



Blackburn Prayers March 2024

Welcome to Blackburn Prayers.

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

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

Remember, we continue to ask for people in our parishes to actively report 'Answers to Prayer' to us, as an encouragement to all. For current responses [click here](#) to go to the 'Answers to Prayer' page on the Diocesan website.

If you have an answer to prayer for sharing, email beingwitnesses@blackburn.anglican.org with your name, parish and short report of 50-75 words max. Prayer answered can also be submitted anonymously if you prefer - please advise of this when emailing.

Meanwhile, if you have not already subscribed to receive the 'Daily Prayers' version of Blackburn Prayers to your email inbox each day please consider doing so. Simply [click the link here](#) to make it happen.

We continue to feature Bible verses to meditate on and memorise each month as part of the ongoing Bible Challenge across the Diocese. We also continue with Vision 2026 prayers reflecting the Vision key themes of Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders and Inspiring Youth/Children and Schools.

We also have prayers for the Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) in our parishes.

If you have any comments, amendments or updates regarding Blackburn Prayers, please direct them to karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org in the first instance. For more about the parishes in this month's edition, click on the links taking you to either the parish website or its 'A Church Near You' site.

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

Friday 1 March

David, bishop, patron of Wales, c.601

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8:

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”

Vision 2026: We pray for those continuing to grow our new discipleship app 'Fruitful' from the Making Disciples Team, 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: Lancaster Christ Church, Rev Carol Backhouse, Dr Pat Allen (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Lancaster Christ Church CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Christ the King – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Saturday 2 March

Chad, bishop, missionary, 672

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

Diocese: Lancaster Royal Infirmary Hospital, Rev Ian Dewar

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

Event: [Triennial relicensing service](#) for 100+ Licensed Lay Ministers at Blackburn Cathedral, led by the Bishop of Blackburn

Sunday 3 March

Third Sunday of Lent

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

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Mission Partners: [Life Association](#) ask for prayer for God's provision for their work amongst India's poorest people, and for His protection and blessing on their projects partners and those they serve.

Vision 2026: We give thanks for the growth of Whalley Abbey as a centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer and pray for those young disciples who offer a year of their time as part of a growing community centred on prayer, hospitality and service.

Diocese: Lancaster St Chad Skerton (in plurality with) Lancaster St Luke Skerton, Vacant, Rev Nikki Mann, Mrs Carol Mudd (cw), Mrs Gay Westwood (cw), Mrs Jill Newall (cw), Miss June Hebden (cw); also in this Benefice, Skerton St Luke's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda

Clergy Moves: Rev Peter Walsh, Vicar of Over Wyre Benefice

Monday 4 March

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

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Vision 2026: We pray for all those who have received copies of the Lent Devotionals and ask that all those reading it in hard copy or online (on the Diocesan website or our 'Fruitful' discipleship app) will be encouraged in the habit of reading the Bible daily.

Diocese: Lancaster St Mary with St John and St Anne, Rev Leah Vasey-Saunders, Rev Louis Johnson, Prof Richard Carter (Ilm), Mrs Lois Kirtley (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Lancaster, Ripley St Thomas' CofE Academy

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Chubu – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Team meeting; DBF Directors' meeting

Clergy Moves: Rev Anne Beverley, Director of Ministry

Tuesday 5 March

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

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Mothers' Union: Heavenly Father, we place into your hands the Mothers' Union here in Blackburn Diocese. We pray for all involved in the organisation and running of about 100 branches throughout the Diocese. Surround them with your Holy Spirit as they seek to promote the importance of marriage, to support families and to nurture faith, through prayer, commitment, and service. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Vision 2026: Pray for parishes preparing for and hosting missions this year led by the Parish Mission team. Pray that people of all ages hear the gospel in their own language.

Diocese: Lancaster St Paul Scotforth, Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Rev Catherine Haydon; also in this Benefice, Scotforth St Paul's CofE Primary and Nursery School

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

Meeting: Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel meeting

Wednesday 6 March

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

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Vision 2026: We pray for 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: Lancaster St Thomas, Rev Mark Bradford, Rev Angie Letchford, Mrs Cathleen Dawson (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese on the Coast – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Event: [International Women's Day Concert](#) at Blackburn Cathedral (6-10 March)

Thursday 7 March

Perpetua, Felicity and companions,
martyrs, 203

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Hope Community Church: Pray for the continuation of good working relationship with Blackpool Coastal Housing and the Boathouse as they provide free space for our worship and church activities. Also pray for continued development of the relationship in the parish.

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

Diocese: Morecambe St Barnabas, Rev Michael Childs

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

Friday 8 March

Edward King, bishop, 1910;
Felix, bishop, 647;
Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest,
poet, 1929

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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 new role as Warden of Spiritual Directors.

Diocese: Morecambe St Christopher Bare, Rev David Heap

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

Saturday 9 March

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

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Mission Partners: Our Church Mission Society partners, ‘A’ and ‘L’, would welcome your prayer for their ongoing work in local schools and communities in South East Asia. Pray for the economy to recover so that people can make ends meet, schools can re-open fully and people receive the treatment they need.

Vision 2026: Pray for more workers of all backgrounds for the plentiful harvest fields across Lancashire and for intercessors who are ambitious, insightful and who storm the gates of heaven.

Diocese: Overton St Helen, Rev Lorraine Moffatt; also in this Benefice, Overton St Helen’s CofE Primary School

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

**Sunday 10 March
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday**

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

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

Diocese: Poulton-le-Sands Holy Trinity with Morecambe St Laurence, Rev Chris Krawiec, Rev Jenny Guilder; also in this Benefice, Poulton-le-Sands CofE Primary School.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church

Clergy Moves: Rev Tristan Meares, Assistant Curate of Burnley St Catherine with St Alban and St Paul

Event: Launching of [Anna Chaplaincy](#) throughout the Diocese

Monday 11 March

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Romans 1.16:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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: Sandylands St John, Rev Sarah Cliff, Miss Margaret Carr (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Colombo – The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)

Meeting: Leadership Core Group meeting

Clergy Moves: Rev Bryn Naylor, Priest-in-Charge of Fenisccliffe St Francis and Feniscowles Immanuel

Tuesday 12 March

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

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M:Power: Pray that the right people would be called out to join M:Power and become urban leaders across Lancashire.

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: Shireshead St James, Rev Canon Peter Ballard

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

Meeting: Diocesan Synod

Wednesday 13 March

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Romans 1.16:

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

Diocese: Torrisholme The Ascension, Rev Damian Porter, Rev Keith Fenton, Rev Matteo Zambon

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

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

Event: [Head Teachers and Incumbents Day Conference](#)

Thursday 14 March

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

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Vision 2026: For us to be mindful of the gifts of God's Creation: earth, water, air, our fellow creatures and that we come together, with all that God has made, into a common home, a place of thankfulness and peace.

Diocese: Leyland Deanery Officers, Rev Andy Meeson, Mr Bob Collins, Mrs Sarah Philips

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

Meeting: SDF Programme Board meeting

Friday 15 March

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

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Clergy with PTO: Bless, O Lord, all clergy in our Diocese who are retired with Permission to Officiate. Grant them your continued wisdom and strength to serve. We are thankful for the many ways they provide invaluable support as we work together making disciples, growing leaders, being witnesses and inspiring children and young people for Jesus Christ.

Vision 2026: Give thanks for all who exercise leadership in our Diocese, for clergy and lay leaders. Pray that they may have the faithfulness, the wisdom and the joy that they will need to lead churches that transform their local communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

Diocese: Bamber Bridge St Aidan and Walton-le-Dale St Leonard, Vacant, Dr Belinda Hornby (IIm), Mr Arthur Fish (cw), Mr Ross Kinder (cw), Mrs Heather Thomas (cw), Mr Lester Metcalf (cw); also in this Benefice, Bamber Bridge St Aidan's CofE Primary School, Walton-le-Dale St Leonard's CofE Primary School

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

Saturday 16 March

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

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Vision 2026: Pray that all might hear God's call in their life and be ready to respond with faithful obedience. Pray that all Christians may feel equipped to live out their faith in the family, the workplace and in their local communities.

Diocese: Bamber Bridge St Saviour, Rev Matt Cook; also in this Benefice, Cuerden Church School, Bamber Bridge

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross – The Church of Ireland

Sunday 17 March Fifth Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins

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Sisters of the Order of the Companions of Mary and Martha: Pray for Sister Judith and Sister Sue at St Joseph's House, Tunstall, living a vowed life of prayerful presence and hospitality. Give thanks for their faithful witness to the gospel and bless all who visit there seeking peace and refreshment.

Vision 2026: Pray for more vocations to lay leadership, priesthood and to the religious life, especially for vocations amongst young adults and people of global majority heritage.

Diocese: Buckshaw Village Conventional District, Rev Ian Sarginson, Rev Stuart Longworth; also in this Benefice, Buckshaw Trinity CofE / Methodist Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales

Monday 18 March Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 386

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Vision 2026: Pray for all whose leadership is hidden or unacknowledged and for those who are yet to discover the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given them.

Diocese: HMP Garth Prison, Rev Dr Rick Bunday

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Costa Rica – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team meeting

Event: Consultation on Church Safety known as '[Martyn's Law](#)' Bill closes today

Tuesday 19 March
Joseph of Nazareth

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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: Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints, Rev David Dickinson; also in this Benefice, Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints CofE School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Coventry – The Church of England

Wednesday 20 March
Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687

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Vision 2026: Pray for lay and ordained leaders who are struggling, for those who may have lost the joy of ministry or who feel despondent or overwhelmed by the challenges that face them. Pray that God will guide supporters who can help them draw strength from Him.

Diocese: Higher Walton All Saints (in plurality with) Hoghton Holy Trinity, Rev Hannah Boyd, Mrs Tash Green (IIm); also in this Benefice, Higher Walton CofE Primary School

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

Thursday 21 March
Thomas Cranmer, archbishop,
Reformation martyr, 1556

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders - 2 Chronicles 7.14:

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Vision 2026: Pray for the Growing Leaders' staff team and all the volunteers who work with them in discerning, nurturing and supporting vocations to lay and ordained ministry that their work may enable many to follow God's call on their lives.

Diocese: Hoole St Michael, Rev Ann Templeman; also in this Benefice, Hoole St Michael's CofE Primary School

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

Friday 22 March

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

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

Diocese: Leyland St Ambrose, Rev Paul Robinson, Ms Jean Brundrett (IIm), Mr Alwyn Carroll (IIm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cuernavaca – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Saturday 23 March

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

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Mission Partners: Pray for 'Graham and Fiona' working in a hospital and a college, in a least-reached part of Africa. Much of their work involves removing obstacles (rocky soil) and walking alongside people who want to grow into a fuller understanding of the love of God in Jesus.

Vision 2026: Pray for children and young people that they are able to identify their gifts and recognise God's calling on their lives, allowing them to passionately serve and lead others.

Diocese: Leyland St Andrew, Rev David Whitehouse, Rev Paul Davies, Rev Lloyd Etheridge; also in this Benefice, Balshaw's CofE High School, Leyland St Andrew's CofE Infant School

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

Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday

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

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

Diocese: Leyland St James, Rev Marc Wolverson, Rev Andrew Kesiak, Mrs Deborah Peacock (IIm); also in this Benefice, Leyland St James CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa

Monday 25 March
Monday of Holy Week

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

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Vision 2026: Pray for the Inspiring Youth Learning Community, that churches across the Diocese will grow in confidence to enable and grow new youth ministries.

Diocese: Leyland St John, Rev Andy Meeson, Rev Mark Wooding, Mrs Sue Champness (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cyangugu – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Meeting: Bishops and Archdeacons' meeting

Tuesday 26 March
Tuesday of Holy Week

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders - 2 Chronicles 7.14:

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Lighting Up New Generations: Pray for Bishop Jill as she leads the Lighting Up New Generations project, that the work being undertaken will form a foundation for growth which can be mirrored across the Diocese.

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

Diocese: Longton St Andrew, Rev Sam Crossley, Mrs Jean Doerich (Ilm), Mrs Jane Slinger (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Hutton CofE Grammar School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

Wednesday 27 March
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Vision 2026: Pray for all schools and academies to encourage and equip pupils to be courageous advocates for the Gospel, fighting injustice locally and globally.

Diocese: Lostock Hall St James and Farington Moss St Paul, Rev Matthew McMurray; also in this Benefice, Farington Moss St Paul's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Daejeon – The Anglican Church of Korea

Meeting: Bishops Budget Team meeting

Clergy Moves: Rev Rachel Sheehan, Vicar of Mereside St Wilfrid

**Thursday 28 March
Maundy Thursday**

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Ladyewell House: For Rev David Craven, Bishop Jill and Bishop Philip establishing the new contextual training pathway for Traditional Catholic Ordinands based in Preston; to find a first cohort.

Vision 2026: Pray for our chaplains in schools and universities, that they may be a Christian presence in education, witnessing to the transforming effect of Jesus on people's lives and encouraging the exploration of the Gospel.

Diocese: New Longton All Saints, Rev Dr Tom Woolford; also in this Benefice, New Longton All Saints' CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of North Dakota – The Episcopal Church

**Friday 29 March
Good Friday**

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

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Vision 2026: 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: Penwortham St Leonard, Rev Nick Mansfield, Rev Janet Taylor; also in this Benefice, Penwortham Middleforth CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of South Dakota – The Episcopal Church

**Saturday 30 March
Easter Eve**

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

Diocese: Penwortham St Mary, Rev Chris Nelson; also in this Benefice, Howick Church Endowed Primary School, Penwortham Cop Lane CofE Primary School

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

**Sunday 31 March
Easter Day**

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

Ukraine: We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine as they face the Russian Federation aggression. Diocesan prayer for Ukraine alongside other resources [here](#).

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Choir Church: Pray for Choir Churches to offer vibrant worship which includes people of all ages.

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: Rufford and Tarleton, Rev Canon Mark Soady; also in this Benefice, Rufford CofE School, Tarleton Holy Trinity CofE Primary School, Tarleton Mere Brown CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indie