



## Blackburn Prayers April 2023

Welcome to Blackburn Prayers.

The Coronation of King Charles will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023. To mark this important moment in our nation's life, the Church of England has compiled a series of Daily Prayers. From Easter Day (9 April) to Coronation Day (6 May), a booklet of prayers with a daily theme, reading, reflection and prayer for use by individuals, churches or groups has been published. These daily prayers can be found [here](#).

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as they face Russian aggression. A selection of resources gathered together for the recent 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](mailto: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](mailto:karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org) in the first instance. For more about the parishes in this month's edition, click on the links taking you to either the parish website or its 'A Church Near You' site.

**Key: cw = Churchwarden of Vacant Parish**  
**llm = Licensed Lay Minister**

### **Saturday 1 April**

Frederick Denison Maurice, priest,  
teacher of the faith, 1872

**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 – 2 Corinthians 8.7**

Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

**Blackpool Ministry Experience:** Pray that our Blackpool Ministry Experience participants would continue to search out God's plan for life beyond the Blackpool Ministry Experience in July.

**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:** Ashton-on-Ribble St Michael and All Angels, Vacant, Mrs Jacquie Crosby (cw), Mr Ron Eather (cw)

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of South Rwenzori – The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Clergy Moves:** Retirement of Rev Robin Figg, Vicar of Warton St Oswald with Yealand Conyers St John

### **Sunday 2 April**

**Palm Sunday**

**Holy Week**

**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](#).

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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:** Broughton St John Baptist, Rev Canon Fleur Green, Rev Nathaniel Gilmour, Rev Pauline Taylor, Canon Andrea Titterington (llm); also in this Benefice, Broughton-in-Amounderness CofE Primary School, Fulwood St Peter's CofE Primary School and Nursery

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

### **Monday 3 April**

**Monday of Holy Week**

**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](#).

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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:** Fulwood Christ Church, Rev Chris Boland, Mrs Mandy Stanton (llm); also in this Benefice, Archbishop Temple CofE High School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Sabah – The Church of the Province of South East Asia

**Meeting:** Vision and Strategy Team meeting

**Tuesday 4 April**  
**Tuesday of Holy Week**

**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](#).

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**Vision 2026:** We give thanks for the distribution of print and online copies of the Lent Devotionals and pray that many will be encouraged to continue in the habit of reading the Bible daily.

**Diocese:** Grimsargh St Michael, Vacant, Mr Anthony Cowell (cw), Mr Mark Lamberty (cw); also in this Benefice, Grimsargh St Michael's CofE Primary School  
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Sabongidda-Ora – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)

**Wednesday 5 April**  
**Wednesday of Holy Week**

**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](#).

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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.

**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:** HMP Preston, Rev Gail Miller, Mrs Lorraine Innerdale  
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Saldanha Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa  
**Meeting:** Strategic Programme Board meeting

**Thursday 6 April**  
**Maundy Thursday**

**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](#).

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**Vision 2026:** Following on from the recent 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:** Ingol St Margaret, Rev Rie Walker  
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Salisbury – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

**Friday 7 April**  
**Good Friday**

**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](#).

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**Hope Community Church:** Pray for all our Easter activities and outreach that God's Holy Spirit will work in those that are connected to Grange Park.

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

**Diocese:** Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Rev David Anderson

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of El Salvador – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

**Saturday 8 April**  
**Easter Eve**

**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](#).

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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:** Preston Emmanuel and Lea St Christopher, Capt David Thorp, Rev Dr Mike Clayton, Mr James Cam (Ilm), Mrs Joyce Willacy (Ilm), Mrs Merline Ferguson (cw), Mrs Ann Berry (cw), Mrs Debra Foster (cw), Mr Darren Shirley (cw); also in this Benefice, Lea Neeld's Endowed CofE Primary School

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

**Sunday 9 April**  
**Easter Day**

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 1: [Called to Pray](#)

**Monday 10 April**  
**Monday of Easter Week**

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

**Diocese:** Preston All Saints, Rev Nathan Buttery, Rev Simon Griffiths

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Santiago (in Chile) – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 2: [Called to Service](#)

**Tuesday 11 April**  
**Tuesday of Easter Week**

**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 – 2 Peter 3.9**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**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:** Preston St Cuthbert Fulwood, Rev Mark Bradford, Rev Liz Gethin, Rev Martin McDonald (also Hospital Chaplain for Preston Royal and Sharoe Green Hospitals), Mrs Janet Mortimer (Ilm)

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Santiago (in the Philippines) – Philippines

**Meeting:** Leadership Core Group

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 3: [Called to Dedication](#)

**Wednesday 12 April**  
**Wednesday of Easter Week**

**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 – 2 Peter 3.9**

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**M:Power:** Pray for the sustainability of M:Power so that many more urban leaders can be trained in the years to come, new opportunities can develop from lessons learned and work started on the Roman Road and Over Darwen estates can build on the foundations laid, and see many more people come to faith.

**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:** Preston St John and St George the Martyr, Rev Sam Haigh, Rev David Craven, Rev David Owens, Rev Timothy Roberts

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

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 4: [Called to Constancy](#)

**Thursday 13 April**  
**Thursday of Easter Week**

**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 – 2 Peter 3.9**

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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:** Preston St Stephen, Rev David Hanson, Rev Barbara Houghton; also in this Benefice, Preston St Stephen's CofE Primary School

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

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 5: [Concern for Religious Freedom](#)

**Friday 14 April**  
**Friday of Easter Week**

**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 – 2 Peter 3.9**

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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:** Preston The Risen Lord, Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie, Rev Dan Freeman; also in this Benefice, Preston St Matthew's CofE Primary Academy

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

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 6: [Concern for Charitable Work](#)

**Saturday 15 April**  
**Saturday of Easter Week**

**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 – 2 Peter 3.9**

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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:** Ribbleton, Rev Linda Tomkinson

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

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 7: [Concern for the Environment](#)

**Sunday 16 April**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**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 – 2 Peter 3.9**

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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:** Tunstall Deanery Officers, Rev Canon Cindy Rigney, Mrs Elizabeth Battersby-Hill

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Liz McLean, new Area Dean for Whalley Deanery

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 8: [A Servant King](#)

**Monday 17 April**

**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 – 2 Peter 3.9**

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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:** Bolton-le-Sands Holy Trinity, Rev Peter Hamborg; also in this Benefice, Bolton-le-Sands CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Sekondi – The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province)

**Meeting:** Bishop's Appointments Team meeting

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Robert Legge, new Vicar of Blackpool St Mary's South Shore and Chaplain of St George's School, Blackpool

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 9: [A Symbol of the Nation](#)

**Tuesday 18 April**

**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 – 2 Peter 3.9**

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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:** Carnforth Christ Church, Rev Canon Stephen Jones; also in this Benefice, Carnforth Christ Church CofE VA Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Seoul – The Anglican Church of Korea

**Meeting:** Vision and Strategy Team residential meeting

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 10: [Head of the Commonwealth](#)

## Wednesday 19 April

Alphege, archbishop, martyr, 1012

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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:** Caton with Littledale St Paul, Rev Helen Scamman, Mrs Daphne Wade (IIm); also in this Benefice, Caton St Paul's CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Seychelles – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

**Meeting:** Vision and Strategy Team residential meeting

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 11: [Part of the Anglican Communion](#)

## Thursday 20 April

**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 – 2 Peter 3.9**

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**Preston Resourcing Parish:** Thank God for the Leadership Development Year Students. Please pray that this will continue to be a year of personal growth, leadership development and blessing.

**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:** Dolphinholme with Quernmore and Over Wyresdale, Rev Canon Cindy Rigney, Rev Christina Walker; also in this Benefice, Abbeystead Cawthorne's Endowed School, Dolphinholme CofE Primary School, Quernmore CofE VC Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Sheffield – The Church of England (York Province)

**Meeting:** Vision and Strategy Team residential meeting

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 12: [Westminster Abbey](#)

## Friday 21 April

Anselm, abbot, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1109

**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 – Daniel 12.3**

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

**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:** East Lonsdale, Rev Jane Lee, Miss Mary Winter (IIm), Dr Ann Dawson (IIm); also in this Benefice, Leck St Peter's CofE Primary School, Melling St Wilfrid CofE Primary School, Tatham Fells CofE Primary School, Wray with Botton Endowed Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Shinyanga – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Meeting:** Budget Scrutiny Group meeting

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 13: [Praying for the Holy Spirit](#)



## Saturday 22 April

**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 – Daniel 12.3**

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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:** Hornby with Claughton and Whittington with Arkholme and Gressingham, Rev Lucie Lunn; also in this Benefice, Arkholme CofE Primary School, Hornby St Margaret's CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Upper Shire – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 14: [Anointed with Oil](#)

## Sunday 23 April Third Sunday of Easter

**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 – Daniel 12.3**

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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:** Over Kellet St Cuthbert, Vacant, Dr John Halsey (cw), Mr Derek Burnside (cw); also in this Benefice, Over Kellet Wilson's Endowed CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 15: [The Coronation Regalia](#)

## Monday 24 April

George, martyr, patron of England, c.304

**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 – Daniel 12.3**

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Shyira – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 16: [The King is Crowned](#)

## Tuesday 25 April Mark the Evangelist

**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 – Daniel 12.3**

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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:** Slyne with Hest St Luke and Halton St Wilfrid with Aughton St Saviour, Rev Susan Seed, Mr Martin Wakelin (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Halton St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School, Slyne with Hest St Luke's CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Shyogwe – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 17: [The Queen Consort is Crowned](#)

## Wednesday 26 April

**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 – Daniel 12.3**

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**Lighting up new generations:** In this Easter season pray that our churches will once more become a focus of the resurrection message and that they will offer a welcome to all those who feel called to approach their doors.

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

**Diocese:** Warton St Oswald with Yealand Conyers St John, Vacant, Mrs Annette MacKenzie (IIm), Mrs Jean Tunnicliffe Wilson (cw), Mrs Clare Hunter (cw), Dr Alison Semple (cw), Mrs Joyce Tombs (cw), Mrs Sally Fletcher (cw); also in this Benefice, Warton Archbishop Hutton's VC Primary School, Yealand CofE Primary School

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

**Coronation of King Charles Day 18:** [The National Anthem](#)

## Thursday 27 April

Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894

**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 – Daniel 12.3**

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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:** Whalley Deanery Officers, Rev Liz McLean, Rev Mark Williams, Canon Ruth Haldane

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Singapore – The Church of the Province of South East Asia

**Meeting:** Bishops and Archdeacons Committee meeting

**Coronation of King Charles Day 19:** [Love](#)

## Friday 28 April

Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr, 1841

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**Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Daniel 12.3**

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Sittwe – The Church of the Province of Myanmar

**Coronation of King Charles Day 20:** [Joy](#)

## **Saturday 29 April**

Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380

**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 – Daniel 12.3**

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

**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:** Bowland Benefice, Rev Mark Williams; also in this Benefice, Bolton by Bowland CofE Primary School, Grindleton CofE VA Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Sodor and Man – The Church of England (York Province)

**Meeting:** DBF Directors Committee meeting

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 21: [Peace](#)

## **Sunday 30 April**

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**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 – Daniel 12.3**

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**Choir Church:** Pray for Choir Churches to work for social justice and model a church which is both of and for the poorest.

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

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Episcopal Church

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Andy Meeson, new Area Dean for Leyland Deanery;

Retirement of Rev Alan Hogarth, Vicar of Heapey and Withnell

**Coronation of King Charles** Day 22: [Patience](#)