

Blackburn Prayers July 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.

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

Saturday 1 July

Henry, John, and Henry Venn,
priests, evangelical divines, 1797,
1813, 1873

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: Heavenly Father thank you for the gift of 15 new Deacons being ordained in our Diocese today. Pour your Spirit out upon them so that they may lead many to know Jesus as Lord. Amen

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 14.6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”.

Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for Thomas’ commissioning service on 19 July as he steps out in faith to what God has prepared for him next.

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: Burnley St Matthew the Apostle (Habergham Eaves) with Holy Trinity, Rev Alex Frost, Rev Kat Gregory-Witham, Mrs Jackie Mackrell; also in this Benefice, Burnley Holy Trinity CofE Primary School.

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

Event: Ordinations 2023: We hold [those to be ordained Deacon and Priest today](#) at Blackburn Cathedral in our prayers.

Sunday 2 July

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 8

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: Heavenly Father thank you for the gift of 10 new Priests being ordained in our Diocese today. By the power and presence of your Spirit, enable them to lead your people in mission so that our communities may be transformed as many come to know Jesus as Lord. Amen

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 14.6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”.

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

Diocese: Burnley St Peter and St Stephen, Rev Andrew Holmes; also in this Benefice, Burnley St Peter’s CofE Primary School, Burnley St Stephen’s CofE VA Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil – Province

Event: Ordinations 2023: We hold [those to be ordained Priest today](#) in our prayers.

Monday 3 July

Thomas 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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – John 14.6

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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: Burnley West All Saints with St John Baptist, Rev Charlie Hill; also in this Benefice, Wellfield Methodist and Anglican Church School

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

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Team meeting

Tuesday 4 July

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 13

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 14.6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”.

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: Holme in Cliviger St John the Divine with Worsthorne St John Evangelist, Vacant, Mrs Julie Cambridge (cw), Mrs Jane Mitchell (cw); also in this Benefice, Cliviger St John’s CofE Primary School

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

Wednesday 5 July

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 14.6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through 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 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: Padiham with Hapton and Padiham Green, Rev Canon Mark Jones, Mrs Lynne Trudgill (lrm); also in this Benefice, Hapton CofE/Methodist School, Padiham Green CofE Primary School, Padiham St Leonard’s VA CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ukwu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba Province)

Thursday 6 July

Thomas More, scholar and John Fisher, bishop, martyrs, 1535

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 14.6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”.

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: Chorley Deanery Officers, Rev Neil Kelley, Rev Joanne Smith, Rev Canon Andrew Holliday, Mr Andrew Stokes, Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Umuahia – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba Province)

Friday 7 July

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 14.6

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Hope Community Church: Pray for the preparations for our Deanery-wide mission in partnership with the Message Trust.

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

Diocese: Adlington St Paul, Rev Graeme Buttery; also in this Benefice, Adlington St Paul’s CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: General Synod

Saturday 8 July

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 14.6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through 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: Appley Bridge and Parbold, Rev Susan Timmins, Rev Prof Michelle Plant, Mrs Diane Green, Dr Sara Ashley; also in this Benefice, Appley Bridge All Saints CofE Primary School, Parbold Dougles CofE Academy

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

Meeting: General Synod

Sunday 9 July Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 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 14.6

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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: Brindle St James, Rev Jon Price; also in this Benefice, Brindle St James’ CofE VA Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi

Meeting: General Synod

Monday 10 July

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 14

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 14.6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”.

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

Diocese: Chorley St George and Chorley All Saints, Rev Michael Print, Rev Jordan Bentiff; also in this Benefice, Chorley St George’s CofE Primary School, Chorley St James’ CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Uruguay – The Anglican Church of South America

Meeting: General Synod

Tuesday 11 July

Benedict, abbot, c.550

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 – John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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: Chorley St Laurence and Chorley St Peter, Rev Neil Kelley, Rev Rebecca Feeney; also in this Benefice, Chorley St Michael’s CofE High School, Chorley St Laurence CofE Primary School, Chorley St Peter’s CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Utah – The Episcopal Church (8 Province)

Meeting: General Synod

Wednesday 12 July

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 – John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

M:Power: Pray for those who undertake vocation or ordinand placements with M:Power that a passion and vocation for urban ministry would be kindled within them.

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: Coppull and Coppull St John the Divine, Rev Matthew Hornby; also in this Benefice, Coppull St John CofE Primary School, Coppull Parish CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting; Strategic Programme Board meeting

Thursday 13 July

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 – John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

Diocese: Croston, Bretherton and Mawdesley with Bispham, Rev Michael Woods, Ms Janet Maggs; also in this Benefice, Bretherton Endowed CofE VA Primary School, Bishop Rawstorne CofE Academy, Croston Trinity and St Michael's VA CofE/Methodist Primary School, Mawdesley St Peter's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Valparaíso – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Friday 14 July

John Keble, priest, poet, 1866

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 – John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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: Eccleston St Mary the Virgin and Charnock Richard Christ Church, Vacant, Mr Malcolm Stewart (cw), Mrs Gillian Jamieson (cw); also in this Benefice, Eccleston St Mary's CofE Primary School, Charnock Richard Christ Church CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Vanuatu and New Caledonia – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Saturday 15 July

Swithun, bishop, c.862;
Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of
the faith, 1274

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 – John 10.10

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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: Euxton, Rev Joanne Smith, Rev Amy Bland; also in this Benefice, Euxton CofE VA Primary School

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

Meeting: Diocesan Synod

Clergy Moves: Rev Dan Freeman, Vicar of Chorley St James

Sunday 16 July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 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 – John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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: Chorley St James, Rev Dan Freeman, Mr Gary Tinsley (cw) Mr Peter Stunell (cw), Mr Phil Parker (llm); also in this Benefice, Chorley St James' CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada

Monday 17 July

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 15

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 – John 10.10

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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: Heapey St Barnabas and Withnell St Paul, Vacant, Rev Gary Bullock, Mr Robert Holding (cw), Mr Peter Monks (cw); also in this Benefice, Brinscall St John's CofE/Methodist Primary School

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

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team meeting

Tuesday 18 July

Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess,
founder of the Community of St
Andrew, 1883

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 – John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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: Shevington St Anne, Rev Dr Andrew Brown, Rev Jenny Brown; also in this Benefice, Standish Lower Ground St Anne's CofE Primary School

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

Wednesday 19 July

Gregory, bishop and his sister
Macrina, deaconess, teachers of the
faith, c.394 and c.379

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 – John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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: Standish St Wilfrid, Rev Canon Andrew Holliday, Rev Catherine Gabriel, Dr Sheila Fisher (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Standish St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Victoria Nyanza – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Thursday 20 July

Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4th
century;
Bartolomé de las Casas, apostle to
the Indies, 1566

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 – John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Preston Resourcing Parish: Thank God for the blessing provided by our two buildings that are flexible, welcoming and holy spaces where our God is regularly worshipped in our different styles.

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: Whittle-le-Woods St John Evangelist, Rev Philip Venables, Mr Leslie Jones (Ilm), Dr Gillian Lancaster (Ilm), Mrs Kathy Bigio (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Whittle-le-Woods CofE Primary School, Clayton-le-Woods CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Virgin Islands – The Episcopal Church (2 Province)

Friday 21 July

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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: Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust, Rev Canon Anne Edwards, Rev Jane Reynolds, Rev Michele Ryan

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

Saturday 22 July
Mary Magdalene

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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

Diocese: Wrightington with Heskin St James the Great, Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj; also in this Benefice, Heskin Pemberton's CofE Primary School

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

Sunday 23 July
Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Proper 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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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: Garstang Deanery Officers, Rev Andrew Wilkinson, Rev Jeff Finch, Rev Anton Muller, Mr Paul Ronson, Mrs Susan Willoughby, Mrs Jean Matthew

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Monday 24 July
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 16

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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

Diocese: Copp St Anne and Inskip St Peter, Rev Paul Hunter, Mrs Angela Ashcroft (llm); also in this Benefice, Great Eccleston Copp CofE Primary School, Inskip St Peter's CofE VA School

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

Meeting: Bishops' and Archdeacons' meeting

Tuesday 25 July
James 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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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: Fellside Team Ministry, Rev Garry Whittaker, Rev Gregor Stewart; also in this Benefice, Barton St Lawrence CofE Primary School, Bilsborrow John Cross CofE Primary School, Goosnargh Oliverson's CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: HR Committee meeting

Wednesday 26 July

Anne and Joachim, parents of 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 – 1 Corinthians 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Lighting Up New Generations: At the end of the second year of the Lighting Up New Generations project, pray that our churches are achieving everything that was hoped for them (and more!) and that the skills and experience developed can be a source of support to those churches across the Diocese.

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

Diocese: Garstang St Helen (Churchtown) and St Michael's on Wyre, Rev Andrew Wilkinson, Mrs Audrey Ashbridge (Ilm), Mrs Karen Ball (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Kirkland and Catterall St Helen's CofE VA Primary School, St Michael's on Wyre CofE Primary School

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

Thursday 27 July

Brooke Foxx Westcott, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1901

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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: Garstang St Thomas, Rev Michael Hutchinson, Mr Alan Mackie (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Garstang St Thomas' CofE Primary School

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

Friday 28 July

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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.

Vision 2026: Pray for our chaplains in schools and universities, that they may be a Christian presence in education, witnessing to the transforming effect of Jesus on people's lives and encouraging the exploration of the Gospel.

Diocese: Over Wyre, Vacant, Rev Peter Walsh, Rev Naomi Barraclough, Mr Ray Hart (Ilm), Ms Jo Smallwood (Ilm), Mrs Nicola Smith (Ilm), Mrs Sandra Bourne (cw), Mr Derek Wolstenholme (cw), Mr Peter Jones (cw), Mr Brian Parkinson (cw), Mrs Susan Lunn (cw), Mrs Linda Shipway (cw), Mr Benjamin Shepherd (cw), Mr Allan Gardner (cw), Mrs Victoria Bullen (cw); also in this Benefice, Pilling St John's CofE VA Primary School, Preesall Fleetwood's Charity CofE Primary School, Preesall St Aidan's CofE High School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Wandi – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Amadi Province)

Saturday 29 July

Mary, Martha and Lazarus,
companions of Our Lord

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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: Scorton and Barnacre and Calder Vale, Vacant, Mrs Alison Bates (cw), Mrs Sue Goldspink (cw), Mr Ian Marshall (cw), Mrs Jean Miller (cw), Mrs Jo Taylor (cw), Mrs Kath Wood (cw); also in this Benefice, Calder Vale St John's CofE Primary School, Scorton CofE Primary School

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

Sunday 30 July

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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

Diocese: Woodplumpton St Anne, Rev Lois Ward; also in this Benefice, Woodplumpton St Anne's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Monday 31 July

Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the
Society of Jesus, 1556;
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 17

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Choir Church: Pray for the Choir Church leaders and Choral Directors as they nurture the growth of the first set of Choir Church plants.

Vision 2026: For the whole community in the Diocesan Offices, Clayton House and Bishop's House, who through their varied ministries support the work of all the churches and church schools in the Diocese of Blackburn.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Wangaratta – The Anglican Church of Australia (Victoria Province)