



Blackburn Prayers November 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
Ilm = Licensed Lay Minister**

**Tuesday 1 November
All Saints' 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](#).

Prayers for our next Diocesan Bishop: Running up to the Crown Nomination Committee on November 8/9 we will be praying for different qualities listed in our Statement of Needs. Today we pray for our next Diocesan Bishop to be a *shepherd* who cherishes and encourages clergy, eager to serve and seek out the lost especially those on the margins.

Diocesan Conference: As we approach the Conference, which is next week, please pray for that it might bring God's blessing and inspiration to all who attend. For more on the Conference, including the full programme and information about livestreams and social media engagement #havefaith22 [click here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – 1 Corinthians 10.13

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for the leaders of the Blackpool Ministry Experience and their co-ordinator Rev Linda Tomkinson, the mentors, the members of the committee and all at Diocesan offices who support them.

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: West Pendleside ([Whalley](#); [Sabden](#); [Pendleton](#)), Rev Jonathan Carmyllie, Ms Lynne Smith (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Whalley CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray for Bishop Dintoe and his family as he leads the Diocese of the Free State in South Africa.

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

Meeting: Mission and Pastoral Committee; Finance Committee

**Wednesday 2 November
Commemoration of the Faithful
Departed (All Souls' Day)
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 31**

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](#).

Prayers for our next Diocesan Bishop: Running up to the Crown Nomination Committee on November 8/9 we will be praying for different qualities listed in our Statement of Needs. Today we pray for our next Diocesan Bishop to be a *teacher* who is diligent in prayer and reading Scripture: feeding Christ's people with God's Word and the Sacraments.

Diocesan Conference: As we approach the Conference, which is next week, please pray for those who will be speaking and leading workshops; for clarity and insight and for all who will listen and learn. For more on the Conference, including the full programme and information about livestreams and social media engagement #havefaith22 [click here](#).

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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: [Whalley Abbey](#), Rev Adam Thomas

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

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

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Thursday 3 November

Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith, 1600;

Martin of Porres, friar, 1639

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Prayers for our next Diocesan Bishop: Running up to the Crown Nomination Committee on November 8/9 we will be praying for different qualities listed in our Statement of Needs. Today we pray for our next Diocesan Bishop to be a *guardian of the faith* proclaimed afresh in each generation, who is a focus for unity, keeping bonds of peace and welcome.

Diocesan Conference: As we approach the Conference, which is next week, please pray for the Bible study groups and those who will facilitate; that all will be helped to engage with St John's gospel. For more on the Conference, including the full programme and information about livestreams and social media engagement #havefaith22 [click here](#).

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Mission Partners: Lisa and Steve Haskett ask us to pray for financial provision in our new fundraising and through our existing supporters, that all the needs of our partner projects in India would be met.

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: [Whitewell St Michael](#), Vacant, Mr W Leeming (cw)

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 Newala – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Meeting: Investment Committee

Clergy Moves: Rev Paul Davies, Associate Vicar of Leyland St Andrew

Friday 4 November

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](#).

Prayers for our next Diocesan Bishop: Running up to the Crown Nomination Committee on November 8/9 we will be praying for different qualities listed in our Statement of Needs. Today we pray for our next Diocesan Bishop to be a *pastor* who is generous to all church traditions, who delights to see people discover their gifts, who loves the people of Lancashire in all their diversity.

Diocesan Conference: As we approach the Conference, which begins on Monday, please pray for all who will be attending for the first time; that they might feel welcome. For more on the Conference, including the full programme and information about livestreams and social media engagement #havefaith22 [click here](#).

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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: [Accrington Deanery Officers](#), Rev Canon David Arnold, Rev Stephen Brown, Mrs Denise Taylor, Mrs Wendy Papworth, Mrs Gwen Greenwood

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

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

Saturday 5 November

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](#).

Prayers for our next Diocesan Bishop: Running up to the Crown Nomination Committee on November 8/9 we will be praying for different qualities listed in our Statement of Needs. Today we pray for our next Diocesan Bishop to be a *missionary leader* who has the courage to work for spiritual and numerical growth, who is comfortable and confident in speaking about Jesus.

Diocesan Conference: As we approach the Conference, which begins on Monday, please pray for those who will be sharing in the event through watching the livestreams at home or in groups with people from their churches; that they too will be inspired and informed. For more on the Conference, including the full programme and information about livestreams and social media engagement #havefaith22 [click here](#).

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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: [Accrington St John](#) with [Huncoat St Augustine](#), Rev Hugh Scriven, Mrs Christine Ritson (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Accrington St John with St Augustine 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 Newcastle (in Australia) – The Anglican Church of Australia (New South Wales Province)

Sunday 6 November Third Sunday before Advent

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](#).

Prayers for our next Diocesan Bishop: Running up to the Crown Nomination Committee on November 8/9 we will be praying for different qualities listed in our Statement of Needs. Today we pray for *all the candidates* preparing for interview that they will know God's peace, able to give the best of themselves in the CNC in York.

Diocesan Conference: Please pray that the Diocesan Conference, which begins tomorrow, will help us all to have faith and to share the faith with others. For more on the Conference, including the full programme; information about livestreams and social media engagement #havefaith22 [click here](#).

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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: [Accrington Christ Church](#) and [Accrington St James and St Paul](#), Rev Paul McNally, Mrs Gail Whittaker (Ilm), Mr Mick Whittaker (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Accrington Benjamin Hargreaves VA CofE Primary School, Accrington Green Haworth CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England

Monday 7 November

Willibrord, bishop, 739

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 32

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](#).

Prayers for our next Diocesan Bishop: Running up to the Crown Nomination Committee on November 8/9 we will be praying for different qualities listed in our Statement of Needs. Today we pray for every member of the CNC, for the Spirit of discernment as they prepare for interviews in York tomorrow.

Diocesan Conference: Please pray for safe journeys as people travel from across Lancashire (and in the case of some speakers and facilitators, even further afield) to The Hayes in Swanwick for the Diocesan Conference. For more on the Conference, including the full programme; information about livestreams and social media engagement #havefaith22 [click here](#).

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Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for the people of Grange Park whom we serve, that God will draw people into his Kingdom through the centre of Mission's ministry. Also praying for all the churches in the Blackpool Deanery that their ministry will bear fruit for the Kingdom.

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: [Accrington St Andrew](#), [St Mary Magdalen](#) and [St Peter](#) and Church Kirk, Rev Canon David Arnold, Rev Jordan McDermott; also in this Benefice, Accrington St Christopher's CofE High School, Accrington St Mary Magdalen's CofE Primary School, Accrington St Peter's CofE Primary School, Church St Nicholas' CofE Primary School

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 Newcastle (in the United Kingdom) – The Church of England (York Province)

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Team; Audit/Risk/Governance Committee

Tuesday 8 November

Saints and martyrs of England

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](#).

Prayers for our next Diocesan Bishop: Lord would you send your Holy Spirit of wisdom on the Crown Nomination Committee in York and candidates for interview today.

Diocesan Conference: Please pray, on this first full day of the Diocesan Conference, for God to speak to all who attend the various sessions; that this will be a time of His super-abundant grace, growth in faith and growth in our relationships. For more on the Conference, including the full programme; information about livestreams and social media engagement #havefaith22 [click here](#).

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

Diocese: [Altham](#) with [Clayton-le-Moors](#), Rev Toby Webber, Rev Victor Sohail; also in this Benefice, Altham St James' CofE Primary School, Clayton-le-Moors All Saints' CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador – The Anglican Church of Canada (Canada Province)

Wednesday 9 November
Margery Kempe, mystic, c.1440

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](#).

Prayers for our next Diocesan Bishop: Lord would you send your Holy Spirit of wisdom on the Crown Nomination Committee in York and candidates for interview today.

Diocesan Conference: Please pray, as the Diocesan Conference continues today, for a visitation of the Holy Spirit, for good conversations and networking; all combining to help us to grow as a family. For more on the Conference, including the full programme; information about livestreams and social media engagement #havefaith22 [click here](#).

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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: [Baxenden St John and Accrington St Paul](#), Rev Amanda Marshall, Rev Kevin Logan, Dr Patricia Wilkinson (IIm), Mr Tony Hindle (IIm); also in this Benefice, Baxenden St John's CofE 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 Central Newfoundland – The Anglican Church of Canada (Canada Province)

Thursday 10 November
Leo the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 461

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 Diocesan Bishop: We pray for the person chosen to be our next Diocesan Bishop: would you anoint them richly with the grace of your Holy Spirit.

Diocesan Conference: Please pray as the Conference concludes today with the extended Eucharist, that all may leave inspired by their communion with the risen Lord and that He would send us back, fired with His faith, hope and love. For more on the Conference, including the full programme; information about livestreams and social media engagement #havefaith22 [click here](#).

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

Diocese: [Haslingden St James with Grane St Stephen and Stonefold St John](#) (in plurality with) [Musbury St Thomas](#), Rev David Stephenson, Rev Andrew Holmes, Rev Judith Balkwell; also in this Benefice, Haslingden St James' CofE Primary School, Haslingden St John's Stonefold CofE Primary School

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

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

Friday 11 November
Martin, bishop, c.397

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 Diocesan Bishop: We pray for the person chosen to be our next Diocesan Bishop: would you anoint them richly with the grace of your Holy Spirit.

Diocesan Conference: Please give thanks today for this week's Conference and pray that what is of God will sink deep into hearts and minds and lead to good fruit. For more on the Conference including updates and social media engagement #havefaith22 [click here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Acts 17.30

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

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: [Laneside St Peter](#), Rev Stephen Brown

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ngbo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

Saturday 12 November

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 Diocesan Bishop: We pray for the person chosen to be our next Diocesan Bishop: would you anoint them richly with the grace of your Holy Spirit.

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M:Power: Pray the M:Power materials continue to grow and develop in fresh ways that impacts the M:Power students. Pray for opportunities to share the M:Power approach, and that we too can learn from the approaches of other Dioceses.

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

Diocese: Oswaldtwistle ([Immanuel](#); [All Saints](#); [St Paul's](#)), Vacant, Rev Carole Garner, Miss Judith Addison (Ilm), Mrs Heather Aspbury (Ilm), Mrs Betty Hartley (cw), Mr Andrew Leecy (cw), Mrs Sonia Marshall (cw), Mr Graham Rowland (cw), Mr Bevan Eatough (cw), Mr Clive Yates (cw); also in this Benefice, Oswaldtwistle St Andrew's CofE Primary School, Oswaldtwistle St Paul's CofE Primary School

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

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

Sunday 13 November
Second Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday

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 Diocesan Bishop: We pray for the person chosen to be our next Diocesan Bishop: would you anoint them richly with the grace of your Holy Spirit.

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Acts 17.30

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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: [Blackburn with Darwen Deanery Officers](#), Rev Canon Andrew Horsfall, Mrs Kathryn Adnitt, Miss Anne Carus, Mrs Elaine Williams

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: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Monday 14 November
Samuel Seabury, bishop, 1796
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 33

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 Diocesan Bishop: We pray for the person chosen to be our next Diocesan Bishop: would you anoint them richly with the grace of your Holy Spirit.

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Acts 17.30

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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: [Blackburn Christ Church with St Matthew](#) and [Blackburn St Andrew Livesey](#) (in plurality with) Blackburn St Barnabas, Rev Canon Andrew Raynes, Rev Sam Dickinson; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Matthew's CofE Primary School, Blackburn St Barnabas and St Paul's CofE Primary School

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

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

Meeting: General Synod

Tuesday 15 November

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 Diocesan Bishop: We pray for the person chosen to be our next Diocesan Bishop: would you anoint them richly with the grace of your Holy Spirit.

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Acts 17.30

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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: Blackburn East Lancashire Hospice, Rev Joanne Macholc, Ms Rachel Fielding (HC)

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 Nicaragua – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Meeting: General Synod

Wednesday 16 November

Margaret, queen, philanthropist, 1093;

Edmund Rich, archbishop, 1240

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 Diocesan Bishop: We pray for the person chosen to be our next Diocesan Bishop: would you anoint them richly with the grace of your Holy Spirit.

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Acts 17.30

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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: [Blackburn St Aidan](#) and [St Luke, St Mark and St Philip](#), Rev Canon Cath Brooks, Rev Jason Gardner, Rev Alan Gault, Mrs Karen Gregory (IIm); also in this Benefice, Blackburn Mill Hill St Aidan's Primary School (a CofE Academy), Blackburn St Luke's and St Philip's CofE Primary School, Blackburn St Wilfrid's CofE Academy, Wensley Fold CofE Primary Academy

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Niger Delta North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Meeting: General Synod

Thursday 17 November

Hugh, bishop, 1200

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 Diocesan Bishop: We pray for the person chosen to be our next Diocesan Bishop: would you anoint them richly with the grace of your Holy Spirit.

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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: [Blackburn St Gabriel](#), Rev Stephen Corbett, Mrs Barbara Foster (Ilm), Mr Paul Adnitt (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Gabriel's CofE Primary School

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 the Niger Delta – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)

Meeting: Strategic Programme Board; Making Disciples Team meeting

Friday 18 November

Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist,
1231

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 Diocesan Bishop: We pray for the person chosen to be our next Diocesan Bishop: would you anoint them richly with the grace of your Holy Spirit.

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Acts 17.30

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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: [Blackburn St Mary the Virgin with St Paul \(Cathedral\)](#), Very Rev Peter Howell-Jones, Rev Canon Gary O'Neill, Mrs Christine O'Neill (Ilm)

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Niger Delta West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)

Meeting: HR Committee

Saturday 19 November

Hilda, abbess, 680;
Mechtild, béguine, mystic, 1280

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 Diocesan Bishop: We pray for the person chosen to be our next Diocesan Bishop: would you anoint them richly with the grace of your Holy Spirit.

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Acts 17.30

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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: [Blackburn St Silas](#), Rev Sheelagh Aston, also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Silas CofE Primary School

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 on the Niger – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province)

Meeting: Bishop's Council and Directors

Sunday 20 November
Sunday next before Advent
Christ the King

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 Diocesan Bishop: We pray for the person chosen to be our next Diocesan Bishop: would you anoint them richly with the grace of your Holy Spirit.

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Acts 17.30

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

Preston Resourcing Parish: Some people have simply stopped attending church – perhaps lost the habit through Covid-19 or drifted away or have been ‘hurt’. May the story of the prodigal returning become the lived experience of many.

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: [Blackburn St Stephen](#) and [St James](#), Rev Sarah Gill; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St James CofE Primary School, Blackburn St Stephen’s CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Monday 21 November
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 34

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Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Philippians 4.13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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: [Blackburn The Redeemer](#), Rev Christopher Anderton, Mr John Ashcroft (Ilm), Mr Philip Beresford (Ilm), Mr Geoff Hutchinson (Ilm), Mr Duncan Stowe (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Blackburn The Redeemer 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 Niger West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province)

Meeting: People and Places Team

Tuesday 22 November
Cecilia, martyr, c.230

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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: [Darwen St Cuthbert with Tockholes St Stephen](#), Rev Nicholas Davis; also in this Benefice, Darwen St Cuthbert’s CofE Primary School, Tockholes St Stephen’s CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Nike – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

Wednesday 23 November
Clement, bishop, martyr, c.100

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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: [Darwen St Peter](#), Rev Alison Mitchell; also in this Benefice, Darwen Holy Trinity VC School, Darwen St Peter's CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray today for the Mosamaria Ministries project which encourages the consistent and timely taking of Antiretrovirals in the community. This project saves lives but is often short of funding and workers often go without full pay.

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

Meeting: Whalley Abbey Governance Committee

Thursday 24 November

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Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Philippians 4.13

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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: [Darwen St Barnabas](#), Rev Ben Marston, Mrs Lilian Duffy (Ilm), Mr Kenneth Lee (Ilm), Mrs Margaret Walsh (Ilm), Mr Andrew Hudson (cw), Mrs Vivienne Kenyon (cw); also in this Benefice, Darwen St Barnabas CofE Primary Academy

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Ben Marston, Vicar of Darwen St Barnabas and Assistant Curate of Hoddlesden St Paul

Friday 25 November
Catherine, martyr, 4th Century;
Isaac Watts, hymn writer, 1748

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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: [Feniscliffe St Francis](#) and [Fenisclowles Immanuel](#), Rev David Roscoe; also in this Benefice, Livesey St Francis CofE School

Free State: Give thanks for the Girls' Friendly Society, Girls' Brigade, Sunday Schools and all clubs and societies which nurture girls and young women in the faith.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Norwich – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

Saturday 26 November

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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Lighting up new generations: Pray for the CAP life skills course that has started from Blackpool St John's, may this provide support to those across the area to gain a sense of hope for the future.

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

Diocese: [Knuzden St Oswald](#), Rev Dr Anne Morris; also in this Benefice, Knuzden St Oswald's CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island – The Anglican Church of Canada (Canada Province)

Sunday 27 November First Sunday of Advent

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 – Philippians 4.13

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Vision 2026: Pray for all schools and academies to encourage and equip pupils to be courageous advocates for the Gospel, fighting injustice locally and globally.

Diocese: [Lower Darwen St James](#), Rev Rebecca Roberts, Rev Alice Cole, Ms Sharon Collins (Ilm), Miss Susan Lloyd (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Lower Darwen St James' CofE Primary School

Free State: Pray for Canon Joan Marsden, for her work at Sunflower House in Bloemfontein and also in her work around the world relating to hospice care.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Monday 28 November

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Ladywell 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: [Over Darwen St James](#) and [Hoddlesden St Paul](#), Rev Rebecca Roberts, Rev Ben Marston, Rev Kevin Colyer, Rev Alice Cole, Mrs Valerie Lucas (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Darwen St James CofE Primary Academy, Hoddlesden St Paul's CofE Primary School

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Nsukka – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

Tuesday 29 November
Day of Intercession and
Thanksgiving for the Missionary
Work of the Church

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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: North and East Blackburn ([St Michael](#), [St Thomas](#)), Rev Nicholas Heale; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Michael with St John's CofE Primary School, Blackburn St Thomas' 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 Nyahururu – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Wednesday 30 November
Andrew the Apostle

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Choir Church: Pray for John Robinson, Director of Music at Blackburn Cathedral and Tom Daggett, Choir Church Foundation, as they support potential choir churches with resources, recruitment and the establishment of a learning community.

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

Diocese: The Royal Blackburn NHS Trust, Rev Canon Andrew Horsfall

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Nyamlel – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Northern Bahr el Ghazal Province)