



Blackburn Prayers June 2023

Welcome to Blackburn Prayers.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as they face Russian aggression. A selection of resources are 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.

And this month we also feature a series of special prayers for the Installation Service for Bishop Philip as our new Bishop of Blackburn; across the week leading up to and on the big day - June 24 at Blackburn Cathedral.

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

Thursday 1 June
Justin, martyr, c.165

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 – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Blackpool Ministry Experience: Offering thanks for all that the BME has achieved in this past year. Praying for guidance for the future of the scheme, and praying for Thomas as he reflects on the last 10 months, and what God has done in him and through him.

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

Diocese: Darwen St Peter, Rev Alison Mitchell; also in this Benefice, Darwen Holy Trinity VC School, Darwen St Peter's CofE Primary School

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

Friday 2 June

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 – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

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

Diocese: Feniscowles Immanuel and Fenisccliffe St Francis, Rev David Roscoe; also in this Benefice, Livesey St Francis CofE School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Te Pihopatanga o Te Waipounamu – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Maori Tikanga)

Saturday 3 June
Martyrs of Uganda 1885-7, 1977

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 17.3

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Mission Partners: [Life Association](#) ask for prayer for God's provision for their work amongst India's poorest people, and for His protection and blessing on their projects partners and those they serve.

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: Hoddlesden St Paul's and Darwen St Barnabas, Rev Ben Marston, Mrs Margaret Walsh (Ilm), Mrs Lillian Duffy (Ilm), Mr Kenneth Lee (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Hoddlesden St Paul's CofE Primary School, Darwen St Barnabas' CofE Primary Academy

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Temotu – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Sunday 4 June Trinity 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: Making Disciples – John 17.3

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Vision 2026: We pray for all those contributing to the writing of the Lent and Advent Devotionals and ask that many will be encouraged in the habit of reading the Bible daily through these resources.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Team gather for a Half Night of Prayer at Whalley Abbey

Clergy Moves: Rev Tracy Swindells, Vicar of Freckleton Holy Trinity and Warton St Paul

Monday 5 June

Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr, 754;

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 9

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 – John 17.3

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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 100 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: Lower Darwen St James (in plurality with) Over Darwen St James, Rev Rebecca Roberts, Rev Alice Cole, Rev Kevin Colyer, Ms Sharon Collins (IIm), Miss Susan Lloyd (IIm), Mrs Valerie Lucas (IIm); also in this Benefice, Lower Darwen St James' CofE Primary School, Darwen St James' CofE Primary Academy

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Tennessee – The Episcopal Church (4 Province)

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Team meeting

Tuesday 6 June

Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

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 – John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Vision 2026: 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: North and East Blackburn, Rev Nicholas Heale; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Michael with St John's CofE Primary School, Blackburn St Thomas' CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of East Tennessee – The Episcopal Church (4 Province)

Meeting: Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday 7 June

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 our prayer meetings which take place every Wednesday evening at 5.30pm. Pray that those who attend will grow in their faith and see answers to prayer.

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

Diocese: The Royal Blackburn Hospital, Rev Canon Andrew Horsfall

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of West Tennessee – The Episcopal Church (4 Province)

Thursday 8 June

Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion (Corpus Christi);

Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711

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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: Blackpool Deanery Officers, Rev Peter Lillicrap, Rev David O'Brien, Rev Clive Lord, Mrs Diane Dennett, Mrs Janet Rimmer, Mrs Rita Templeton

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

Meeting: Area Deans meeting

Friday 9 June

Columba, abbot, missionary, 597;
Ephrem, deacon, hymn writer,
teacher of the faith, 373

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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: Anchorsholme All Saints, Rev Anthony Barnshaw, Mrs Jess Rowe (Ilm)

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

Meeting: Investment Committee meeting

Saturday 10 June

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 – John 17.3

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

Diocese: Bispham All Hallows, Rev Jonny Lee, Mrs Gina Hibbert (Ilm), Mrs Diane Dennett (Ilm), Mrs Annie Riley (Ilm), Mr Keith Stevenson (Ilm), Mrs Linda Whitworth (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Blackpool Bispham Endowed CofE Primary School

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

Sunday 11 June
Barnabas the Apostle
Proper 5

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 – 1 John 3.8

Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

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: Blackpool Christ Church with All Saints (known as Beacon Church), Rev Adrian Wolton

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Monday 12 June
Barnabas the Apostle
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 10

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M:Power: Pray for the current cohort of trainees in Accrington, Blackpool, Over Darwen and Preston as they finish their training that they would have a sense of how God is calling them to use their training. Pray too for the right people to come forward and join next year's training programme.

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: Blackpool Holy Cross South Shore, Rev Michael Fish

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Northwest Texas – The Episcopal Church (7 Province)

Meeting: Leadership Core Group meeting; Strategic Programme Board meeting

Tuesday 13 June
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 10

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 – 1 John 3.8

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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: Blackpool Holy Trinity South Shore (in plurality with) Blackpool St Peter South Shore, Rev Canon Tracy Charnock, Mr Fred Bridges (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of West Texas – The Episcopal Church (7 Province)

Wednesday 14 June
Richard Baxter, puritan divine, 1691

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 – 1 John 3.8

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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: Blackpool St Christopher and St Nicholas, Rev Martin Daniels; also in this Benefice, Blackpool St Nicholas CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

Thursday 15 June

Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer,
1941

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 – 1 John 3.8

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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: Blackpool St John, Rev Andy Dykes, Rev Sam Haigh, Dr Bill Ward (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Blackpool St John's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Thoothukudi - Nazareth – The (United) Church of South India

Friday 16 June

Richard, bishop, 1253

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 – 1 John 3.8

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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: Blackpool St Mary's South Shore, Rev Robert Legge

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

Saturday 17 June

Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social
reformers, 1913 and 1936

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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: Blackpool St Paul North Shore (in plurality with) Greenlands St Anne, Rev Dr Deborah Prest, Rev Jane Parker, Mrs Angela Kershaw (Ilm)

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

Sunday 18 June
Second Sunday after Trinity

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 – 1 John 3.8

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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: Blackpool St Stephen-on-the-Cliffs, Rev Andrew Teather

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia

Monday 19 June

Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man),
evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 11

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](#).

Installation Service: Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessing on all those at Blackburn Cathedral involved in this weekend's Installation Service. Please give clarity and wisdom to their planning and may your blessing and protection be upon all that has been arranged; so that through this service, the Risen Lord Jesus might be honoured and glorified.

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

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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: Blackpool St Thomas, Rev David O'Brien, Miss Vicky Bentley (Ilm), Mrs Yvonne Blazey (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Tohoku – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team meeting

Tuesday 20 June

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](#).

Installation Service: Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessing on all those at Bishop's House and Clayton House involved in planning for the Installation Service this Saturday. Please give energy, creativity and inspiration in all aspects of their involvement, especially the children's 'Messy Installation'; so that every part of the event may overflow with the joy of the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus.

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – 1 John 3.8

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Preston Resourcing Parish: Thank God for the partnerships that are deepening with other Churches, with the City Council, County Council, Police, and other agencies. Pray that we will be indeed the salt of the earth and be a source of increased blessing in the City and beyond.

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: Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS and Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Rev Helen Houston

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Tokyo – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Meeting: DBF Directors' meeting

Wednesday 21 June

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](#).

Installation Service: Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessing on all civic leaders and guests attending the Installation Service this Saturday. May the service be a clear witness to the reality of the Risen Lord Jesus and may Your Holy Spirit inspire the hearts and minds of all those who attend to worship and glorify Him in spirit and in truth.

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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: Blackpool The Trinity Benefice, Rev Peter Lillicrap, Rev Matt Robinson, Rev Capt Matthew Rowley, Mr Greg Doughty (Ilm)

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

Thursday 22 June

Alban, first martyr of Britain, c.250

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](#).

Installation Service: Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessing on children and young people from our schools and parishes who will be involved in the Installation Service this Saturday. As we are led in worship by them and join in worship with them, may Your Holy Spirit enable people of every generation to know and declare 'the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power and the wonders He has done'.

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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

Diocese: Blackpool Trinity The Hospice in the Fylde, Rev Paul Berry

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

Friday 23 June

Etheldreda, abbess, c.678

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](#).

Installation Service: Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessing on Bishop Philip, ahead of the Installation Service tomorrow. In the same way St Paul charged Timothy, may Bishop Philip be strengthened by Your Holy Spirit to set the example in pursuing righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness and to lead Your people in fighting the good fight of the faith.

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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: Marton St Paul, Rev Lesley Atkins, Mr Ian Rushton (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Blackpool Baines Endowed Primary School and Children's Centre, a CofE Primary Academy

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

Saturday 24 June
Birth of John the Baptist

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](#).

Installation Service: Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessing on the Installation Service today and on our whole Diocese. As we inaugurate this new season of leadership, may we know a visitation of Your Holy Spirit both on the service itself and across Your Church in Lancashire, that people of every generation, tribe, race, nation and tongue are able to know for themselves the loving, saving, restoring power of our Lord Jesus.

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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

Diocese: Mereside St Wilfrid, Vacant, Mrs Amanda Garwood (cw); also in this Benefice, Blackpool St George's School, a CofE Academy

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

Sunday 25 June
Third Sunday after Trinity
Proper 7

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 – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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: Burnley Deanery Officers, Rev Munawar Din, Mrs Meena Tomlinson, Mrs Carol Waddington, Mr Bob Clayfield

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh

Clergy Moves: Rev Dr Louis Johnson, Associate Priest of Lancaster St Mary (The Priory)

Monday 26 June
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 12

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 – 1 Corinthians 1.17

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Lighting up new generations: During the exam period, pray for all the young people who interact with our youth resourcing church at St Luke's in Blackburn. May they see the church as a place of support and encouragement whatever circumstances arise.

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

Diocese: Briercliffe St James, Vacant, Mrs Janet Hartley (cw); also in this Benefice, Burnley St James' Lanehead CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore – The (United) Church of South India

Meeting: Bishops' and Archdeacons' meeting

Tuesday 27 June
Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 444

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 – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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: Burnley General Hospital, Rev Canon Andrew Horsfall

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Wednesday 28 June

Irenæus, bishop, teacher of the faith,
c.200;
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](#).

Ordinations: As [this year's cohort](#) of soon-to-be Priests and Deacons go on retreat to Whalley Abbey, we pray for them all as they prepare for their ordinations at the weekend.

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

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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: Burnley St Andrew with St Margaret and Burnley St James, Vacant, Rev Paul Benfield, Mr Geoffrey Summers (cw), Mr Vic Moore (cw)

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

Thursday 29 June

Peter and Paul, Apostles
Peter the Apostle

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](#).

Ordinations: As [this year's cohort](#) of our soon-to-be Deacons and Priests are on retreat at Whalley Abbey, we pray for them as they prepare together for the ordination weekend.

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

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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: Burnley St Catherine with St Alban and St Paul, Rev Roger Parker

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Tuam, Killala and Achonry – The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province)

Meeting: Bishop's Council meeting

Friday 30 June

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](#).

Ordinations: As [this year's cohort](#) of soon-to-be Deacons and Priests are nearing the end of their retreat at Whalley Abbey, we pray for them as they continue to prepare together for the ordination weekend.

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Choir Church: Pray for the preparations being made by churches and schools to plant choir churches in the autumn.

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

Diocese: Burnley St Cuthbert (in plurality with) Brierfield St Luke, Rev Munawar Din

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Twic East – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Jonglei Province)