





# **Blackburn Prayers December 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 <a href="here">here</a> and resources for children and young people can be found <a href=here</a> 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. <u>Visit this page</u> 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 <u>can be found</u> <u>here</u> 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 <a href="mailto:karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org">karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org</a> 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

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 Ilm = Licensed Lay Minister

# Monday 1 December Andrew the Apostle

**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:** Ribbleton (*St Mary Magdalene; The Ascension*), Rev Linda Tomkinson, Rev Emily Barry, Mr Peter Tomkinson (Ilm)

**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 Ruaha – The Anglican Church

of Tanzania

Meetings: Diocesan Vision and Strategy meeting

### **Tuesday 2 December**

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

**Diocese:** University of Central Lancashire, Alison Hindley

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Rumbek – Province of the

Episcopal Church of South Sudan

## Wednesday 3 December

Francis Xavier, missionary. 1552

**Vision 2026:** We give thanks for the ministry of Whalley Abbey as a Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer. We pray for Rev Anna Walker and her team as they oversee the community centred on prayer, hospitality and service.

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

**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:** 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 Rumonge – The Anglican Church of Burundi

## **Thursday 4 December**

John of Damascus, monk, teacher of the faith, c.749;

Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637 **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:** Bolton-le-Sands Holy Trinity, Rev Peter Hamborg; also in this Benefice, Bolton-le-Sands CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Rupert's Land – The Anglican Church of Canada

**Event:** Beacon Courses begin, led by Bishop Jill

#### Friday 5 December

**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:** Carnforth Christ Church, Rev Damian Porter, Rev Ryan Otley; also in this Benefice, Carnforth Christ Church 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:* 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 Rutana – The Anglican Church of Burundi

**Event:** Abide North – Lancaster St Thomas

# Saturday 6 December

Nicholas, bishop, c.326

**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:** Caton with Littledale St Paul, Rev Helen Scamman, Mrs Daphne Wade (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Caton St Paul's CofE Primary School **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Ruvuma – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

# Sunday 7 December Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

**Lighting Up New Generations:** May our churches be a place of welcome during this period of Advent and Christmas, reaching out to those who may only consider the Christian faith once a year.

**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 Church of Bangladesh **Meetings:** 

**Clergy Moves:** Rev James Greenfield, Assistant Curate of Blackburn Christ Church

### Monday 8 December Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**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: East Lonsdale (Tunstall, Melling and Leck; Tatham Fells the Good Shepherd; Tatham St James the Less; 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 Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ruwenzori – The Church of the Province of Uganda

#### **Tuesday 9 December**

**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: Hornby with Claughton and Whittington with Arkholme and Gressingham (St Margaret; St Michael the Archangel, St John the Baptist, St John the Evangelist), Rev Lucie Lunn; also in this Benefice, Arkholme CofE Primary School, Hornby St Margaret'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: 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 East Ruwenzori – The Church of the Province of Uganda

#### Wednesday 10 December Ember Day

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

**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 South Rwenzori – The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Meetings:** Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

### **Thursday 11 December**

**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:** Silverdale St John, Rev Eve Quillinan, Mr Peter Dyer (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Silverdale St John's 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 be the places of love and spiritual growth.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Sabah – Church of the Province of South East Asia

### Friday 12 December Ember Day

**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:** 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

**M:Power:** During Advent and Christmas may our urban and estate parishes proclaim the good news of Jesus in ways that speak the language and engage in the culture of their communities.

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

#### Saturday 13 December

Lucy, martyr, 304 Ember Day

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

**Diocese:** Warton St Oswald with Yealand Conyers St John, Rev Alice Ormondroyd, Mrs Annette MacKenzie (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Warton Archbishop Hutton's CofE Primary School, Yealand 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 Sacred Circle – The Anglican Church of Canada

# Sunday 14 December Third Sunday of Advent

*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:** Whalley Deanery Officers, Rev Liz McLean, Rev Catherine Hale-Heighway, Canon Ruth Haldane, Dr Alexandra Dugdale, Mr Miles Leadbeater

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

#### Monday 15 December

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: Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury (St Leonard; St Mary, St Leonard the Less), Rev Nathaniel Gilmour, Rev Barbara Pack, Canon Pam Daunton (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Balderstone St Leonard's CofE Primary School, Mellor St Mary's CofE Primary School, Samlesbury 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: 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 Saint Helena – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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

#### **Tuesday 16 December**

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Saint Mark the Evangelist – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

#### Wednesday 17 December

O Sapientia Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save the Children', 1928

**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: Chipping St Bartholomew, Rev Wilma Colley; also in this Benefice, Chipping Brabin's Endowed (Christian Faith) 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 Saldanha Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

#### **Thursday 18 December** O Adonai

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: Clitheroe St James, Rev Samuel Cheesman, 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

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 Salisbury – The Church of England

**Meetings:** Diocesan Strategic Programme Board meeting

**Event:** Lancashire Carers Sing Christmas – BBC Radio Lancashire

# Friday 19 December

O Radix Jesse

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: Clitheroe St Mary and Downham St Leonard, Rev Paul Sherwood

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 El Salvador – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

# Saturday 20 December

O Clavis David

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: Clitheroe St Paul Low Moor and Chatburn Christ Church, Rev Catherine Hale-Heighway; also in this Benefice, Chatburn CofE Primary

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Sambalpur - The Church of North India (United)

#### Sunday 21 December Fourth Sunday of Advent O Oriens

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

# Monday 22 December

O Rex Gentium

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

**ALM Prayer:** We pray for our authorised lay ministers and Anna Chaplains, 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 Santiago (Chile) – Iglesia

Anglicana de Chile

Meetings: Bishops and Archdeacons' meeting

# **Tuesday 23 December** O Emmanuel

**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:** 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

**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 Santiago (Philippines) – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

# Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve

*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:** 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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of São Paulo – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

## Thursday 25 December Christmas Night Christmas 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:** Langho St Leonard, Rev Mike Print; also in this Benefice, Langho and Billington St Leonard'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 Sapele – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

#### Friday 26 December Stephen, deacon, first martyr

*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:* 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

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

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

# Saturday 27 December John, Apostle and Evangelist

**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:** Salesbury St Peter, Rev Liz McLean, Mrs Janet Haworth (Ilm);

also in this Benefice, Salesbury 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 Diocese of Saskatoon – The Anglican Church of Canada

## Sunday 28 December First Sunday of Christmas The Holy Innocents

**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:** Waddington (*St Catherine*), Rev Christopher Wood; also in this Benefice, Waddington and West Bradford CofE Primary School **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Canada

# Monday 29 December The Holy Innocents

Thomas Becket, archbishop, martyr, 1170

**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:** West Pendleside, 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

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 Sebei – The Church of the Province of Uganda

#### **Tuesday 30 December**

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

Diocese: Whalley Abbey, Rev Anna Walker

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Sekondi – The Church of the Province of West Africa

#### Wednesday 31 December John Wyclif, reformer, 1384

**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. **Choir Church:** Pray for the Choir Church Choral Directors as they enable Choir Churches to proclaim the Gospel through Advent and Christmas programmes.

**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 Seoul – The Anglican Church of Korea