

## Blackburn Prayers August 2023

Welcome to Blackburn Prayers.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as they face Russian aggression. In addition to the short prayer we provide daily, you are encouraged to embellish your ongoing prayers in relation to the latest news from Ukraine on any given day. A selection of resources is also 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  
Ilm = Licensed Lay Minister

## Tuesday 1 August

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

**Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21**

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

**Blackpool Ministry Experience:** Please pray for Thomas (this year's participant) as he returns home and continues in the discernment process.

**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:** Kirkham Deanery Officers, Rev Anne Beverley, Rev Chris Scargill, Rev Dr Tony Hodgson, Dr Peter Roberts

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Timothy Kaye, Priest-in-Charge of Burnley St Andrew with St Margaret and Burnley St James

## Wednesday 2 August

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

**Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21**

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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:** Ansdell and Fairhaven St Paul, Rev Paul Bye, Rev Kyle Mulholland, Miss Janet Kimber (Ilm)

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Tim Roberts, Vicar of Preston St John and St George the Martyr

## Thursday 3 August

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

**Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21**

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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:** Freckleton and Warton, Rev Tracy Swindells, Ms Anne-Marie Aspden, Mrs Grace Smith; also in this Benefice, Freckleton CofE Primary School, Bryning with Warton St Paul's CofE Primary School

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

## Friday 4 August

Jean-Baptiste Vianney, curé d'Ars, spiritual guide, 1859

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### **Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21**

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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:** HMP Kirkham, Rev Fiona Haines

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

## Saturday 5 August

Oswald, king, martyr, 642

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### **Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21**

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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:** Kirkham St Michael, Rev Richard Dashwood, Mrs Anne Wintle (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Kirkham St Michael's CofE Primary School

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

## Sunday 6 August

### **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

### **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Proper 13

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### **Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21**

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**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:** Lund St John the Evangelist, Rev Canon Deborah Larkey; also in this Benefice, Newton Bluecoat CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

## Monday 7 August

### **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer, 1866

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 18

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### **Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21**

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**M:Power:** Pray for recruitment to the new cohort of the M:Power training programme. For Incumbents to call out those who would be less likely to undertake other forms of training and be courageous in spotting gifts and passions that are yet to flourish in individuals.

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

**Diocese:** Lytham, Rev Canon Nicholas Wells, Rev Emma Swarbrick, Mr David Matthews (Ilm), Miss Joanne Hutchinson (Ilm), Mrs Bev Wells (Ilm), Mrs Nicola Whitehead (Ilm), Ms Jacqui Briscoe (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Lytham CofE VA Primary School

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

## Tuesday 8 August

Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 18

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### **Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21**

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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:** Lytham St Annes Clifton Hospital, Rev Helen Houston, Rev Clive Lord  
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Wiaoso – The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province)

**Meeting:** Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee meeting; Finance Committee meeting

## Wednesday 9 August

Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

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### **Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21**

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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:** Ribby cum Wrea St Nicholas and Weeton St Michael, Rev Philip Chew; also in this Benefice, Ribby with Wrea Endowed CofE Primary School, Weeton St Michael's CofE VA Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Willochra – The Anglican Church of Australia (South Australia Province)

## Thursday 10 August

Laurence, deacon, martyr, 258

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### **Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Matthew 7.21**

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

**Diocese:** St Annes on Sea St Annes (Heyhouses), Rev Glen Brooks, Rev Ryan Otley, Mr Bill Hembrow (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Heyhouses Endowed CofE Primary School

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

## Friday 11 August

Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253;

John Henry Newman, priest, 1890

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### **Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20**

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Windward Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

**Meeting:** Investment Committee meeting

## Saturday 12 August

**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 – Revelation 3.20**

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**Hope Community Church:** Pray that many people would be drawn to the outdoor Praise in the Park Celebration in Kingscote Park today (12 August), and pray that all the volunteers would be blessed and that wisdom and strength would be given to the leaders.

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

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

## Sunday 13 August Tenth Sunday after Trinity Proper 14

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**Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20**

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

## Monday 14 August Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941 Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 19

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**Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20**

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

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



**Tuesday 15 August**  
**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: Being Witnesses – Revelation 3.20**

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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:** Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery Officers, Rev Craig Abbott, Rev Lorraine Moffatt, Mrs Jacqueline Stamper, Professor Richard Carter, Mrs Barbara Gardner

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Fort Worth – The Episcopal Church (7 Province)

**Wednesday 16 August**

**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 – Revelation 3.20**

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

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

**Thursday 17 August**

**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 – Revelation 3.20**

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Wusasa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kaduna Province)

## Friday 18 August

**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 – Revelation 3.20**

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Wyoming – The Episcopal Church (6 Province)

## Saturday 19 August

**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 – Revelation 3.20**

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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:** HMP Lancaster Farm, Rev David Noblet

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Yambio – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Western Equatoria Province)

## Sunday 20 August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Proper 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 – Revelation 3.20**

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**Preston Resourcing Parish:** We love that we have Anglo Catholic and Evangelical Charismatic expressions of church within our parish. Please continue to pray for Fr David as he leads St George the Martyr, to be "Blessed to be a Blessing", mutual flourishing and a cross fertilisation and strengthening of both distinctive traditions.

**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:** Lancaster Christ Church, Rev Carol Backhouse; also in this Benefice, Lancaster Christ Church CofE Primary School

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

## Monday 21 August Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 20

**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 – Matthew 9.37**

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

**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:** Lancaster Royal Infirmary Hospital, Rev Ian Dewar

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

## Tuesday 22 August

**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 – Matthew 9.37**

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

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

## Wednesday 23 August

**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 – Matthew 9.37**

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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:** Lancaster St Mary with St John and St Anne, Rev Leah Vasey-Saunders, Rev Louis Johnson, Professor Richard Carter (Ilm), Mrs Lois Kirtley (Ilm), Canon Christine Mullineaux (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Lancaster Ripley St Thomas CofE Academy

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

## Thursday 24 August Bartholomew 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 – Matthew 9.37**

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

**Diocese:** Lancaster St Paul Scotforth, Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Rev Catherine Haydon, Ms Margaret Ives (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Scotforth St Paul's CofE Primary and Nursery School

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

## Friday 25 August

**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 – Matthew 9.37**

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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:** Lancaster St Thomas, Vacant, Rev Matt Guilder, Rev Angie Letchford, Mrs Cathleen Dawson (Ilm), Mrs Natasha Ashbridge (cw), Mr Mark Shackleton (cw)

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



## Saturday 26 August

**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 – Matthew 9.37**

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**Lighting Up New Generations:** As the holiday season approaches, pray for all the summer activities, youth camps and support work that is being carried out by our Lighting Up New Generations project, may these offer the opportunity for outreach as well as the development of friendship and fellowship.

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

**Diocese:** Morecambe St Barnabas, Rev Michael Childs

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

## Sunday 27 August

### Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 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 – Matthew 9.37**

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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:** Morecambe St Christopher Bare, Rev David Heap

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Matthew Robinson, Vicar of Preston Emmanuel

## Monday 28 August

Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 21

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**Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37**

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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.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Yola – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Jos Province)

## Tuesday 29 August

### Beheading of John the Baptist

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**Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37**

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

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

### **Wednesday 30 August**

John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688

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**Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 9.37**

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

**Diocese:** Sandylands St John, Rev Sarah Cliff

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Ysabel – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

### **Thursday 31 August**

Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651

**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 – Matthew 9.37**

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**Choir Church:** Pray for sustainability and growth for newly planted Choir Churches.

**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.

**Diocese:** Shireshead St James, Rev Canon Peter Ballard

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Yukon – The Anglican Church of Canada (BC and Yukon Province)