

Blackburn Prayers, February 2023

Welcome to Blackburn Prayers.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as they face Russian aggression. The Diocese is planning a weekend of prayer from February 24 – 26. More information and resources for that event coming soon. You will find all you need [on this page](#) later in February. In the meantime there are some existing resources available now on that page; including our Diocesan prayer for Ukraine and ways to donate to help.

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, 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.

Meanwhile, if you have not already subscribed to receive the 'Daily Prayers' version of Blackburn Prayers to your email inbox each day please consider doing so. Simply [click the link here](#) to make it happen.

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 also 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.

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**

Wednesday 1 February
Brigid, abbess, c.525

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 [on this page](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

Vision 2026: We pray for those currently working to produce a series of discipleship podcasts aimed at engaging younger adults and offering creative content that helps people grow in faith.

Diocese: St Annes on Sea St Margaret of Antioch, Rev Dr Tony Hodgson

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Helen Scamman, new Vicar of Caton with Littledale St Paul

Thursday 2 February
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Candlemas

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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Vision 2026: We pray for the growth of 'joyful, generous stewards' for whom giving is an integral part of discipleship.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Pennsylvania – The Episcopal Church (3 Province)

Meeting: Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel

Friday 3 February

Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865;

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 4

Ordinary Time begins today

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 [on this page](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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Mission Partners: Lisa and Steve Haskett ask us to pray for God's provision for the work of Life association, so that we can continue to bless and provide for those we serve in India.

Vision 2026: We give thanks for the growth of Whalley Abbey as a centre for Christian discipleship and prayer, and pray for those young disciples who offer a year of their time as part of a growing community centred on prayer, hospitality and service.

Diocese: Treales Christ Church, Vacant, Dr Janet Roberts (IIm and cw), Mrs Patricia Walsh (cw); also in this Benefice, Treales CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania – The Episcopal Church (3 Province)

Saturday 4 February

Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189

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 [on this page](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for the Blackpool Ministry Experience retreat (4-6 February) at Whalley Abbey

Vision 2026: We give thanks for the current distribution of around 10,000 print and online copies of the Lent Devotionals and pray that many will be encouraged in the habit of reading the Bible daily.

Diocese: Wesham Christ Church, Rev Anne Beverley; also in this Benefice, Medlar with Wesham CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania – The Episcopal Church (3 Province)

Sunday 5 February
Third Sunday before Lent
Proper 1

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

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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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: We pray for the team of Spiritual Directors, for wisdom as they seek to match each person seeking a spiritual companion or director with the right person to help them grow in their spiritual life.

Diocese: Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery Officers, Rev Craig Abbott, Rev Lorraine Moffatt, Mrs Jacqueline Stamper, Dr Awena Carter, Mrs Barbara Gardner

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Clergy Moves: Rev Mark Nelson, new Rector of Heysham St Peter with St James and St Andrew;

Rev Peter Walsh, Interim Priest of The Over Wyre Benefice.

Monday 6 February
Martyrs of Japan, 1597
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 5

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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Vision 2026: As Clergy Study Mornings begin across the Diocese later this month on the theme of 'Transforming Worship', we pray for fresh inspiration for all those who plan and lead worship, that lives will be transformed as people of all ages encounter Jesus in Word and sacrament.

Diocese: Cockerham with Winmarleigh and Glasson, Rev Gary Lewis; also in this Benefice, Cockerham Parochial CofE Primary School, Thurnham Glasson Christ Church CofE Primary School, Winmarleigh CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Territory of the People – The Anglican Church of Canada (BC and Yukon Province)

Meeting: General Synod

Tuesday 7 February

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for Hope Café as it provides food, games, fellowship and warmth for the residents of Grange Park. Pray that we would have enough resources to continue this work and that people would continue, through the café, to be integrated into the church.

Vision 2026: We pray for the growth of new and deeper disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Perth – The Anglican Church of Australia (Western Australia Province)

Meeting: General Synod

Wednesday 8 February

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 [on this page](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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Vision 2026: Pray for parishes preparing for and hosting missions led by the Parish Mission team. Pray that men, women and children hear the gospel in their own language.

Diocese: Heysham St Peter, Rev Mark Nelson; also in this Benefice, Heysham St Peter's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Peru – The Anglican Church of South America.

Meeting: General Synod; Diocesan Advisory Committee

Thursday 9 February

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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: Pray for more 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: HMP Lancaster Farm, Rev David Noblet

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Peshawar – The (United) Church of Pakistan

Meeting: General Synod

Friday 10 February

Scholastica, abbess, c.543

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Turkey and Syria: Gracious God, we hold before you the people of southern Turkey and northern Syria following the devastating earthquakes. We give thanks for the aid agencies working in those areas. Comfort those who have lost loved ones and those awaiting news; give courage to those searching the rubble of ruined buildings.

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Luke 18.1

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

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

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

Saturday 11 February

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Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 Peter 2.24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Vision 2026: Pray 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: Lancaster St Mary (The Priory), Rev Leah Vasey-Saunders, Rev Dr Susan Salt, Prof Richard Carter (IIm), Mrs Lois Kirtley (IIm), Canon Christine Mullineaux (IIm); also in this Benefice, Lancaster Ripley St Thomas CofE Academy

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Central Philippines – Philippines

Sunday 12 February Second Sunday before Lent

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 [on this page](#).

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M:Power: This month M:Power students will be planning a mission event with their incumbents. Pray for a creativity and boldness in the planning so that we see many people explore and come to faith through events that are culturally relevant and appropriate to each parish.

Vision 2026: Pray for the continuing growth of the church in Lancashire, building joyful Christian communities with an ever-stronger voice for justice, especially for the poorest, enabling people to know God's love, peace and justice.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Monday 13 February Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 6

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 [on this page](#).

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Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 Peter 2.24

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Vision 2026: Pray for baptism and confirmation candidates to be fired up to be beacons of faith in their schools, workplaces and communities.

Diocese: Lancaster Royal Infirmary Hospital, Rev Ian Dewar

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of North Central Philippines – Philippines
Meeting: Leadership Core Group

Tuesday 14 February

Cyril and Methodius, missionaries, 869 and 885;

Valentine, martyr at Rome, c.269

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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: Lancaster St Thomas, Vacant, Rev Matt Guilder, Rev Angie Letchford, Mr Sim Lane-Dixon (cw), Mrs Natasha Ashbridge (cw), Mrs Cathleen Dawson (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Northern Philippines – Philippines

Wednesday 15 February

Sigfrid, bishop, 1045;

Thomas Bray, priest, founder of SPCK and SPG, 1730

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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: Morecambe St Barnabas, Rev Michael Childs

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Southern Philippines – Philippines

Clergy Moves: Rev Andrew Teather, new Vicar of Blackpool St Stephen on the Cliffs

Thursday 16 February

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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: Morecambe St Christopher, Bare, Rev David Heap

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

Meeting: Strategic Programme Board

Friday 17 February

Janani Luwum, archbishop, martyr,
1977

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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 lay leadership, priesthood and to the religious life, especially for vocations amongst young adults and people of Global Majority Heritage.

Diocese: Overton St Helen, Rev Lorraine Moffatt; also in this Benefice, Overton St Helen's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Pittsburgh – The Episcopal Church (3 Province)

Meeting: Vision and Strategy

Saturday 18 February

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 [on this page](#).

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Polynesia – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Pasefika Tikanga)

Event: [Northern Light Conference](#), St George's Chorley feat. Bishop Philip

Sunday 19 February

Sunday next before Lent

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 [on this page](#).

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Vision 2026: Pray for all those in training for leadership, especially our trainee ALMs, LLMs, ordinands and curates that they may be formed for the ministries they have been called to.

Diocese: Sandylands St John's, Vacant, Ms Anne Millar (cw), Mrs Jane Brown (cw)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Monday 20 February

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 7

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 [on this page](#).

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Preston Resourcing Parish: Please pray for boldness and creativity in inviting people onto the Alpha courses that will run at both churches this year. Thank God for the attendance on Alpha in 2022 at both the Minster and St George's.

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: Shireshead St James, Rev Canon Peter Ballard

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Popondota – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Meeting: People and Places

Clergy Moves: Rev Andrew Holmes, new Rector of Burnley St Peter and St Stephen

Tuesday 21 February

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 [on this page](#).

Turkey and Syria: Gracious God, we hold before you the people of southern Turkey and northern Syria following the devastating earthquakes. We give thanks for the aid agencies working in those areas. Comfort those who have lost loved ones and those awaiting news; give courage to those searching the rubble of ruined buildings.

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Joshua 1.9

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Vision 2026: Pray for the Growing Leaders staff team and all the volunteers who work with them in discerning, nurturing and supporting vocations to lay and ordained ministry that their work may enable many to follow God's call on their lives.

Diocese: Torrisholme The Ascension, Rev Damian Porter, Rev Keith Fenton, Rev Matteo Zambon

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

Meeting: Finance Committee; Mission and Pastoral Committee

Wednesday 22 February

Ash Wednesday

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 [on this page](#).

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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: University of Cumbria, Rev Alex Logan

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

Thursday 23 February

Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c.155

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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: University of Lancaster, Rev Keith Huggett

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Puerto Rico – The Episcopal Church (9 Province)

Friday 24 February

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 [on this page](#).

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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: Leyland Deanery Officers, Rev Marc Wolverson, Mr Bob Collins, Mrs Dorothy Gardner

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

Meeting: Investment Committee

Event: Clergy Study Day, Lancaster St Thomas'; Prayer for Ukraine across Diocese. [More here](#).

Saturday 25 February

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 [on this page](#).

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Missionary Diocese of Pyay – The Church of the Province of Myanmar

Meeting: Bishop's Council

Event: Prayer for Ukraine across Diocese. [More here](#).

Sunday 26 February
First Sunday of Lent

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Lighting up new generations: Pray for the Launchpad course, that those undertaking this will feel empowered to reach out and try new things in their outreach with children and young people.

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

Diocese: Bamber Bridge St Saviour, Rev Matt Cook: also in this Benefice, Cuerden Church School, Bamber Bridge

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church

Event: Prayer for Ukraine across Diocese. [More here](#).

Monday 27 February
George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

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Choir Church: Pray for the Choir Churches that have started in January; for parishes as they plant new congregations and choral directors as they work with schools on growing faith and bringing new families to Jesus.

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: Buckshaw Village Conventional District, Rev Ian Sarginson; also in this Benefice, Buckshaw Trinity CofE / Methodist Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Qu'Appelle – The Anglican Church of Canada (Rupert's Land Province)

Meeting: Bishops and Archdeacons

Tuesday 28 February

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Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Joshua 1.9

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

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: HMP Garth Prison, Rev Dr Rick Bunday

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

Meeting: HR Committee