



Blackburn Prayers March 2023

Welcome to Blackburn Prayers.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as they face Russian aggression. The Diocese had a weekend of prayer and fasting from February 24 – 26 to coincide with the first anniversary of the invasion which featured in local news coverage including [this story as an example](#). A selection of resources gathered together for the prayer weekend is still available [on this page](#) of the Diocesan website for continued reference and use.

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.

Finally, a word about our Diocesan world links and Blackburn Prayers. As recently outlined in a letter to parishes from Bishop Philip, we have a new direction of travel for our global links. We are considering ways we can strengthen our existing links as well as better reflect the world as it is now. We also want to consider whether we should have more links with different parts of the world as the Church of God continues to move and grow in new ways and new places. To oversee this process and provide enough capacity to make these links useful and fruitful we have established a single Links Committee to take this process forward. So, for the time being whilst we re-establish this work, we have removed the specific prayers for the links from the Blackburn daily prayers but please do continue to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world.

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 March

David, bishop, patron of Wales,
c.601
Ember Day

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 15.8

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”

Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for the recruitment process for the next intake of the Blackpool Ministry Experience starting in September 2023.

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

Diocese: Hesketh with Beconsall All Saints, Rev David Dickinson; also in this Benefice, Hesketh with Beconsall All Saints CofE School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of North Queensland – The Anglican Church of Australia (Queensland Province)

Thursday 2 March

Chad, bishop, missionary, 672

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 15.8

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”

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

Diocese: Higher Walton All Saints (in plurality with) Hoghton Holy Trinity, Rev Hannah Boyd, Rev Bryn Naylor; also in this Benefice, Higher Walton CofE Primary School

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

Friday 3 March

Ember Day

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 15.8

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”

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: Hoole St Michael, Rev Ann Templeman; also in this Benefice, Hoole St Michael CofE Primary School

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

Saturday 4 March

Ember Day

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 15.8

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”

Vision 2026: We give thanks for the 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: Leyland St Ambrose, Rev Paul Robinson, Rev Mo Baldwin, Mrs Jean Brundrett, Mr Alwyn Carroll

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

Sunday 5 March
Second Sunday of Lent

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 15.8

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”

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: Leyland St Andrew, Rev David Whitehouse, Rev Paul Davies, Rev Lloyd Etheridge, Rev Mark Simpson (Wellfield Pioneer); also in this Benefice, Balshaw's CofE High School, Leyland St Andrew's CofE Infant School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of South East Asia

Monday 6 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 15.8

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”

Vision 2026: To coincide with this year's study mornings for clergy and lay ministers 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: Leyland St James, Rev Mark Wolverson, Mrs Deborah Peacock (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Leyland St James CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Recife – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (3 Province)

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Team – Whalley Abbey

Clergy Moves: Rev Lucy Lunn, new Vicar of Hornby with Claughton and Whittington with Arkholme and Gressingham

Tuesday 7 March

Perpetua, Felicity and companions,
martyrs, 203

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 15.8

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”

Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for our All Age Worship and Sunday Dinner every 2nd Sunday in the month. Pray that we can continue to resource this and that families are brought into the kingdom through the food and fellowship offered.

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

Diocese: Leyland St John, Rev Andy Meeson, Rev Mark Wooding, Mrs Sue Champness (Ilm)

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

Wednesday 8 March

Edward King, bishop, 1910;
Felix, bishop, 647;
Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest,
poet, 1929

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 15.8

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”

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: Longton St Andrew, Rev Sam Crossley, Mrs Jane Slinger (Ilm), Mrs Joan Doerich (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Hutton CofE Grammar School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Remo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Event: [Clergy Study Morning](#) – Whalley Abbey

Thursday 9 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 15.8

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”

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: Lostock Hall St James and Farington Moss St Paul, Rev Matthew McMurray; also in this Benefice, Farington Moss St Paul’s CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: DBF Directors

Event: [Re-imagining ‘Living Well’ Event](#)

Friday 10 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 15.8

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”

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

Diocese: New Longton All Saints, Rev Dr Tom Woolford; also in this Benefice, New Longton All Saints CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Rhode Island – The Episcopal Church (1 Province)

Saturday 11 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Rift Valley – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Sunday 12 March Third Sunday of Lent

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

M:Power: Pray for clear direction and discernment as the M:Power team and Bishops explore which locations the M:Power training programme will run in for 2023/24. Pray that the right people would be called out to join M:Power and become urban leaders across Lancashire.

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

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

Monday 13 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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

Diocese: Rufford and Tarleton, Rev Canon Mark Soady, Rev Tristan Meares; also in this Benefice, Rufford CofE School, Tarleton Holy Trinity CofE Primary School, Tarleton Mere Brown CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Rio de Janeiro – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (2 Province)

Meeting: Leadership Core Group; Strategic Programme Board

Tuesday 14 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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: Wymott Prison, Rev Calum Crombie

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Rio Grande – The Episcopal Church (7 Province)

Wednesday 15 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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: Pendle Deanery Officers, Rev Lesley Hinchcliffe, Rev Alex Oehring, Mrs Elizabeth Johnston, Mrs Margaret Taylor, Mrs Anne Scarborough

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Riverina – The Anglican Church of Australia (New South Wales Province)

Thursday 16 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Rochester (United Kingdom) – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

Event: [Clergy Study Morning](#) – Leyland St Ambrose

Friday 17 March

Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c.460

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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: Colne, Rev Alex Oehring, Rev Michelle Delves, Mrs Lisa Peynado (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Rochester (United States) – The Episcopal Church (2 Province)

Saturday 18 March

Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 386

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Rockhampton – The Anglican Church of Australia (Queensland Province)

Event: [Clergy Study Morning](#) – Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church

Sunday 19 March

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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: Foulridge Laneshawbridge and Trawden, Rev Canon Andy Froud; also in this Benefice, Colne Christ Church CofE VA Primary School, Foulridge St Michael and All Angels CofE VA Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Monday 20 March

Joseph of Nazareth

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Romans 1.16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Preston Resourcing Parish: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Pray for the divine energy of Jesus Christ to pour through us across the City.

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

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

Meeting: People and Places

Tuesday 21 March

Thomas Cranmer, archbishop,
Reformation martyr, 1556

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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: Nelson Little Marsden, Rev Guy Jamieson, Rev Simon Lloyd

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

Wednesday 22 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Vision 2026: Pray for parents that they have confidence and are equipped to raise children who have a living relationship with God.

Diocese: Poulton Deanery Officers, Rev Jane Atkinson, Rev Canon Martin Keighley, Mr David Thompson,

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

Meeting: Diocesan Synod

Event: [Clergy Study Morning](#) – Burnley St Stephen's

Thursday 23 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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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: Cleveleys St Andrew, Rev Graham Young

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ziwa (Lake) Rukwa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Friday 24 March

Walter Hilton, mystic, 1395;
Paul Couturier, priest, ecumenist,
1953;
Oscar Romero, archbishop, martyr,
1980

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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

Diocese: Fleetwood Hospital, Rev Helen Houston

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

Saturday 25 March
Annunciation of Our Lord to the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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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: Fleetwood St Nicholas, Rev Carolyn Leitch, Mr Phil Deegan (IIm)

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

Sunday 26 March
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passiontide begins

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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Lighting up new generations: Pray for Bishop Jill as she leads the Lighting Up New Generations project, that the work being undertaken will form a foundation for growth which can be mirrored across the Diocese.

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

Diocese: Fleetwood St Peter and St David, Vacant, Mrs Gloria Birdsall (IIm), Mr Ian Risely (cw)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of South America

Monday 27 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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: Little Thornton St John the Evangelist, Rev Jane Atkinson, Mrs Margaret Warburton (IIm), Mrs Judith Robson (IIm)

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

Meeting: Bishops and Archdeacons

Clergy Moves: Rev Sarah Cliff, new Vicar of Sandylands St John the Divine

Tuesday 28 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Gregor Stewart, new Rector of The Fellside Team

Wednesday 29 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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: Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church, Rev Damian Platt, Rev Andrew Downes

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

Thursday 30 March

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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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: Preston Deanery Officers, Rev David Hanson, Rev Chris Boland, Mrs Stephanie Rankin, Mrs Susan Cherry

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

Friday 31 March

John Donne, priest, poet, 1631

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Chronicles 7.14

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Choir Church: Pray for Choir Churches to offer vibrant worship which includes people of all ages.

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: Ashton-on-Ribble St Andrew, Rev James Nash; also in this Benefice, Ashton-on-Ribble St Andrew's CofE Primary School

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