

## Blackburn Prayers May 2025

Welcome to Blackburn Prayers.

***'I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.'* 1 Corinthians 3:6**

In our Year of Prayer for Growth and Renewal, we are praying together for new and deeper disciples for Jesus Christ and that we will be renewed in the power of the Holy Spirit for a season of mission in our centenary year 2026. Prayer resources for parishes can be found [here](#) and resources for children and young people can be found [here](#) or by scanning the QR codes on the right.

As part of our commitment to the Year of Prayer, we have refreshed Blackburn Prayers. Our prayer diary will include prayers for our overseas links: the Dioceses of the Free State, Liwolo, Multan and the Lutheran church in Braunschweig.

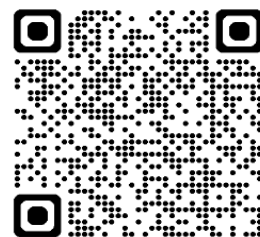
You can also sign up for a daily email containing the Blackburn Prayers for that day. [Visit this page](#) to do so, where you can also see a pdf of the full month's prayers and even find out how to order a printed version to be sent to you, if you would prefer.

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine; also between Israel and Gaza / Palestine and in South Sudan, following fresh political unrest there which includes our link Diocese of Liwolo. Prayers and prayer resources [can be found here](#) or by scanning the relevant QR code on this page.

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.

We would love to hear how God is answering your prayers. Please get in touch with Joy Rushton: [joy.rushton@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:joy.rushton@blackburn.anglican.org)

Resources for adults and children to support Bible reading and inspiration for prayer can be found on our Fruitful Discipleship app available on your app store, search 'Fruitful, Diocese of Blackburn' to find it.



Year of Prayer Resources



Year of Prayer Children's Resources



Prayer for Peace and Prayer Resources


### Leading Your Church Into Growth Prayer

God of Mission, who alone brings  
growth to your Church.

Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our  
planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our  
worship, and power to our witness.






Help our church to grow in numbers, in  
spiritual commitment to you,  
and in service to our local community,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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Key: cw = Churchwarden of Vacant Parish  
Ilm = Licensed Lay Minister

**Thursday 1 May**  
**Philip and James, Apostles**

**Vision 2026:** We pray for those from the Making Disciples Team continuing to grow our Discipleship app 'Fruitful', which offers creative content that helps people grow in faith. Pray for the support group working together on technical support; ongoing content creation and communications/promotion.

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

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - Lord of wisdom, we pray for the education team in Braunschweig. Bless their work in kindergartens and their support of RE teachers in state schools. May their efforts in developing a shared curriculum with other denominations bear fruit, nurturing young minds in faith and understanding.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Del Norte de México – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**Friday 2 May**  
Athanasius, bishop, teacher of  
the faith, 373

**Vision 2026:** We pray for the growth of 'joyful, generous stewards' across the Diocese for whom giving is an integral part of discipleship.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Michigan – The Episcopal Church

**Meetings:** Bishop's Budget Team

**Saturday 3 May**

**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:** Preston Deanery Officers, Rev David Craven, Rev Chris Boland, Mrs Stephanie Rankin, Canon Andrea Titterington

**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.

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray for the returnees to Liwolo seeking refuge, hope and restoration. Each one carries stories of loss, resilience and a deep longing for a place to call home. Pray that God would pour out his peace upon them, calming every fear and filling them with courage as they take steps to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Eastern Michigan – The Episcopal Church

**Sunday 4 May**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Vision 2026:** We give thanks for the new funding from the national church for Children's, Families and Youth Workers and Lay Pioneers. Are you, or is someone you know, sensing a call to these ministries? We want to appoint gifted and energised individuals to these posts in due course.

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

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

## Monday 5 May

**Vision 2026:** We pray for the expansion of the Diocesan Renewal Programme that has been enabled by national church funding, that those parishes participating would see growth in prayer, a deepening of discipleship and increasing numbers of people coming to faith.

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

**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.

**Link Diocese: Multan -** Pray for the women's ministry in the Diocese. Particularly for the 'Women's Fellowship' in the parishes and 'Literacy Work' especially amongst women working in brick kilns. Pray for women's health, education and spiritual growth.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Northern Michigan – The Episcopal Church

## Tuesday 6 May

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Western Michigan – The Episcopal Church

**Meetings:** Diocesan Vision and Strategy Team meeting

## Wednesday 7 May

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

**Diocese:** Fulwood Christ Church, Rev Chris Boland, Mrs Mandy Stanton (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Preston Archbishop Temple School, a CofE Specialist College

**Lighting Up New Generations:** Pray for the Lighting Up New Generations project and the work that the churches across the Diocese are doing with schools in their areas.

**Link Diocese: Free State -** Some of the churches in Free State have strong links with parishes in Blackburn Diocese. As more lay people take on the responsibility of leading this initiative, we pray that the links will grow. We pray that churches in the Free State that would like a link can be successfully matched with parishes here. We pray for Father Joshua Skee and the link committee in the Free State and for Rev Sam Cheesman leading the link committee here in Blackburn that they may work closely together and match parishes successfully.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Missionary District of Micronesia – The Episcopal Church

**Meetings:** Diocesan Vision and Strategy Team meeting; Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

## Thursday 8 May

Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, C.1417

**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. And we also pray for the Rev Mary Ashton in her role as Warden of Spiritual Directors.

**Diocese:** Grimsargh St Michael, Rev Andy Williams; also in this Benefice, Grimsargh St Michael's CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Milwaukee – The Episcopal Church

**Meeting:** Diocesan Vision and Strategy Team meeting

## Friday 9 May

**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:** HMP Preston, Rev George Jesson, Mrs Lorraine Innerdale

**Mission Partners:** "Pray for the connections L. is making both in the country and internationally to work together with others to improve special educational needs provision systematically within the country where we serve," write mission partners A. and L. in southeast Asia. L. works in education and A. is working to help people overcome addictions.

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - Gracious God, we lift up the parishes of Braunschweig, particularly those experimenting with new patterns of rural ministry. Bless the innovative approaches, such as employing buildings and operations managers. May these efforts strengthen the church's presence in rural communities.

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

**Meetings:** Diocesan Vision and Strategy Team meeting

## Saturday 10 May

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

**Diocese:** Ingol St Margaret, Rev Rie Walker

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Minnesota – The Episcopal Church

## Sunday 11 May Fourth Sunday of Easter

**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:** Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Rev David Anderson, Rev Martin McDonald

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray for revitalizing hope at Jehovah Rapha Health Centre. Pray that God would breathe new life into this mission so that it may be a true beacon of hope, bringing life to those in need. Pray for the mothers and newborns who come to have a safe a secure space for life to flourish. Pray for outreach to vulnerable people who need God's healing touch and a reminder of His unfailing love.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Eve Quillinan, Vicar of Silverdale St John

## Monday 12 May Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952

**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:** Lea St Christopher, Vacant, Rev Joe Houghton, Rev Dr Mike Clayton, Mrs Louise Walton (cw), Mr Dan Holden (cw); also in this Benefice, Lea Neeld's Endowed CofE Primary School

**M:Power:** M:Power participants and their church leaders this month will be meeting to discern what participants might do in their parishes as they come to the end of M:Power. For some this will mean being commissioned as an ALM. Pray for wisdom and discernment in these conversations.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Mishamikoweesh – The Anglican Church of Canada

**Meetings:** Diocesan Bishops and Archdeacons' meeting

**Event:** [A Song for the Way](#), a celebration of recovery – Blackburn Cathedral Crypt

## Tuesday 13 May

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

**Diocese:** Longridge St Lawrence with St Paul, Rev Mike Barton, Rev Simon King, Mrs Janet Mortimer (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Longridge CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Pray for mission and outreach in the Diocese, particularly in the desert areas of the Diocese. Pray that those who are leading this mission in remote areas may be strengthened and protected to continue to make disciples of Jesus.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Missionary District – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

**Event:** 370<sup>th</sup> Festival at St Paul's Cathedral – [Clergy Support Trust](#)

**Wednesday 14 May**  
**Matthias the Apostle**

**Vision 2026:** Creator God, inspire us with your Holy Spirit to be witnesses to your generosity in bringing all things to be; make us mindful of our responsibility to care for all our fellow creatures and sustain the life of the earth; open our hearts to meet human need from the gifts of your creation that all may share in its bounty; we ask this through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Mississippi – The Episcopal Church

**Event:** Preston Deanery Synod with a focus on mission and looking forward to our centenary in 2026

**Thursday 15 May**

**Vision 2026:** Pray for all those in lay and ordained leadership, for authorised lay ministers, licensed lay ministers, ordinands, curates, priests and bishops. We also pray for our chaplains and retired clergy. Pray God will give them wisdom, discernment and resilience to lead His church.

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

**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.

**Link Diocese: Free State** - Many churches in the Free State have strong links with the community and are seeking to be more involved with local schools. We pray that these links will be forged so that more children will learn of the love of God in their lives. As schools in the Blackburn Diocese link with schools in the Free State we pray that the children will learn and understand from each other.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Missouri – The Episcopal Church

**Meetings:** Diocesan Board of Finance Directors meeting

**Friday 16 May**

Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877

**Vision 2026:** Pray for Christians who hold positions of authority in our community. Praying especially for those working in health care, policing, education, politics and the media. That they may understand the call God has placed on their life to be uniquely Christlike in a non-Christian environment.

**Diocese:** Preston Minster (Benefice of St John, St Matthew and St James), Rev Timothy Roberts, Rev David Owens, Rev Stephen Tisnell

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of West Missouri – The Episcopal Church

**Event:** Parish Mission at Darwen St Cuthbert with Tockholes St Stephen

**Saturday 17 May**

**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:** Preston St Cuthbert Fulwood, Rev James Wallace, Rev Liz Gethin, Rev Martin McDonald

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - Creator of harmony, we thank you for the central role of music in Braunschweig's church life. Bless the musical endeavours in the Dom and larger parishes. May this ministry continue to be an effective means of outreach, drawing people closer to You through the beauty of sacred music.

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

**Event:** Parish Mission at Darwen St Cuthbert with Tockholes St Stephen

**Sunday 18 May**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Vision 2026:** Pray all Christians will identify their God given gifts and have the courage to use them in His service and for His glory. Pray especially for those who have the gift of leadership, for God to make it clear how He would like them to use that blessing.

**Diocese:** Preston St George the Martyr, Rev David Craven, Rev Callum Mullett

**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.

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Clive Beard, Vicar of Preston St Stephen

**Event:** Parish Mission at Darwen St Cuthbert with Tockholes St Stephen

**Monday 19 May**  
Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988

**Vision 2026:** Pray for all those in training for leadership, especially our trainee authorised lay ministers, licensed lay ministers, ordinands and curates that they may be formed for the ministries they have been called to.

**Diocese:** Preston St Stephen, Rev Clive Beard, Rev Barbara Hunter, Mrs Stephanie Rankin (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Preston St Stephen's CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray for Liwolo Primary and Nursery school and all schools in Liwolo as people strive to rebuild and establish places of learning and transformation. Pray that these schools will become havens of hope, growth and spiritual enrichment. Pray that God would provide all that is needed: resources; teachers and infrastructure.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Mombasa – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Meetings:** Diocesan Bishop's Appointments Team meeting; Strategic Programme Board meeting

**Tuesday 20 May**  
Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804

**Vision 2026:** Pray for our lay and ordained leaders who are finding ministry difficult, asking that God will protect their ministry and encourage them to re-find joy in serving the Lord. Pray also that God will provide them with other people to support and uphold them.

**Diocese:** Ribblesdale (St Mary Magdalene; The Ascension), Rev Linda Tomkinson, Rev Emily Barry

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Monmouth – The Church in Wales

**Wednesday 21 May**  
Helena, protector of the Holy Places, 330

**Vision 2026:** Pray for the Growing Leaders team, and Bishop Jill who oversees this work. Ask for God to guide them in their work and to direct their steps as they work to support Christian leadership in Blackburn Diocese.

**Diocese:** Royal Preston Hospital NHS Trust, Rev Martin McDonald

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Pray for the Bible School in the Diocese. Pray for the leaders to teach and serve diligently and for those who attend courses to be better equipped to share the love of Christ in Pakistan and beyond.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Montana – The Episcopal Church

**Thursday 22 May**

**Vision 2026:** Lord, we pray for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities. Grant them strength, wisdom, and resources to support their children's unique journeys. May they find comfort in your love and guidance.

**Diocese:** Tunstall Deanery Officers, Rev Canon Cindy Rigney, Mrs Elizabeth Battersby-Hill, Mr Peter Jackson

**ALM Prayer:** We pray for our authorised lay ministers, giving thanks for the work they do in Christ's name to further the gospel message and enable mission in the local parishes. We ask that God will uphold them in their ministry and pour out His blessings upon them.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Montreal – The Anglican Church of Canada

## Friday 23 May

**Vision 2026:** Heavenly Father, we lift up children and youth who have not yet found faith in you. Open their hearts to your love and truth. May they encounter you in meaningful ways through caring mentors and positive experiences.

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

**Link Diocese: Free State -** We pray for the Archdeacons who facilitate the smooth working of so many aspects of the Diocese and support the churches and clergy. We thank God for the many LLMs in the Free State Diocese who exercise strong leadership especially in places where priests are ministering to multiple churches. Several churches are also planting new congregations and the LLMs play a vital role in this work. We also thank God for the work members of the various guilds undertake and for the enormous generosity of the people.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Moosonee – The Anglican Church of Canada

## Saturday 24 May

John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788

**Vision 2026:** God of hope, we pray for all children's and youth work in our churches and for the many dedicated volunteer leaders faithfully serving week by week. We also bring the Ignite Project and Youth Hub to you. Bless these initiatives with creativity, energy, and impact. May they provide safe spaces for young people to grow and thrive.

**Diocese:** Carnforth Christ Church, Vacant, Rev Damian Porter, Rev Ryan Otley, Mrs Elizabeth Battersby-Hill (cw); also in this Benefice, Carnforth Christ Church CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness – The Scottish Episcopal Church

## Sunday 25 May

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Vision 2026:** Compassionate God, we bring before you children and young people struggling with mental health and wellbeing. Surround them with understanding, professional support, and Your healing presence. Guide their families and friends in offering care.

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

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig -** Father, we give thanks for the 25 year partnership between Blackburn and Braunschweig. As we look to the future, guide our Dioceses in renewing and reimagining this link. May our friendship grow stronger, and may we learn from each other as we face similar challenges in different contexts.

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Nathaniel Gilmour, Vicar of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury

## Monday 26 May

Rogation Day  
Augustine, archbishop, 605;  
John Calvin, reformer, 1564;  
Philip Neri, founder of the  
Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595

**Vision 2026:** Lord of wisdom, we pray for school and university staff, leaders, chaplains, and governors. Grant them discernment, patience, and joy in their vital roles. May they create nurturing environments where every child and young person can flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.

**Diocese:** Dolphinholme (St Mark) with Quernmore (St Peter) and Over Wyresdale (Christ Church), Rev Canon Cindy Rigney, Rev Pippa Daniels; also in this Benefice, Dolphinholme CofE Primary School, Quernmore CofE Primary School

**Blackburn Cathedral:** Prayers today for the Dean and Chapter and all who work at the Cathedral, including administrative staff and all volunteers. We pray for the music department - choirs and organists; Canon Missioner; Education Officer and Safeguarding Team. Prayers also for the Canon Precentor, Virgers, Servers, Wardens; members of the Pastoral Team; staff involved in communications and events; all working at the restaurant (Checks and Greys) and finally the Architect, Archivist and all involved in maintenance and heritage.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Port Moresby – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea



## Tuesday 27 May

**Vision 2026:** Father, we lift up all children and young people in our communities. Protect them from harm, inspire their dreams, and help them discover their unique gifts. May they grow in confidence, compassion, and character. Help us as a church to always welcome children and young people in as you commanded us, that they might find a safe space there.

**Diocese:** East Lonsdale (Tunstall St John the Baptist, Leck St Peter, Tatham St James the Less, Tatham Fells The Good Shepherd, Wray Holy Trinity), Rev Jane Lee, Miss Mary Winter (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Leck St Peter's CofE Primary School, Melling St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School, Tatham Fells CofE Primary School, Wray with Botton Endowed CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray for every home in Liwolo to be filled with love, joy and unity. Pray that homes would be places of safety and comfort: where children grow up knowing God's love; where elders are honoured and where hearts are drawn closer to God. Pray for those facing hardships, whether physical, emotional or financial. Pray that God would provide and sustain. Pray that every door would be open to love and hospitality, reflecting God's goodness.

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

## Wednesday 28 May

Rogation Day  
Lanfranc, monk, archbishop,  
scholar, 1089

**Vision 2026:** Gracious God, we pray for our schools and educational institutions. May they be places of learning, growth, and positive transformation. Guide teachers and students alike in pursuing knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.

**Diocese:** Hornby (St Margaret) with Claughton and Whittington (St Michael the Archangel) with Arkholme (St John the Baptist) and Gressingham (St John the Evangelist), 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 Morogoro – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

## Thursday 29 May Ascension Day

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

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Pray for Bishop Leo Paul who leads the Diocese of Multan Pakistan with limited resources but with great passion to proclaim Jesus' gospel. Pray for continual courage for him from God to stand firm in the Lord in a difficult place. Pray for his family and the Diocese to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to stand together with Bishop Leo in his ministry.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Mount Kenya Central – The Anglican Church of Kenya

## Friday 30 May

Josephine Butler, social  
reformer, 1906;  
Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431;  
Apolo Kivebulaya, priest,  
evangelist, 1933

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

**Diocese:** Silverdale St John, Rev Eve Quillinan, Mr Peter Dyer (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Silverdale St John's CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Mount Kenya South – The Anglican Church of Kenya



**Saturday 31 May**  
**Visit of the Blessed Virgin**  
**Mary to Ellizabeth**

**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:** 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

**Choir Church:** Pray for Tom Daggett and the Choir Church Learning Community as they lead and support the new church plants.

**Link Diocese: Free State** - Today we pray for Bishop Dintoe as he leads the Diocese of the Free State. It is an enormous Diocese with many difficulties to be overcome. We pray for discernment and understanding among all clergy. We pray for those with responsibility for the difficult financial situation, and particularly those directly impacted by the lack of a regular income.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Mount Kenya West – The Anglican Church of Kenya