Wednesday 5 October

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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: [Preston St Stephen](#), Rev David Hanson, Rev Barbara Houghton; also in this Benefice, Preston St Stephen CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All preparing for confirmation in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche.

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

Thursday 6 October

William Tyndale, translator, martyr,
1536

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Our farming communities: In this season of Harvest all our parishes, whatever their setting, are encouraged to think and pray about those who produce our food. Cost of living rises have made life more difficult for farming communities. Read more about their challenges and find [a prayer to use here](#).

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: [Preston The Risen Lord](#), Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie, Rev Dan Freeman, Mr Steve Fairhurst (IIm); also in this Benefice, Preston St Matthew's CofE Primary Academy

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 Nairobi – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Friday 7 October

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Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for the Ecumenical links across the Fylde coast as churches work together to reach the community through words and action.

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: [Ribbleton](#), Vacant, Capt David Thorp, Mr Ronald Hobson (cw), Ms Barbara Challender (cw)

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

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

Saturday 8 October

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

Diocese: [Tunstall Deanery Officers](#), Rev Canon Cindy Rigney, Mrs Elizabeth Battersby-Hill

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 Nambale – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Event: [Vine Community Quiet Day](#) – Blackburn Cathedral

Sunday 9 October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving Proper 23

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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 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: [Bolton-le-Sands Holy Trinity](#), Rev Peter Hamborg; also in this Benefice, Bolton-le-Sands CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: For new links between our secondary schools.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Monday 10 October

Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644;
Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual
writer, 1675;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 28

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Vision 2026: For a visitation of the Holy Spirit on Lancashire to light beacons in every community.

Diocese: [Carnforth Christ Church](#), Rev Canon Stephen Jones; also in this Benefice, Carnforth Christ Church CofE VA 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 Diocese of Namibia – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Clergy Moves: Retirement of Rev Christine Morton, Vicar of Treales Christ Church

Tuesday 11 October

Ethelburga, abbess, 675;
James the Deacon, companion of
Paulinus, 7th Century

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Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

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: [Caton with Littledale St Paul](#), Vacant, Mrs Daphne Wade (IIm), Mr Philip Rawsthorn (cw); also in this Benefice, Caton St Paul's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All who work at Braunschweig Theological Centre.

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

Wednesday 12 October

Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709;
Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845;
Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915

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M:Power: Pray as the dark nights draw in and winter approaches for the outer estate work across the Diocese. As the church ministers into the needs of the area.

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

Diocese: [East Lonsdale](#), Rev Jane Lee, Miss Mary Winter (IIm), Dr Ann Dawson (IIm); also in this Benefice, Leck St Peter's CofE Primary School, Melling St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School, Tatham Fells CofE Primary School

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 Missionary Diocese of Nampula – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Thursday 13 October

Edward the Confessor, king, 1066

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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: [Hornby with Claughton and Whittington with Arkholme and Gressingham](#), Vacant, Mrs Judith Greenwood (cw), Mr Richard Haworth (cw), Mrs Fiona Humphreys (cw), Mrs Mary McClements (cw), Mr David Smith (cw), Mrs Bridget Smith (cw); also in this Benefice, Arkholme CofE Primary School, Hornby St Margaret's CofE Primary School

Braunschweig: All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Nandyal – The (United) Church of South India

Meeting: Financial Assistance Group

Friday 14 October

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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: [Over Kellet St Cuthbert](#), Vacant, Mr Derek Burnside (cw), Dr John Halsey (cw); also in this Benefice, Over Kellet Wilson's Endowed 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 Nasik – The (United) Church of North India

Saturday 15 October

Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582

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

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

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

Event: [Preston St Cuthbert's Fulwood](#) – Preaching through Matthew Study Day

Sunday 16 October
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving
Proper 24

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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: [Slyne with Hest St Luke](#) and [Halton St Wilfrid with Aughton St Saviour](#), Rev Susan Seed, Mr Martin Wakelin (IIm); also in this Benefice, Halton St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School, Slyne with Hest, St Luke'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: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Monday 17 October
Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c.107
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 29

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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 lay leaders in our congregations.

Diocese: [Warton St Oswald](#) with [Yealand Conyers St John](#), Rev Robin Figg, Mrs Annette MacKenzie (IIm), Mrs Janet Thompson (IIm); also in this Benefice, Warton Archbishop Hutton's VC Primary School, Yealand CofE Primary School

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

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

Meeting: People and Places Team

Clergy Moves: Rev Alison Mitchell, Vicar of Darwen St Peter

Tuesday 18 October
Luke the Evangelist

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Vision 2026: Pray for more vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life, especially for vocations amongst young adults.

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

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 Area Mission in Navajoland – The Episcopal Church (VIII Province)

Meeting: Diocesan Synod

Wednesday 19 October

Henry Martyn, translator, missionary,
1812

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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: [Balderstone](#), [Mellor](#) and [Samlesbury](#), Rev Karen Herschell, Rev Barbara Pack, Canon Pam Daunton (IIm); also in this Benefice, Balderstone St Leonard's CofE VA Primary School, Mellor St Mary's CofE Primary School, Samlesbury CofE School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ndokwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)

Meeting: Strategic Programme Board

Thursday 20 October

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Preston Resourcing Parish: 98% of people in Preston don't regularly attend a church. We are here for the 98% - that is where we want to see growth. Pray that we will retain our focus and that the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus to the 98%.

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: Bowland Benefice ([Gisburn](#); [Grindleton](#); [Bolton-by-Bowland](#)), Rev Mark Williams, Mr James Taylor (IIm); also in this Benefice, Bolton-by-Bowland CofE Primary School, Grindleton 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 Nebbi – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Friday 21 October

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Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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: [Chipping St Bartholomew](#), Rev Wilma Colley, Mrs Lynne Raphael (IIm); also in this Benefice, Chipping Brabins Endowed School

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

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

Saturday 22 October

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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: Clitheroe ([St Paul](#); [St Mary](#)), [Chatburn](#) and [Downham](#), Rev Canon Andrew Froud, Rev Catherine Hale-Heighway; also in this Benefice, Chatburn 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 Nelson – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Pakeha Tikanga)

Sunday 23 October Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday Dedication Festival Proper 25

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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 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: [Clitheroe St James](#), Rev Mark Pickett, Canon Ruth Haldane (Ilm), Dr Sam Johnson (Ilm), Mrs Jilly MacDonald (Ilm), Mr Duncan Tyson (Ilm), Mr Peter Williams (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Clitheroe St James' CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Monday 24 October Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 30

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Vision 2026: Pray for young people's faith, rooted in Jesus Christ, to be nurtured, disciplined and shared within their communities.

Diocese: [Great Harwood St Bartholomew and St John](#), Rev Graham Birch; also in this Benefice, Great Harwood St Bartholomew's Parish CofE VA Primary School, Great Harwood St John's 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 Diocese of Nevada – The Episcopal Church (VIII Province)

Tuesday 25 October

Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs,
c.287

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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Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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: [Ribchester St Wilfrid](#) (in plurality with) [Hurst Green](#) and [Mitton](#), Rev Canon Brian McConkey; also in this Benefice, Ribchester St Wilfrid's CofE VA Primary School

Braunschweig: Pray for Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of New Busa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kwara Province)

Wednesday 26 October

Alfred, king, scholar, 899;
Cedd, abbot, bishop, 664

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Lighting up new generations: As the building of the new church hall at St Luke's in Blackburn reaches completion, pray that the building will enable a sense of hope to the area and opportunities for significant outreach.

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

Diocese: [Langho St Leonard](#), Rev Tracy Swindells, Mrs Janet Parker (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Langho and Billington St Leonard's 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 New Guinea Islands – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Thursday 27 October

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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: [Read St John and Simonstone St Peter](#), Rev Susan Ball; also in this Benefice, Read St John's CofE Primary School, Simonstone St Peter's CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of New Hampshire – The Episcopal Church (I Province)

Friday 28 October
Simon and Jude, Apostles

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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: 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: [Rishton St Peter and St Paul](#), Rev Eddie Carr; also in this Benefice, Rishton St Peter and St Paul's CoE 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 provide meals for the young people.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of New Jersey – The Episcopal Church (II Province)

Saturday 29 October
James Hannington, bishop, martyr,
1885

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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: [Salesbury St Peter](#), Rev Liz McLean, Mrs Janet Haworth (IIm); also in this Benefice, Salesbury CoE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of New Westminster – The Anglican Church of Canada (BC and Yukon Province)

Sunday 30 October
Fourth Sunday before Advent
All Saints' Day

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Vision 2026: For the support provided to clergy and their families to have suitable homes from which to be leaders in mission.

Diocese: [Waddington](#), Rev Christopher Wood; also in this Benefice, Waddington and West Bradford CofE VA 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: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Monday 31 October

Martin Luther, reformer, 1546

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 31

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Choir Church: Pray for Bishop Philip, Bishop Jill and the Choir Church Steering group as they enable eight Choir Churches to be planted through churches and schools working in partnership.

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: West Pendleside ([Whalley](#); [Pendleton](#); [Sabden](#)), Rev Jonathan Carmyllie, Ms Lynne Smith (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Whalley 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 New York – The Episcopal Church (II Province)

Clergy Moves: Retirement of Rev Canon John Hall, Vicar of Fleetwood St David and St Peter