

Blackburn Prayers October 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.

October is Black History Month - an event that gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. Background a further reading, suitable for all ages, [can be found here](#). In the context of Blackburn Prayers, there are liturgical resources [here on the Church of England website](#) to help mark Black History Month. The resources include Services of the Word; a Eucharistic Service; Prayers of Lament and of Commission plus links to further resources for Bible studies, youth work, Messy Church and music.

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

Sunday 1 October
Seventeenth Sunday after
Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving
Dedication Festival
Proper 21

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 – 1 John 1.9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Lighting Up New Generations: Prayers today for our Resourcing Church, St Luke's, Blackburn (BB2 2PF), holding its 'Homecoming Service' today at 11am as the congregation returns to the new-look building. All welcome. (

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: Poulton Deanery Officers, Rev Jane Atkinson, Rev Canon Martin Keighley, Mr David Thompson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Monday 2 October
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 26

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 – 1 John 1.9

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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: Cleveleys St Andrew, Rev Graham Young

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

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Team meeting

Tuesday 3 October
George Bell, bishop, ecumenist,
peacemaker, 1958

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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: Fleetwood Hospital, Rev Helen Houston

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

Wednesday 4 October
Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – 1 John 1.9

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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: Fleetwood St Nicholas, Rev Carolyn Leitch

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

Thursday 5 October

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

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Mothers' Union: Heavenly Father, we place into your hands the Mothers' Union here in Blackburn Diocese. We pray for all involved in the organisation and running of about 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: Fleetwood St Peter and St David, Vacant, Mrs Gloria Birdsall (Ilm), Mrs Diane Graveston (cw), Mrs Joan McLean (cw)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Alabama – The Episcopal Church

Friday 6 October

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – 1 John 1.9

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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: Little Thornton St John the Evangelist, Rev Jane Atkinson, Rev Kathryn Sperring, Mrs Judith Robson (Ilm), Mrs Margaret Warburton (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Alaska – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 7 October

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Hope Community Church: We pray for Lift-Off that it will equip volunteers and youth leaders with the tools and support they need.

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

Diocese: Poulton, Carleton and Singleton, Rev Canon Martin Keighley, Canon David Gascoigne; also in this Benefice, Carleton St Hilda's CofE Primary School, Poulton-le-Fylde St Chad's CofE Primary School, Singleton CofE VA Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of St Albans – The Church of England

Sunday 8 October

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving

Proper 22

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 – 1 John 1.9

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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: Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church, Rev Damian Platt, Rev Andrew Downes

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

Clergy Moves: Rev David Roscoe, Vicar of Ashton-on-Ribble St Michael and All Angels with Preston St Mark

Monday 9 October

Denys, bishop, and companions, martyrs, c.250;
Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist, 1253
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 27

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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: Preston Deanery Officers, Rev David Hanson, Rev Chris Bolan, Mrs Stephanie Rankin, Canon Andrea Titterington

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Albany – The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 10 October

Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644;
Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674

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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples – 1 John 1.9

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

Diocese: Ashton-on-Ribble St Andrew, Rev James Nash; also in this Benefice, Ashton-on-Ribble St Andrew's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Algoma – The Anglican Church of Canada

Wednesday 11 October

Ethelburga, abbess, 675;
James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th Century

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 – Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

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: Ashton-on-Ribble St Michael and All Angels with Preston St Mark, Rev David Roscoe

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of All Saints – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Meeting: DBF Directors' Meeting; Diocesan Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 12 October

Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709;
Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845;
Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915

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Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Isaiah 55.6

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M:Power: As the team put the finishing touches to the M:Power training programme for 2024/25 give them the resources they need and time to get to know the new participants.

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

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

Meeting: Leadership Core Group Meeting

Friday 13 October

Edward the Confessor, king, 1066

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 – Isaiah 55.6

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Amazônia – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Saturday 14 October

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 – Isaiah 55.6

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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: Grimsargh St Michael, Vacant, Mr Anthony Cowell (cw), Mr Mark Lamberty (cw); also in this Benefice, Grimsargh St Michael's CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: Diocesan Synod

Sunday 15 October

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Thanksgiving

Proper 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 – Isaiah 55.6

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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: HMP Preston, Rev Gail Miller, Mrs Lorraine Innerdale

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya

Monday 16 October

Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs, 1555

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 28

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 – Isaiah 55.6

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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: Ingol St Margaret, Rev Rie Walker

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

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team

Tuesday 17 October

Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c.107

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 – Isaiah 55.6

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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: Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, Rev David Anderson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands – The Church of North India (United)

Wednesday 18 October

Luke the Evangelist

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

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Isaiah 55.6

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

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: Lea St Christopher, Vacant, Rev Dr Mike Clayton, Rev Joe Houghton, Mrs Debra Foster (cw), Mr Darren Shirley (cw); also in this Benefice, Lea Neeld's Endowed CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Thursday 19 October

Henry Martyn, translator, missionary, 1812

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 – Isaiah 55.6

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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: Longridge St Lawrence with St Paul, Rev Mike Barton, Rev Simon King; also in this Benefice, Longridge CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Missionary Diocese of Central and South Angola – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Friday 20 October

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 – Isaiah 55.6

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Preston Resourcing Parish: 98% of people in Preston don't regularly attend a church. We are here for the 98% - that is where we want to see growth. Pray that we will retain our focus and that the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus to the 98%.

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

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

Saturday 21 October

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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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: Preston Emmanuel, Rev Matt Robinson, Rev Dr Mike Clayton, Mrs Joyce Willacy (Ilm), Mr Jim Cam (Ilm)

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Andy Williams, Vicar of Grimsargh St Michael

Sunday 22 October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving Proper 24

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Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – 2 Timothy 1.7

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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: Preston St Cuthbert Fulwood, Vacant, Rev Liz Gethin, Rev Martin McDonald, Mrs Janet Mortimer (Ilm), Mr Martin Wooton (cw), Mrs Janet Rogers (cw)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Korea

Monday 23 October Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 29

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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of North West Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Tuesday 24 October

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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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

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

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

Wednesday 25 October

Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs, c.287

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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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: Preston The Risen Lord, Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie, Mr Steve Smith (IIm); also in this Benefice, Preston St Matthew's CofE Primary Academy

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

Thursday 26 October

Alfred, king, scholar, 899;
Cedd, abbot, bishop, 664

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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

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Lighting Up New Generations: As the major construction work at Blackburn St Luke's is completed and the congregation is once more able worship in the church, we pray that the church may become the heart of the local community with people inspired to visit and share in its mission.

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

Diocese: Ribblesdale, Rev Linda Tomkinson, Rev Emily Barry

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

Friday 27 October

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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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: Royal Preston Hospital NHS Trust, Rev Martin McDonald

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

Saturday 28 October

Simon and Jude, Apostles

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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Sunday 29 October
Last Sunday after Trinity
Bible Sunday
Dedication Festival
Proper 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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Monday 30 October
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 30

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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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

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

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

Meeting: Bishops and Archdeacons' Team Meeting

Tuesday 31 October
Martin Luther, reformer, 1546

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 – 2 Timothy 1.7

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Choir Church: Pray for Bishop Philip, Bishop Jill and the Choir Church Steering group as they enable eight Choir Churches to be planted through churches and schools working in partnership.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of the Arctic – The Anglican Church of Canada

Clergy Moves: Retirement of Rev Garry Whittaker, Team Vicar of The Fellside Team Ministry