

## Blackburn Prayers August 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 includes prayers for our overseas links: the Dioceses of the Free State, Liwolo, Multan and the Lutheran church in Braunschweig.

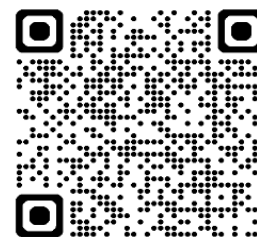
You can also sign up for a daily email containing the Blackburn Prayers for that day. [Visit this page](#) to do so, where you can also see a pdf of the full month's prayers and even find out how to order a printed version to be sent to you, if you would prefer.

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.

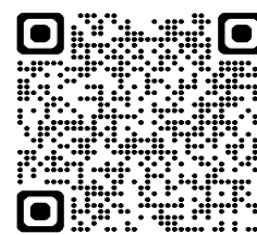
If you have any comments, amendments or updates regarding Blackburn Prayers, please direct them to [karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org) in the first instance.

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

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

### Friday 1 August

**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:** Brierfield St Luke (in plurality with) Burnley St Cuthbert, Rev Munawar Din, Rev Tracy Hallows

**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 Niger Delta North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

### Saturday 2 August

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

**Diocese:** Burnley General Hospital, Rev Canon Andrew Horsfall

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Niger Delta West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

### Sunday 3 August Seventh Sunday after Trinity

**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:** Burnley St Andrew with St Margaret and Burnley St James, Rev Timothy Kaye

**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:** 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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines

### Monday 4 August

Jean-Baptiste Vianney, curé d'Ars,  
spiritual guide, 1859  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 18

**Vision 2026:** We give thanks for the new funding from the national church for Children's, Families and Youth Workers and Lay Pioneers. We pray for those who are sensing a call to these ministries to come forward, to further explore their calling. We ask that gifted and energised individuals are appointed to guide and lead in these posts in our parishes

**Diocese:** Burnley St Catherine with St Alban and St Paul, Rev Roger Parker, Rev Tristan Meares

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

**Meetings:** Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel meeting

## **Tuesday 5 August**

Oswald, king, martyr, 642

**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:** Burnley St Matthew the Apostle (Habergham Eaves) with Holy Trinity, Rev Alex Frost, Rev Kat Gregory-Witham; also in this Benefice, Burnley Holy Trinity CofE Primary 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:** 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 Nike – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## **Wednesday 6 August**

Transfiguration of Our Lord

**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:** Burnley St Peter and St Stephen, Rev Andrew Holmes; also in this Benefice, Burnley St Peter CofE Primary School, Burnley St Stephen CofE Primary School

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

## **Thursday 7 August**

John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer, 1866

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

**Diocese:** Burnley West All Saints with St John Baptist, Rev Charlie Hill; also in this Benefice, Burnley Wellfield Methodist and Anglican Church School

**Lighting Up New Generations:** As the holiday season approaches, pray for all the summer activities, youth camps and support work that is being carried out by our Lighting Up New Generations project, may these offer the opportunity for outreach as well as the development of friendship and fellowship.

**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 Nnewi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Meetings:** Investment Committee meeting

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Hugh Scriven retires as Vicar of Accrington St John with Huncoat St Augustine

## **Friday 8 August**

Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

**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:** Holme-in-Cliviger St John, Vacant, Mrs Julie Cambridge (cw); also in this Benefice, Holme-in-Cliviger St John the Divine CofE Primary School

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

## Saturday 9 August

Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union 1921

**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:** Padiham with Hapton and Padiham Green, Vacant, Mrs Lynne Trudgill (IIm), Mr Grahame Trudgill (cw), Mr Richard Birch (cw), Mr Ron Smyth (cw), Mr Philip Lamport (cw); also in this Benefice, Hapton CofE/Methodist School, Padiham Green CofE Primary School, Padiham St Leonard's 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:** 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:** The Diocese of the Northern Territory – The Anglican Church of Australia

## Sunday 10 August Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 14

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

**Diocese:** Chorley Deanery Officers, Rev Jo Smith, Rev Canon Andrew Holliday, Mr Andrew Stokes, Mrs Tasha Leach, Ms Lorraine Smith

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

## Monday 11 August

Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253;  
John Henry Newman, priest, 1890  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 19

**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:** Adlington St Paul, Rev Graeme Buttery, Rev Jean Kouacou: also in this Benefice, Adlington St Paul's CofE Primary School

**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 Norwich – The Church of England

## Tuesday 12 August

**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:** Appley Bridge (*All Saints*) and Parbold (*Christ Church*), Rev Susan Timmins, Rev Prof Michelle Plant, Dr Sara Ashley (IIm); also in this Benefice, Appley Bridge All Saints CofE Primary School, Parbold Douglas CofE Academy

**M:Power:** Pray for the parishes who have applied for funding for a Lay Pioneer. Pray for the independent decision making panel that they would have wisdom and insight to make the right decisions, that will enable the funding to have an impact in the lives of those who are not yet believers and are under-represented in the life of the church.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island – The Anglican Church of Canada

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Andrew Downes, new Vicar of Fleetwood St Peter and St David

### **Wednesday 13 August**

Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667;  
Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer, 1910;  
Octavia Hill, social reformer, 1912

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

**Diocese:** Chorley St James, Rev Dan Freeman, Mr Phil Parker (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Chorley St James' CofE Primary School

**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 Nsukka – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

### **Thursday 14 August**

Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941

**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:** Chorley St Laurence and Chorley St Peter, Rev Canon Neil Kelley, Rev Cornelius Asghar, Mr Eric Crompton (cw St Peter), Mr Ronnie Hunter (cw St Peter); also in these Benefices, Chorley Parish of St Laurence CofE Primary School, Chorley St Michael's CofE High School, Chorley St Peter's CofE Primary School

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

### **Friday 15 August**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**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:** Coppull and Coppull St John the Divine, Rev Matthew Hornby; also in this Benefice, Coppull Parish CofE Primary School, Coppull St John's 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:** 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 Nyamlel – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Event:** Parishes across Lancashire prepare to mark the [80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day](#) (Victory over Japan)

### **Saturday 16 August**

**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:** Croston, Bretherton and Mawdesley with Bispham (*St Michael and All Angels; St John the Baptist; St Peter*), Rev Tracy Marshall, Ms Janet Maggs (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Bretherton Endowed CofE Primary School, Croston Trinity and St Michael's CofE/Methodist School, Mawdesley St Peter's CofE Primary School, Croston Bishop Rawstorne CofE Academy

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

**Sunday 17 August**  
**Ninth Sunday after Trinity**  
Proper 15

**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:** Eccleston St Mary the Virgin and Charnock Richard Christ Church, Rev Jordan McDermott; also in this Benefice, Charnock Richard Christ Church CofE Primary School, Eccleston St Mary's CofE Primary School

**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 Scottish Episcopal Church

**Monday 18 August**  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 20

**Vision 2026:** Pray that 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:** Euxton, Rev Jo Smith; also in this Benefice, Euxton CofE Primary School

**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 Southern Nyanza – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Tuesday 19 August**

**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 to which they have been called.

**Diocese:** Heapey St Barnabas and Withnell St Paul, Rev Ben Clayton, Rev Gary Bullock; also in this Benefice, Brinscall St John's CofE/Methodist School

**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 Nzara – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Wednesday 20 August**  
Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153;  
William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912, 1890

**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:** Shevington St Anne, Rev Andrew Brown; also in this Benefice, Standish Lower Ground St Anne's CofE Primary School

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

## Thursday 21 August

**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:** Standish St Wilfrid, Rev Canon Andrew Holliday, Dr Sheila Fisher (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Standish St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese:** Liwolo - Pray for revitalising 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 Diocese of Offa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## Friday 22 August

**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:** Whittle-le-Woods St John Evangelist, Rev Philip Venables, Dr Gillian Lancaster (Ilm), Mr Leslie Jones (Ilm), Mrs Kathy Bigio (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Clayton-le-Woods CofE Primary School, Whittle-le-Woods 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:** The Diocese of Ogbaru – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## Saturday 23 August

**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:** Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust, Rev Jane Astley

**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 Diocese of Ogbia – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## Sunday 24 August Tenth Sunday after Trinity Bartholomew the Apostle Proper 16

**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:** Wrightington with Heskin St James the Great, Vacant, Mr Jonathan Ormesher (cw), Mrs Pauline Chapman (cw); also in this Benefice, Heskin Pemberton's CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Church of the Province of South East Asia



## Monday 25 August

### Bartholomew the Apostle

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 21

**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:** Garstang Deanery Officers, Rev Andrew Wilkinson, Rev Jeff Finch, Mr Paul Ronson, Mrs Susan Willoughby, Mrs Jean Matthew

**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 Ogbomoso – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## Tuesday 26 August

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 21

**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:** Copp St Anne and Inskip St Peter, Vacant, Mrs Angela Ashcroft (Ilm), Mr Paul Garrett (cw), Mrs Maureen Williamson (cw); also in this Benefice, Great Eccleston Copp CofE Primary School, Inskip St Peter's CofE Primary School

**Blackburn Cathedral:** Prayers today for the Interim Dean and Chapter and all who work for the Cathedral, including administrative staff and all volunteers.

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

## Wednesday 27 August

Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

**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:** Fellside Team Ministry (*Barton St Lawrence; Bilsborrow St Hilda; Bleasdale St Eadmer; Goosnargh St Mary the Virgin; Whitechapel St James*), Rev Stewart Gregor, Rev Lis Ward, Rev Ian Ward; also in this Benefice, Barton St Lawrence CofE Primary School, Bilsborrow John Cross CofE Primary School, Bleasdale CofE Primary School, Goosnargh Oliverson's CofE Primary School

**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 Ogorimagongo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## Thursday 28 August

Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430

**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:** Garstang St Helen (Churchtown) and St Michael's on Wyre, Rev Andrew Wilkinson, Mrs Karen Ball (Ilm), Mrs Audrey Ashbridge (Ilm), Mr Alan Mackie; also in this Benefice, Kirkland and Catterall St Helen's CofE Primary School, St Michael's on Wyre CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Event:** [Day of Prayer for Growth and Renewal](#) at Whalley Abbey



## Friday 29 August

Beheading of John the Baptist

**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:** Garstang St Thomas, Rev Michael Hutchinson; also in this Benefice, Garstang St Thomas' 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 Ohio – The Episcopal Church

## Saturday 30 August

John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688

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

**Diocese:** Over Wyre (*Hambleton The Blessed Virgin Mary; Out Rawcliffe St John; Pilling St John the Baptist; Preesall St Oswald; Stalmine St James*), Rev Peter Walsh, Rev Naomi Barraclough, Mrs Nicola Smith (Ilm), Mr Ray Hart (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Pilling St John's CofE Primary School, Preesall Fleetwoods Charity CofE Primary School, Preesall St Aidan's CofE High School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Southern Ohio – The Episcopal Church

## Sunday 31 August

### Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Proper 17

**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:** Scorton and Barnacre and Calder Vale (*St Peter; All Saints; St John the Evangelist*), Vacant, Mrs Alison Bates (cw), Mr John Danson (cw), Mrs Jean Miller (cw); also in this Benefice, Calder Vale St John's CofE Primary School, Scorton CofE Primary School

**Choir Church:** Pray for sustainability and growth for newly planted Choir Churches.

**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 Church of South India (United)