

## Blackburn Prayers June 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.

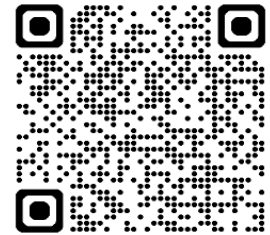
You can also sign up for a daily email containing the Blackburn Prayers for that day. [Visit this page](#) to do so, where you can also see a pdf of the full month's prayers and even find out how to order a printed version to be sent to you, if you would prefer.

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.

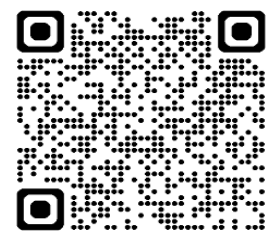
If you have any comments, amendments or updates regarding Blackburn Prayers, please direct them to [karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org) in the first instance.

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*



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### 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

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

**Sunday 1 June**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday after Ascension Day**

**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:** Warton St Oswald with Yealand Conyers St John, Rev Alice Ormondroyd, Mrs Annette MacKenzie; also in this Benefice, Warton Archbishop Hutton's CofE Primary School, Yealand CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - Lord, we lift up the Bishop of Braunschweig and his leadership team. Grant them wisdom and strength in their service as they future proof the work across the Diocese. Give them the courage to spread the Gospel and to focus on the growth of the Landeskirche.

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

**Event:** [Clerical Errors in Concert](#) at Hyning Monastery, Warton

**Monday 2 June**

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

**Diocese:** Whalley Deanery Officers, Rev Liz McLean, Rev Canon Brian McConkey, Canon Ruth Haldane, Dr Alexandra Dugdale, Mr Miles Leadbeater

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Tracy Swindells, Priest-in-Charge of Wesham Christ Church

**Event:** The Archdeacons' Annual (Deanery) Visitations take place throughout June. More detailed information [here](#).

**Tuesday 3 June**  
Martyrs of Uganda 1885-7, 1977

**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:** Balderstone (*St Leonard*), Mellor (*St Mary*) and Samlesbury (*St Leonard the Less*), Rev Nathaniel Gilmour, Rev Barbara Pack, Canon Pam Dauntton (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Balderstone St Leonard's CofE Primary School, Mellor St Mary's CofE Primary School, Samlesbury CofE Primary School

**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 God's forgiveness upon the sins of this generation and those before. For a restoration of peace, an end of the cycle of wars and refugee life and for the return and resettlement of refugees. Pray for a nation rebuilt with love and fear for God. For healing of wounds and unity and for righteous leaders that rule with justice, compassion, understanding and knowledge.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Mpumalanga – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

### Wednesday 4 June

Petroc, abbot, 6<sup>th</sup> cent.

**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:** Bowland Benefice (*Bolton-by-Bowland St Peter and St Paul: Grindleton St Ambrose: Gisburn St Mary*), Rev Grace Gaze; also in this Benefice, Bolton-by-Bowland CofE Primary School, Grindleton CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Mpwapwa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Event:** Centenary Mission Preparation Open Synod for Poulton Deanery held at Little Thornton St John's

### Thursday 5 June

Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr, 754

**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:** Chipping St Bartholomew, Rev Wilma Colley, Mrs Lynne Raphael (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Chipping Brabin's Endowed (Christian Faith) School

**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 all the clergy and lay leaders and their families. Pray they may be continuing to preach and teach the word of God with courage and sensitivity.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Mthatha – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**Events:** [Day of Prayer for Growth and Renewal](#) – Whalley Abbey; [Man Alive](#) – Blackburn Cathedral

### Friday 6 June

Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

**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:** Clitheroe (*St Mary Magdalene; St Paul*), Chatburn (*Christ Church*) and Downham (*St Leonard*), Vacant, Rev Chris Hegg, Rev Catherine Hale-Heighway, Hon Ralph Assheton (cw), Mr Ian Walton (cw), Mrs Jill Downes (cw), Mr Ian Tate (cw), Mrs Daphne Porter (cw), Mr Dave Ascroft (cw), Mr Howard Riley (cw); also in this Benefice, Chatburn CofE Primary School

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

**Events:** Parish Mission Event held at Ashton-on-Ribble St Michael and All Angels

[Half Night of Prayer during Thy Kingdom Come](#) – Lancaster St Thomas'

## Saturday 7 June

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

**Diocese:** Clitheroe St James, Canon Ruth Haldane (Ilm), Dr Sam Johnson (Ilm), Mrs Jilly MacDonald (Ilm), Mr Duncan Tyson (Ilm), Mr Peter Williams (Ilm), Mr Graham Haldane (cw), Mr Andrew Stevens (cw); also in this Benefice, Clitheroe St James' CofE Primary School. Prayers too for our recently announced new Rector, Rev Sam Cheesman, who will be instituted and inducted on September 6 at 6.30pm.

**Lighting Up New Generations:** During the exam period, pray for all the young people who are taking exams at this time. May they see the church as a place of support and encouragement whatever circumstances arise.

**Link Diocese: Free State -** We pray for Father Lazarus, Dean of Bloemfontein Cathedral, and thank God for all the work that is achieved with the homeless people of the city. We give thanks for the regular food kitchen and for the sessions when the homeless come for physical and mental care. We also thank God for the other churches around the Diocese that show compassion with food and clothing banks.

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

**Event:** Parish Mission Event held at Ashton-on-Ribble St Michael and All Angels

## Sunday 8 June Pentecost Whit Sunday

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

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

**Events:** Parish Mission Event held at Ashton-on-Ribble St Michael and All Angels;

[Lord's Prayer Tour](#), Service with Archbishop Stephen at Lancaster Priory, 4.30pm.

## Monday 9 June

Columba, abbot, missionary, 597;  
Ephrem, deacon, hymn writer,  
teacher of the faith, 373;  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 10

**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:** Hodder Valley (*Whitewell St Michael; Slaidburn St Andrew with Tosside St Bartholomew*), Rev Karen Herschell; also in this Benefice, Slaidburn Brennand's Endowed CofE Primary School

**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 -** Heavenly Father, we pray for the pastors and clergy of Braunschweig. As they face challenges in ministry numbers, inspire more people to answer your call to serve. Provide encouragement and support to those already in service, that they may remain steadfast in their faith and leadership.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Multan – The Church of Pakistan (United)

**Meetings:** Diocesan Finance Committee meeting

## Tuesday 10 June

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

**Diocese:** Ribchester St Wilfrid (in plurality with) Hurst Green (*St John the Evangelist*) and Mitton (*All Hallows*), Rev Canon Brian McConkey; also in this Benefice, Ribchester St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School

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

**Wednesday 11 June**  
**Barnabas the Apostle**

**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:** Langho St Leonard, Vacant, Mrs Jenny Grimes (cw), Mrs Maureen Holden (cw); also in this Benefice, Langho and Billington St Leonard's CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray for Bishop Joseph Aba leading in the most difficult circumstances. Pray that God's mighty hand would rest upon him, strengthening him, encouraging him and equipping him with everything he needs to shepherd his flock in Liwolo.

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

**Meetings:** Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee meeting; Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

**Thursday 12 June**

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

**M:Power:** Pray for the first Lay Pioneers, and their parishes, as they begin their roles. May there be some innovative opportunities for mission that will see those who are often forgotten and overlooked reached with the good news of Jesus.

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

**Meetings:** Area Deans' meeting

**Friday 13 June**

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

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

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Pray for the church in the Diocese that individuals, families and communities may know Jesus more and better and be strong, visible and intentional witnesses to Christ even in the face of persecution.

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

**Saturday 14 June**

Richard Baxter, puritan divine, 1691

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Murang'a South – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Events:** [The Great Big Green Week](#) - Lancaster St Thomas' church centre; [Faith in Football](#) kicks off

**Sunday 15 June**  
**Trinity Sunday**

**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:** Waddington (*St Helen; West Bradford St Catherine*), Rev Christopher Wood; also in this Benefice, Waddington and West Bradford CofE Primary School

**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 -** Litter is a huge environmental problem around the Diocese, and we thank God that the churches are in the forefront of teaching the people how to recycle and care for creation. We also praise God for the churches taking a lead in using recycled materials in their buildings.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**Monday 16 June**

Richard, bishop, 1253;  
Joseph Butler, bishop, philosopher, 1752;  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 11

**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:** West Pendleside (*Pendleton All Saints; Sabden St Nicholas Heyhouses; Whalley St Mary and All Saints*), Rev Jonathan Carmyllie, Rev Rachel Frost, Mrs Lynne Smith (Ilm), Mrs Janet Parker (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Whalley CofE Primary School, Barrow Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of the Murray – The Anglican Church of Australia

**Meeting:** Bishop's Appointments Team meeting

**Tuesday 17 June**

Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936

**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:** Whalley Abbey Chapel, Rev Anna Walker

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig -** God of compassion, bless the diaconal work and social projects in Braunschweig, especially those already in process and those being devised. May these initiatives continue to serve the community effectively, showing your love in practical ways. Guide the church in balancing state funding with volunteer engagement.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Musinga – The Anglican Church of Burundi

**Wednesday 18 June**

Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896

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

**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 Diocese of Myitkyina – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**Meetings:** DBF Directors' meeting



**Thursday 19 June**  
**Day of Thanksgiving for the**  
**Institution of the Holy Communion**  
**(Corpus Christi);**  
Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man),  
evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929

**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:** Accrington Christ Church and St James, Rev Paul McNally, Mr Mick Whittaker (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Accrington Green Haworth CofE Primary School  
**Link Diocese: Liwolo -** We pray for the current and future clergy and lay leaders of the Diocese of Liwolo. Pray that they would be filled with wisdom, courage and steadfast faith as they lead and minister in challenging times. Pray for strength for them to be pillars of integrity and compassion, embodying the love of Christ in all they do.  
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Mzimvubu – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa  
**Clergy Moves:** Rev Simon King, Vicar of Penwortham St Leonard

**Friday 20 June**

**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:** Accrington St Andrew, St Mary Magdalen and St Peter and Church Kirk, Rev Canon David Arnold; also in this Benefice, Accrington St Mary Magdalen's CofE Primary School, Accrington St Peter's CofE Primary School, Church St Nicholas' CofE Primary School, Accrington St Christopher' CofE High School  
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Nagpur – The Church of North India (United)

**Saturday 21 June**

**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:** 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  
**Link Diocese: Multan -** Pray for Diocesan schools that are providing education to children from very deprived backgrounds. Pray that they may have provisions to give quality education building lives of children based on solid foundation in Jesus Christ. Pray that the Sunday schools are places of love and spiritual growth.  
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Nairobi – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Sunday 22 June**  
**First Sunday after Trinity**  
Proper 7

**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:** Altham (St James) with Clayton-le-Moors (All Saints), Rev Toby Webber, Rev Victor Sohail; also in this Benefice, Altham St James' CofE Primary School, Clayton-le-Moors All Saints' CofE Primary School  
**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:** Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

## Monday 23 June

Etheldreda, abbess, c.678;

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 12

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

**Link Diocese: Free State -** Mosamaria works with all people to curb the spread of HIV and TB through correct knowledge and the ability to make important life decisions. Thank you God for this valuable work and the people who work with the adults and children who attend and are fed, loved, cared for and being shown the love of God.

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

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

## Tuesday 24 June

Birth of John the Baptist

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

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

## Wednesday 25 June

Ember Day

**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:** Laneside St Peter, Vacant, Mrs Denise Taylor (cw), Mrs Michelle Smith (cw)

**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 Namibia – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Margaret Jones, Intrim Vicar (half-time) of Lostock Hall St James and Farington Moss St Paul

**Ordinations:** We pray for this year's Ordinands (Priests and Deacons) as they prepare to go on retreat before the weekend's ordination services ahead. They will be on retreat at Whalley Abbey following a lunch today for Ordinands and their families at Bishop's House.



## Thursday 26 June

**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:** Oswaldtwistle (*All Saints; Immanuel; St Paul*), Vacant, Rev Carole Garner, Miss Judith Addison (Ilm), Mrs Heather Aspbury (Ilm), Mrs Better Hartley (cw), Mr Andrew Leecy (cw), Mrs Sonia Marshall (cw), Mrs Wendy Hope (cw), Mr Clive Yates (cw), Mr Stuart Kearney (cw); also in this Benefice, Oswaldtwistle Hippings Methodist School, Oswaldtwistle St Andrew's CofE Primary School, Oswaldtwistle St Paul's 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 Namirembe – The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Meetings:** Diocesan Strategic Programme Board meeting

**Ordinations:** We pray for all our Ordinands currently on retreat at Whalley Abbey as they prepare for the weekend ahead.

## Friday 27 June

Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 444;

Ember Day

**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:** Blackburn with Darwen Deanery Officers, Rev Canon Andrew Horsfall, Mrs Kathryn Adnitt, Mrs Elaine Williams

**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 Nampula – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

**Ordinations:** We pray for all our Ordinands currently on retreat at Whalley Abbey as they prepare for the weekend ahead.

## Saturday 28 June

Irenæus, bishop, teacher of the faith, c.200;

Ember Day

**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:** Blackburn Christ Church with St Matthew, Rev Canon Andrew Raynes, Rev Sam Dickinson; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Matthew CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Nandyal – The Church of South India (United)

**Ordinations:** Pray for all our Ordinands who will be ordained Priests and Deacons in services taking place this weekend on both Saturday and Sunday.

**Sunday 29 June**  
**Second Sunday after Trinity**  
**Peter and Paul, Apostles /**  
**Peter the Apostle**

Proper 8

**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:** Blackburn St Aidan, Rev Alice Cole; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Aidan's Primary School, a CofE Academy

**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 Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**Monday 30 June**  
**Peter and Paul, Apostles /**  
**Peter the Apostle**

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 13

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

**Diocese:** Blackburn St Andrew Livesey, Vacant, Dr Geralde Bancroft (cw), Mrs Janet Smith (cw)

**Choir Church:** Pray for the preparations being made by churches and schools to plant choir churches in the autumn.

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