

Blackburn Prayers September 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 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.

And we 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**

Friday 1 September
Giles, hermit, c.710

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 – Galatians 5.22

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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: Torrisholme The Ascension, Rev Damian Porter, Rev Keith Fenton, Rev Matteo Zambon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Zaki-Biam – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 2 September

Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942

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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: University of Lancaster, Rev Kevin Huggett

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Central Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Sunday 3 September

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 17

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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: Leyland Deanery Officers, Rev Andy Meeson, Mr Bob Collins, Mrs Mandy Stanton

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Monday 4 September

Birinus, bishop, 650

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 22

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Galatians 5.22

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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: Bamber Bridge St Aidan and Walton-le-Dale St Leonard, Rev Shaun Baldwin, Rev Anna Walker, Dr Belinda Hornby (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Bamber Bridge St Aidan's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Eastern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Team meeting

Clergy Moves: Rev Mark Bradford, new Vicar of Lancaster St Thomas

Tuesday 5 September

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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: Bamber Bridge St Saviour, Rev Matt Cook; also in this Benefice, Cuerden Church School, Bamber Bridge

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Northern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Wednesday 6 September

Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Galatians 5.22

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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: Buckshaw Village Conventional District, Rev Ian Sarginson, Rev Stuart Longworth; also in this Benefice, Buckshaw Trinity CofE/Methodist Primary School

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

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Thursday 7 September

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 – Galatians 5.22

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Hope Community Church: We pray for our young people returning after the summer holidays. Pray that our links with the local school and Blackpool Sixth Form College continue to get stronger.

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

Diocese: HMP Garth, Rev Dr Rick Bunday

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Zaria – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Meeting: Strategic Programme Board meeting

Friday 8 September

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Accession of King Charles III, 2022

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Galatians 5.22

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Saturday 9 September

Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Zonkwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Meeting: DBF Directors' meeting

Event: Authorised Lay Ministers' (ALMs) Commissioning Service at Blackburn Cathedral

Sunday 10 September
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving
Proper 18

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Galatians 5.22

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland

Monday 11 September
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 23

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 – Psalm 34.8

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

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: Leyland St Ambrose, Rev Paul Robinson, Mrs Jean Brundrett (Ilm), Mr Alwyn Carroll (Ilm)

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

Meeting: Leadership Core Group meeting

Tuesday 12 September

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Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Psalm 34.8

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M:Power: Pray for all who contribute to the M:Power training programme, including visiting tutors, mentors, board members and the staff team. Thank God for their gifts in helping to strengthen urban ministry across the Diocese.

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

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

Wednesday 13 September
John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407

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 – Psalm 34.8

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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: Leyland St James, Rev Marc Wolverson, Rev Andrew Kesiak, Mrs Deborah Peacock (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Leyland St James CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Aba Ngwa North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 14 September
Holy Cross Day

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

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Psalm 34.8

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Abakaliki – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 15 September
Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258

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 – Psalm 34.8

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Saturday 16 September
Ninian, bishop, c.432;
Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882

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 – Psalm 34.8

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Abuja – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Sunday 17 September
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving
Proper 19

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 – Psalm 34.8

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Monday 18 September

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 24

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 – Psalm 34.8

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Abyei – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team meeting

Tuesday 19 September

Theodore, archbishop, 690

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 – Psalm 34.8

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Accra – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Meeting: Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel

Wednesday 20 September

John Coleridge Patteson, bishop, and companions, martyrs, 1871

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 – Psalm 34.8

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Preston Resourcing Parish: Students are returning to university; a new Leadership Development Year is beginning. Pray for Christian students to find church and to leave university with strengthened, active faith. Pray for those who are seeking to find Jesus who is the way through Alpha, Student Groups and relationships.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Adelaide – The Anglican Church of Australia

Thursday 21 September

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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: Wellfield Pioneer (Leyland), Rev Mark Simpson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Afikpo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 22 September

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 19.26

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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: HMP Wymott, Rev Calum Crombie, Rev David Noblet

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of North Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Saturday 23 September

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 19.26

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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: Pendle Deanery Officers, Rev Lesley Hinchcliffe, Rev Alex Oehring, Mrs Elizabeth Johnston, Mrs Barbara Shaw

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

Event: Licensed Lay Ministers' (LLMs) Licensing Service at St Stephen's, Preston

Sunday 24 September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving Proper 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 19.26

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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: Barrowford St Thomas and Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary, Vacant, Mr Douglas Bull (cw), Mrs Kathleen Wilkinson (cw), Mr Dean Thorpe (cw), Mrs Maureen Emmott (cw), Mrs Melanie Clark (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Barrowford St Thomas CofE Primary School, Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary's CofE Primary School, Roughlee CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Derry and Raphoe – The Church of Ireland

Monday 25 September

Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626;

Sergei of Radonezh, monastic

reformer, teacher of the faith, 1392;

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 25

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 19.26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Aguata – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Meeting: Bishops and Archdeacons meeting

Tuesday 26 September

Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942

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 19.26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Lighting Up New Generations: Pray that our work from St John's Blackpool may provide both local people and visitors with the feeling of health and healing that is so much a part of the Blackpool heritage.

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ahoada – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Meeting: Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee meeting

Wednesday 27 September

Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists, 1660
Ember Day

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

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Aipo Rongo – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Thursday 28 September

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 19.26

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ajayi Crowther – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Meeting: Audit/Risk/Governance Committee meeting

Friday 29 September

Michael and All Angels
Ember Day

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

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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: Nelson Little Marsden, Rev Guy Jamieson; also in this Benefice, Nelson St Paul's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Akobo – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Saturday 30 September

Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420

Ember Day

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

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Matthew 19.26

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Choir Church: Pray for Choir Church communities as they reach out to those on the margins in their local communities seeking to make a difference.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Akoko – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Clergy Moves: Retirement of Rev Chris Scargill