



## Blackburn Prayers April 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

### **Monday 1 April**

Monday of Easter 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: Making Disciples - 2 Corinthians 8.7**

Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

**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:** HMP Wymott, Rev Calum Crombie

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

### **Tuesday 2 April**

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

**Diocese:** Pendle Deanery Officers, Rev Lesley Hinchcliffe, Rev Alex Oehring, Mrs Elizabeth Johnston, Mrs Bev Thorpe, Mrs Barbara Shaw

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

### **Wednesday 3 April**

Wednesday of Easter 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](#).

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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:** Barrowford St Thomas and Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary, Vacant, Mrs Melanie Clark (Ilm), Mr Douglas Bull (cw) Mrs Kathleen Wilkinson (cw), Mr Dean Thorpe (cw), Mrs Maureen Emmott (cw); also in this Benefice, Barrowford St Thomas CofE Primary School, Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary's CofE Primary School, Roughlee CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Davao – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

## Thursday 4 April

Thursday of Easter 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](#).

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**Vision 2026:** We pray for all those who received copies of the Lent Devotionals during this recent Lent period; that all those reading it in hard copy or online (on the Diocesan website or our 'Fruitful' discipleship app) will have been encouraged in the habit of reading the Bible daily going forward.

**Diocese:** Colne, Rev Alex Oehring, Rev Michelle Delves, Mrs Lisa Peynado (Ilm)

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

## Friday 5 April

Friday of Easter 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](#).

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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:** Fence-in-Pendle St Anne and Higham St John the Evangelist, Rev Lesley Hinchcliffe; also in this Benefice, Higham St John's CofE Primary School

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

## Saturday 6 April

Saturday of Easter 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](#).

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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:** Foulridge, Laneshawbridge and Trawden, Rev Canon Andrew Froud, Rev David Hargreaves; also in this Benefice, Colne Christ Church CofE VA Primary School, Foulridge Saint Michael and All Angels CofE VA Primary School

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

**Sunday 7 April**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**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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**Hope Community Church:** Pray for our relationship with Boundary Primary school and for the children and staff. The doors have been open for us and we have been able to support the school in assemblies, school lessons and church visits.

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

**Diocese:** Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip, Rev Lorelli Hilliard, Mrs Lesley Wright (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Great Marsden St John's Primary School, a CofE Academy, Nelson St Philip's CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

**Monday 8 April**  
**Annunciation of Our Lord to the**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**

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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:** Nelson Little Marsden, Rev Guy Jamieson; also in this Benefice, Nelson St Paul's CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Derby – The Church of England

**Meeting:** Vision and Strategy Team meeting

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Lucie Lunn, the new Dean of Women's Ministry; Rev Glen Brooks becomes Area Dean of Kirkham Deanery

**Tuesday 9 April**  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor,  
martyr, 1945

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**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:** 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:** Poulton Deanery Officers, Rev Jane Atkinson, Mr David Thompson, Miss Geraldene Greenhalgh

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Derry and Raphoe – The Church of Ireland

### Wednesday 10 April

William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761;

William of Ockham, friar, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1347

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**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:** Cleveleys St Andrew, Rev Graham Young

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Dhaka – The Church of Bangladesh

**Meeting:** Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

### Thursday 11 April

George Selwyn, bishop, 1878

**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 - 2 Peter 3.9**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**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:** Fleetwood Hospital, Rev Helen Houston

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of San Diego – The Episcopal Church

### Friday 12 April

**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 for the sustainability of M:Power so that many more urban leaders can be trained in the years to come, new opportunities can develop from lessons learned and work started on the Roman Road and Over Darwen estates can build on the foundations laid, and see many more people come to faith.

**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:** Fleetwood St Nicholas, Rev Carolyn Leitch, Mr Phil Deegan (Ilm)

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Divine Hope – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

## Saturday 13 April

**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 baptism and confirmation candidates to be fired up to be beacons of faith in their schools, workplaces and communities.

**Diocese:** Fleetwood St Peter and St David, Vacant, Mrs Diane Graveston (cw), Mrs Joan McLean (cw)

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

## Sunday 14 April Third Sunday of Easter

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

## Monday 15 April

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

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

**Meeting:** Leadership Core Group meeting

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Alice Cole, Minister-in-Charge of Blackburn St Aidan

## Tuesday 16 April

Isabella Gilmore, deaconess, 1923

**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:** Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church, Rev Damian Platt, Rev Andrew Downes

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Dominican Republic – The Episcopal Church

**Meeting:** Diocesan Board of Finance Directors' meeting

## Wednesday 17 April

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

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Robert Legge, Vicar of Blackpool St Mary's South Shore and Chaplain of St George's School, Blackpool

## Thursday 18 April

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Down and Dromore – The Church of Ireland

**Meeting:** Budget Scrutiny Group meeting; Strategic Programme Board meeting

## Friday 19 April

Alphege, archbishop, martyr, 1012

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough – The Church of Ireland

## Saturday 20 April

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

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Mary Ashton, retires as Vicar of Silverdale St John

## Sunday 21 April

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

**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 - Daniel 12.3**

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

**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:** Fulwood Christ Church, Rev Chris Boland, Mrs Mandy Stanton (IIm), also in this Benefice, Archbishop Temple CofE High School

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev James Wallace, Vicar of Preston St Cuthbert's Fulwood



## Monday 22 April

**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 - Daniel 12.3**

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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:** Grimsargh St Michael, Rev Andy Williams, Mrs Jayne Woollam (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Grimsargh St Michael's CofE Primary School

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

**Meeting:** Bishop's Appointments Team meeting; Audit/Risk/Governance Committee meeting

## Tuesday 23 April

George, martyr, patron of England, c.304

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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:** HMP Preston, Rev Gail Miller, Mrs Lorraine Innerdale

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin – The Church of the Province of West Africa

## Wednesday 24 April

Mellitus, bishop, 624;  
Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003

**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 - Daniel 12.3**

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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

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

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

**Meeting:** Bishops and Archdeacons' meeting

**Thursday 25 April**  
**Mark the Evangelist**

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Durham – The Church of England

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

**Friday 26 April**

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**Lighting Up New Generations:** In this Easter season pray that our churches will once more become a focus of the resurrection message and that they will offer a welcome to all those who feel called to approach their doors.

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

**Diocese:** Lea St Christopher, Vacant, Rev Dr Mike Clayton, Rev Joe Houghton, Mrs Debra Foster (cw), Mr Darren Shirley (cw); also in this Benefice, Lea Neeld's Endowed CofE Primary School

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

**Saturday 27 April**  
Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894

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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:** Longridge St Lawrence with St Paul, Rev Mike Barton, Rev Simon King; also in this Benefice, Longridge CofE Primary School

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

**Sunday 28 April**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

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

**Monday 29 April**

Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380

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

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

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

**Tuesday 30 April**

Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922

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**Choir Church:** Pray for Choir Churches to work for social justice and model a church which is both of and for the poorest.

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

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Eau Claire – The Episcopal Church

**Meeting:** Vision and Strategy Team meeting; HR Committee meeting