



Blackburn Prayers November 2023

Welcome to Blackburn Prayers.

We continue to pray daily for all those affected by the terrible violence in Israel and Gaza and for all who work for peace, unity and healing there. Meanwhile we also continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as they face ongoing Russian aggression.

In addition to the short prayers we provide daily, you are encouraged to embellish your prayers as appropriate in relation to the latest news from Israel and Gaza and also from Ukraine on any given day. Prayer resources for Ukraine can be found [on this page](#) of the Diocesan website while prayer resources for Israel and Gaza can be found [here](#).

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
Ilm = Licensed Lay Minister

Wednesday 1 November
All Saints' Day

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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 Corinthians 10.13

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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: Dolphinholme with Quernmore and Over Wyresdale, Rev Canon Cindy Rigney; also in this Benefice, Abbeystead Cawthorne's Endowed School, Dolphinholme CofE Primary School, Quernmore CofE Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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

Thursday 2 November
Commemoration of the Faithful
Departed

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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: East Lonsdale, Rev Jane Lee, Dr Ann Dawson (Ilm), Miss Mary Winter (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Leck St Peter's CofE Primary School, Melling St Wilfrid CofE Primary School, Tatham Fells CofE Primary School, Wray with Botton Endowed Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Northern Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America

Friday 3 November

Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith, 1600;

Martin of Pores, friar, 1639

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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: Hornby with Claughton and Whittington with Arkholme and Gressingham, Rev Lucie Lunn; also in this Benefice, Arkholme CofE Primary School, Hornby St Margaret's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Argyll and The Isles – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Saturday 4 November

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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Vision 2026: We pray for the distribution of the Advent Devotionals and ask that many will be encouraged in the habit of reading the Bible daily through these resources.

Diocese: Over Kellet St Cuthbert, Rev Matt Guilder; also in this Benefice, Over Kellet Wilson's Endowed CofE Primary School

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

Sunday 5 November
All Saints' Day
Fourth Sunday before Advent

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer 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: Silverdale St John, Rev Mary Ashton, Mr Peter Dyer (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Silverdale St John's CofE VA Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Clergy Moves: Rev Matt Guilder, Vicar of Over Kellet St Cuthbert

Event: Rev Anna Walker will be commissioned at 2pm at Whalley St Mary and All Saints parish church, as the new Director of Whalley Abbey

Monday 6 November
Leonard, hermit, 6th century;
William Temple, archbishop, teacher
of the faith, 1944
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 31

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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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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: Slyne with Hest St Luke and Halton St Wilfrid with Aughton St Saviour, Rev Susan Seed, Mr Martin Wakelin (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Halton St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School, Slyne with Hest St Luke's CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Group meeting; Strategic Programme Board meeting

Clergy Moves: Rev Matt Malins, Vicar of the Benefice of Oswaldtwistle

Tuesday 7 November
Willibrord, bishop, 739

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Hope Community Church: We pray for our links with various local groups, especially the cubs and that during Remembrance Sunday, we will be able to link with them in a positive way.

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

Diocese: Warton St Oswald with Yealand Conyers St John, Vacant, Mrs Annette MacKenzie (Ilm), Dr Alison Semple (cw), Mrs Jean Tunnicliffe-Wilson (cw), Mrs Clare Hunter (cw); also in this Benefice, Warton Archbishop Hutton's VC Primary School, Yealand CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Armagh – The Church of Ireland

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

Wednesday 8 November
Saints and martyrs of England

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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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: Whalley Deanery Officers, Rev Liz McLean, Rev Canon Brian McConkey, Rev Mark Williams, Canon Ruth Haldane

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

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

Thursday 9 November

Margery Kempe, mystic, c.1440

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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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: Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury, Rev Karen Herschell, Rev Barbara Pack, Canon Pam Daunton (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Balderstone St Leonard's CofE VA Primary School, Mellor St Mary's CofE Primary School, Samlesbury CofE School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Arochukwu / Ohafia – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Meeting: Area Deans meeting; Missional and Financial Flourishing meeting

Friday 10 November

Leo the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 461

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

Diocese: Bowland Benefice, Rev Mark Williams, Mr James Taylor (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Aru – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Meeting: Investment Committee meeting

Saturday 11 November

Martin, bishop, c.397

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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 – Acts 17.30

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

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: Chipping St Bartholomew, Rev Wilma Colley, Mrs Lynne Raphael (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Chipping Brabins Endowed School

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

Sunday 12 November Remembrance Sunday

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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M:Power: Pray for the new students who will be starting the M:Power training programme this month. Pray that God will shape them as they look at what transformation means for 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: Clitheroe, Chatburn and Downham, Vacant, Rev Catherine Hale-Heighway, Mrs Philippa McFall (cw), Hon Ralph Assheton (cw), Mr Ian Walton (cw), Mrs Daphne Porter (cw), Mr Howard Riley (cw), Mr Howard Blackburn (cw), Mrs Diane Steer (cw), Mr Ian Tate (cw); also in this Benefice, Chatburn CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Monday 13 November

Charles Simeon, priest, evangelical divine, 1836
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 32

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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: Clitheroe St James, Rev Mark Pickett, Canon Ruth Haldane (Ilm), Dr Sam Johnson (Ilm), Mrs Jilly MacDonald (Ilm), Mr Duncan Tyson (Ilm), Mr Peter Williams (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Clitheroe St James' CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Asante-Mampong – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Meeting: General Synod; Leadership Core Group meeting; Audit, Risk and Governance Committee meeting

Tuesday 14 November

Samuel Seabury, bishop, 1796

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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: Great Harwood St Bartholomew and St John, Rev Graham Birch; also in this Benefice, Great Harwood St Bartholomew's Parish CofE VA Primary School, Great Harwood St John's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Saint Asaph – The Church in Wales

Meeting: General Synod

Wednesday 15 November

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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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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: Hodder Valley, Vacant, Mr William Leeming (cw), Mr Allan Carr (cw), Mrs Mary Beattie (cw)

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

Meeting: General Synod

Thursday 16 November

Margaret, queen, philanthropist, 1093;

Edmund Rich, archbishop, 1240

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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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: Ribchester St Wilfrid and Hurst Green and Mitton, Rev Canon Brian McConkey; also in this Benefice, Ribchester St Wilfrid's CofE VA Primary School

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

Friday 17 November

Hugh, bishop, 1200

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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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: Langho St Leonard, Vacant, in midst of the current vacancy, please pray for the entire congregation; also in this Benefice, Langho and Billington St Leonard's CofE Primary School

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

Saturday 18 November

Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist,
1231

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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: Read St John and Simonstone St Peter, Rev Susan Ball; also in this Benefice, Read St John's CofE Primary School, Simonstone St Peter's CofE Primary School

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

Sunday 19 November

Second Sunday before Advent

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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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: Rishton St Peter and St Paul, Rev Eddie Carr; also in this Benefice, Rishton St Peter's and St Paul's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Clergy Moves: Rev Dr Judith Clark, Vicar of Clitheroe, Chatburn and Downham

Monday 20 November

Edmund, king, martyr, 870;
Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a restorer of
the religious life in the Church of
England, 1876
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 33

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Preston Resourcing Parish: Some people have simply stopped attending church – perhaps lost the habit, drifted away or have been 'hurt'. May the story of the prodigal returning become the lived experience of many.

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: Salesbury St Peter, Rev Liz McLean, Mrs Janet Haworth (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Salesbury CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of North West Australia – The Anglican Church of Australia

Meeting: Bishop's Budget Team meeting; Missional and Financial Flourishing meeting

Clergy Moves: Rev Andy Dykes, Vicar of Blackpool St John

Tuesday 21 November

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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 – Philippians 4.13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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: Waddington, Rev Christopher Wood; also in this Benefice, Waddington and West Bradford CofE VA Primary School

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

Wednesday 22 November

Cecilia, martyr, c.230

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

Diocese: West Pendleside, Rev Jonathan Carmyllie, Rev Rachel Frost, Ms Lynne Smith (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Whalley CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: Missional and Financial Flourishing meeting

Thursday 23 November

Clement, bishop, martyr, c.100

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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: Whalley Abbey Chapel, Rev Anna Walker

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Awgu / Aninri – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 24 November

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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 – Philippians 4.13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

Diocese: Accrington Deanery Officers, Rev Canon David Arnold, Rev Stephen Brown, Mrs Denise Taylor, Mrs Wendy Papworth, Mrs Gwen Greenwood

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

Saturday 25 November

Catherine, martyr, 4th century;
Isaac Watts, hymn writer, 1748

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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 – Philippians 4.13

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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: Accrington St John with Huncoat St Augustine, Rev Hugh Scriven, Mrs Christine Ritson (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Accrington St John with St Augustine CofE Primary School

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Rachel Sheehan, Priest-in-Charge of Blackpool St Wilfrid Mereside

Sunday 26 November

Christ the King

Sunday next before Advent

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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 – Philippians 4.13

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Lighting Up New Generations: We pray for Bishop Jill and the Lighting Up New Generations Steering group, may they continue to offer encouragement to all those involved in the project and the work undertaken enable a greater level of engagement with young people across the Diocese.

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

Diocese: Accrington Christ Church and St James, Rev Paul McNally, Mrs Gail Whittaker (Ilm), Mr Mick Whittaker (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Monday 27 November

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 34

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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 – Philippians 4.13

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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: Accrington St Andrew, St Mary Magdalen and St Peter and Church Kirk, Rev Canon David Arnold, Rev Jordan McDermott; also in this Benefice, Accrington St Christopher's CofE High School, Accrington St Mary Magdalen's CofE Primary School, Accrington St Peter's CofE Primary School, Church St Nicholas CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: Bishops' and Archdeacons' meeting; Missional and Financial Flourishing meeting

Tuesday 28 November

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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 – Philippians 4.13

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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: Altham with Clayton-le-Moors, Rev Toby Webber, Rev Victor Sohail; also in this Benefice, Altham St James' CofE Primary School, Clayton-le-Moors All Saints CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: HR Committee meeting

Wednesday 29 November

Day of Intercession and
Thanksgiving for the Missionary
Work of the Church

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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 – Philippians 4.13

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Vision 2026: For the staff in the Diocesan Offices in Blackburn giving support to parishes through their work in the areas of HR, finance, safeguarding, communications, property, legal and governance, as they share their knowledge and skills for the benefit of mission.

Diocese: Baxenden St John and Accrington St Paul, Rev Amanda Marshall, Rev Kevin Logan, Mr Tony Hindle (Ilm), Dr Patricia Wilkinson (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Baxenden St John's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Meeting: House of Bishops meeting

Thursday 30 November
Andrew the Apostle

Israel and Palestine: We pray for all those affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine; for the families of all those who have lost their lives; for the displaced and for an end to the bloodshed. We pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will bring His peace to the region. Information and prayer resources [here](#).

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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Choir Church: Pray for John Robinson, Director of Music at Blackburn Cathedral and Tom Daggett of the Choir Church Foundation, as they support choir churches and potential choir churches in our Diocese with resources, recruitment and the establishment of learning communities.

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

Diocese: Haslingden St James with Grane St Stephen and Stonefold St John (in plurality with) Musbury St Thomas, Rev David Stephenson, Rev Simon Lloyd, Rev Judith Balkwell; also in this Benefice, Haslingden St James' CofE Primary School, Haslingden St John's Stonefold CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: DBF Directors' meeting

Clergy Moves: Retirement of Rev Michael Woods, Vicar of Croston, Bretherton and Mawdsley with Bispham