



Blackburn Prayers June 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

Saturday 1 June
Justin, martyr, C.165

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 - John 17.3

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

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

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

Event: Today is 'Prayer for Healthcare' day across the North West. Drop in to hospital chapels across the region any time today. All welcome. No need to book. [More details](#).

Sunday 2 June
First Sunday after Trinity
Proper 4

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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: Accrington Christ Church and St James, Rev Paul McNally, Mr Mick Whittaker (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Clergy Moves: Rev Elizabeth Ward and Rev Ian Ward, Team Vicar and Associate Vicar respectively to the Fellside Team Ministry

Monday 3 June

Martyrs of Uganda 1885-7, 1977
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 9

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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: Accrington St Andrew, St Mary Magdalen and St Peter and Church Kirk, Rev Canon David Arnold, Rev Jordan McDermott; also in this Benefice, Church St Nicholas CofE Primary School, Accrington St Christopher's CofE High School, Accrington St Mary Magdalen's CofE Primary School, Accrington St Peter's CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: Vision and Strategy Team meeting

Tuesday 4 June

Petroc, abbot, 6th century

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: Accrington St John with Huncoat St Augustine, Rev Hugh Scriven, Mrs Christine Ritson (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Accrington St John with St Augustine CofE Primary School

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

Wednesday 5 June

Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr,
754

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: Altham with Clayton-le-Moors, Rev Toby Webber, Rev Victor Sohail; also in this Benefice, Altham St James CofE Primary School, Clayton-le-Moors All Saints CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of False Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Meeting: Safeguarding L4 Training

Thursday 6 June

Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian
Brotherhood, 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](#).

D-Day 80: On this day 80 years ago hundreds of thousands of Allied air, sea and land forces embarked on the D-Day landings in Normandy. As we mark this momentous anniversary we remember and give thanks for the sacrifices made by all those who took part in the landings; establishing a bridgehead that would eventually lead to the end of Nazi tyranny in Europe.

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 17.3

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Fianarantsoa – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Event: [Man Alive](#), Inspiring stories of faith at Blackburn Cathedral; Clayton-le-Moors All Saints Parish Mission

Friday 7 June

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 evening Prayer meetings that those who attend will continue to grow in faith and others may join. Pray for Grange Park Estate, for its residents and for all the other community groups that meet and work for the people of Grange Park.

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

Diocese: Haslingden St James with Grange St Stephen and Stonefold St John (in plurality with) Musbury St Thomas, Vacant, Rev Judith Balkwell, Rev Simon Lloyd, Mr Gary Taylor (cw), Mrs Kaye Ridings (cw), Mrs Miriam Taylor (cw), Mrs Heather Bickford (cw), Ms Sue Langridge (cw); also in this Benefice, Haslingden St James' CofE Primary School, Haslingden St John's Stonefold CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: Diocesan Investment Committee meeting

Event: [10-day Community Arts Festival](#) in Blackpool (7-16 June)

Clayton-le-Moors All Saints Parish Mission

Saturday 8 June

Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711

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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: 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: Laneside St Peter, Rev Stephen Brown

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Central Florida – The Episcopal Church

Meeting: DBF Directors' meeting

Event: Clayton-le-Moors All Saints Parish Mission

Sunday 9 June
Second Sunday after Trinity
Proper 5

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 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.

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: Oswaldtwistle, Rev Matt Malins, Rev Carole Garner, Mrs Heather Aspbury (Ilm), Miss Judith Addison (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Oswaldtwistle St Andrew's CofE Primary School, Oswaldtwistle St Paul's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Event: Clayton-le-Moors All Saints Parish Mission

Monday 10 June
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 10

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Southeast Florida – The Episcopal Church

Meeting: Diocesan Leadership Core Group

Clergy Moves: Rev Jordan McDermott, Rector to Eccleston St Mary the Virgin and Charnock Richard Christ Church

Event: [Quiet Day](#): 'I am the Potter' at Whalley Abbey

Tuesday 11 June
Barnabas the Apostle

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 - 1 John 3.8

Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

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: Blackburn Christ Church with St Matthew and Blackburn St Andrew Livesey (in plurality with) Blackburn St Barnabas, Rev Canon Andrew Raynes, Rev Sam Dickinson; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Matthew's CofE Primary School, Blackburn St Barnabas and St Paul's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Southwest Florida – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 12 June

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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M:Power: Pray for the current cohort of trainees in Accrington, Blackpool, Over Darwen and Preston as they finish their training that they would have a sense of how God is calling them to use their training. Pray too for the right people to come forward and join next year's training programme.

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: Blackburn St Aidan and St Luke, St Mark and St Philip, Rev Alice Cole, Rev Jason Gardner, Rev Alan Gault, Mrs Karen Gregory (cw), Mr Stephen Thomas (cw), Mr Joe Kay (cw), Mrs Marion McCumskay (cw); also in this Benefice, Mill Hill St Aidan's Primary School, a CofE Academy, Blackburn St Luke's and St Philip's CofE Primary School, Blackburn St Wilfrid's CofE Academy

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Fond du Lac – The Episcopal Church

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting; Strategic Programme Board meeting

Thursday 13 June

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

Diocese: Blackburn St Gabriel, Rev Stephen Corbett, Mr Paul Adnitt (Ilm), Mrs Barbara Foster (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Gabriel's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Fredericton – The Anglican Church of Canada

Meeting: Area Deans' meeting

Friday 14 June

Richard Baxter, puritan divine, 1691

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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: 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: Blackburn St Mary the Virgin with St Paul Cathedral, Very Rev Peter Howell-Jones, Rev Canon James Lawrence, Rev Dr Jenny Gaffin

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Free State – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Saturday 15 June

Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941

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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: Blackburn St Silas, Rev Sheelagh Aston; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Silas CofE Primary School, Wensley Fold CofE Primary Academy

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

Meeting: Bishop's Council meeting

Sunday 16 June

Third Sunday after Trinity

Proper 6

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: Blackburn St Stephen and St James, Rev Dr Sarah Gill, Rev Peter Dillion; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St James CofE Primary School, Blackburn St Stephen's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Monday 17 June

Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 11

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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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: Blackburn The Redeemer, Rev Christopher Anderton, Rev James Lapping, Rev John Ashcroft (IIm), Mr Philip Beresford (IIm); also in this Benefice, Blackburn The Redeemer CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team meeting

Tuesday 18 June

Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896

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 - 1 John 3.8

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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: Darwen St Cuthbert with Tockholes St Stephen, Rev Nicholas Davis; also in this Benefice, Darwen St Cuthbert's CofE Primary School, Tockholes St Stephen's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Gambella – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Wednesday 19 June

Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929

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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](#).

Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - 1 John 3.8

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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: Darwen St Peter, Rev Alison Mitchell; also in this Benefice, Darwen Holy Trinity VC School, Darwen St Peter's CofE Primary School

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

Thursday 20 June

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: Feniscliffe St Francis and Feniscowles Immanuel, Rev Bryn Naylor; also in this Benefice, Livesey St Francis CofE School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Garissa – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Friday 21 June

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 - 1 Corinthians 1.17

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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; so that their work may enable many to follow God's call on their lives.

Diocese: Hoddlesden St Paul and Darwen St Barnabas, Rev Ben Marston, Rev Matt Gaze, Mr Kenneth Lee (IIm), Mrs Margaret Walsh (IIm); also in this Benefice, Hoddlesden St Paul's CofE Primary School, Darwen St Barnabas CofE Primary Academy

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

Event: Lancaster St Chad's Skerton (in plurality with) Lancaster St Luke's Skerton Parish Mission

Saturday 22 June

Alban, first martyr of Britain, c.250

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 - 1 Corinthians 1.17

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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: Knuzden St Oswald, Vacant, Mrs Jillie Peach (cw); also in this Benefice, Knuzden St Oswald's CofE Primary School

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

Event: Lancaster St Chad's Skerton (in plurality with) Lancaster St Luke's Skerton Parish Mission

Sunday 23 June
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 7

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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: Pray for 'Graham and Fiona' working in a hospital and a college, in a least-reached part of Africa. Pray for them as they prepare to return to the UK after working in this setting for 30 years. Pray for others to continue the work.

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: Lower Darwen St James (in plurality with) Over Darwen St James, Rev Rebecca Roberts, Rev Kevin Colyer, Ms Sharon Collins (IIm), Miss Susan Lloyd (IIm), Mrs Valerie Lucas (IIm); also in this Benefice, Lower Darwen St James' CofE Primary School, Over Darwen St James' CofE Primary Academy

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England

Event: Lancaster St Chad's Skerton (in plurality with) Lancaster St Luke's Skerton Parish Mission

Monday 24 June
Birth of John the Baptist

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

Diocese: North and East Blackburn, Rev Nicholas Heale; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Michael with St John CofE Primary School, Blackburn St Thomas' CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of George – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Meeting: Bishops and Archdeacons' meeting

Tuesday 25 June
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 12

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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: The Royal Blackburn Hospital, Rev Canon Andrew Horsfall, Rev Deacon Rachel Fielding, Rev Joanne Macholc, Rev David Anderson

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

Meeting: Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel meeting

Wednesday 26 June
Ember Day

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Ordinations: As [this year's cohort](#) of soon-to-be Priests and Deacons go on retreat to Whalley Abbey, we pray for them all as they prepare for their ordinations this coming weekend.

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Lighting Up New Generations: During the exam period, pray for all the young people who interact with our youth resourcing church at St Luke's in Blackburn. May they see the church as a place of support and encouragement whatever circumstances arise.

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

Diocese: Blackpool Deanery Officers, Rev Peter Lillicrap, Rev David O'Brien, Mrs Diane Dennett, Mrs Janet Rimmer, Mr Steve Wardle

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Gippsland – The Anglican Church of Australia

Event: Darwen St Peter's Parish Mission

Thursday 27 June

Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 444

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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: Anchorsholme All Saints, Rev Anthony Barnshaw

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Gitega – The Anglican Church of Burundi

Event: Darwen St Peter's Parish Mission

Friday 28 June

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

Ember Day

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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: Bispham All Hallows, Rev Jonny Lee, Mrs Diane Dennett (Ilm), Ms Gina Hibbert (Ilm), Mrs Annie Riley (Ilm), Mrs Linda Whitworth (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Blackpool Bispham Endowed CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Event: [Blackburn St James' celebrates its 150th Anniversary;](#)

Darwen St Peter's Parish Mission

Saturday 29 June

Peter and Paul, Apostles / Peter the
Apostle

Ember Day

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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: Blackpool Christ Church with All Saints, Rev Adrian Wolton

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

Sunday 30 June

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 8

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

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

Diocese: Blackpool Holy Cross South Shore, Rev Michael Fish

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

