

Blackburn Prayers July 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](#).

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
llm = Licensed Lay Minister

Monday 1 July

Henry, John and Henry Venn, priests,
evangelical divines, 1797, 1813, 1873
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 13

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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Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples - John 14.6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through 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: Blackpool Holy Trinity South Shore (in plurality with) Blackpool St Peter South Shore, Rev Canon Tracy Charnock, Mr Fred Bridges (llm)

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

Clergy Moves: Rev David Craven, new Area Dean of Preston Deanery

Event: [Quiet Day](#) at Whalley Abbey, led by Simon Skidmore

Meeting: Vision and Strategy meeting at Blackburn Cathedral

Tuesday 2 July

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: Blackpool St Christopher and St Nicholas, Rev Martin Daniels, Rev Ian Rushton; also in this Benefice, Blackpool St Nicholas CoE Primary School

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Clare Shepherd, Chaplain to the University of Cumbria

Wednesday 3 July Thomas the Apostle

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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: Blackpool St John, Rev Andy Dykes, Rev Tom Swallow, Dr Bill Ward (IIm); also in this Benefice, Blackpool St John's Cof E Primary School

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

Event: Year 6 Leavers' service at Blackburn Cathedral

Thursday 4 July

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 all those who continue to use our Diocesan 'Fruitful' discipleship app, that they may be encouraged by the huge variety of content available; from video courses to regular prayers and much more.

Diocese: Blackpool St Mary South Shore, Rev Robert Legge; also in this Benefice, Blackpool St George's School, a CofE Business and Enterprise College

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Good Shepherd – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Friday 5 July

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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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: Blackpool St Paul North Shore (in plurality with) Greenlands St Anne, Rev Dr Deborah Prest, Mrs Angela Kershaw (IIm)

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

Saturday 6 July

Thomas More, scholar, and John Fisher, bishop, martyrs, 1535

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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: Blackpool St Stephen-on-the-Cliffs, Rev Andrew Teather

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

Sunday 7 July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 9

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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Hope Community Church: Pray for our relationships with the scout group as we have supported them and they have joined us in acts of worship. Pray that the leaders will be open to do more and the connections will grow.

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

Diocese: Blackpool St Thomas, Rev David O'Brien, Rev LJ Tiffney, Miss Vicky Bentley (IIm), Mrs Yvonne Blazey (IIm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Monday 8 July

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 14

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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: Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, The Hospice in the Fylde and the Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Rev Helen Houston, Rev Clive Lord, Rev Paul Berry

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Rio Grande – The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 9 July

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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: Blackpool The Trinity Benefice, Rev Peter Lillicrap, Rev Captain Matthew Rowley

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Guadalcanal – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

Wednesday 10 July

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 a visitation of the Holy Spirit on Lancashire to light beacons in every community.

Diocese: Marton St Paul, Rev Lesley Atkins; also in this Benefice, Blackpool Baines Endowed Primary School and Children's Centre. A CofE Primary Academy

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

Thursday 11 July
Benedict, abbot, c.550

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 - John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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: Mereside St Wilfrid, Rev Rachel Sheehan; also in this Benefice, Blackpool St George's School, a CofE Academy

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Guildford – The Church of England
Meeting: General Synod

Friday 12 July

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 those who undertake vocation or ordinand placements with M:Power that a passion and vocation for urban ministry would be kindled within them.

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: Burnley Deanery Officers, Rev Munawar Din, Mrs Lynne Trudgill, Mrs Carol Waddington, Mr Bob Clayfield

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

Meeting: General Synod

Saturday 13 July

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: Briercliffe St James and Worsthorne St John the Evangelist, Vacant, Mrs Janet Hartley (cw), Mrs Jane Mitchell (cw); also in this Benefice, Burnley St James' Lanehead CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: General Synod; Diocesan Synod

Sunday 14 July
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Proper 10

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland

Meeting: General Synod

Monday 15 July

Swithun, bishop, c.862;
Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of
the faith, 1274

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 15

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: Burnley General Hospital, Rev Canon Andrew Horsfall

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Central Gulf Coast – The Episcopal Church

Meeting: General Synod

Tuesday 16 July

Osmund, bishop, 1099

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 - John 10.10

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

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

Wednesday 17 July

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Guyana – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Thursday 18 July

Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess, founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883

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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 - John 10.10

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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: Burnley St Matthew the Apostle (Habergham Eaves) with Holy Trinity, Rev Alex Frost, Rev Kat Gregory-Witham; also in this Benefice, Burnley Holy Trinity CofE Primary School

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

Friday 19 July

Gregory, bishop, and his sister Macrina, deaconess, teachers of the faith, c.394 and c.379

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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 - John 10.10

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

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

Event: Consecration of Rev Dr Joe Kennedy as the Bishop of Burnley, York Minster. [Follow updates here](#) on the Diocesan website news pages.

Saturday 20 July

Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4th cent.;
Bartolomé de las Casas, apostle to
the Indies, 1566

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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 - John 10.10

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Huanuato'o – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Sunday 21 July

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 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](#).

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team meeting

Monday 22 July

Mary Magdalene

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 parents that they have confidence and are equipped to raise children who have a living relationship with God.

Diocese: Padiham with Hapton and Padiham Green, Rev Canon Mark Jones, Mrs Lynne Trudgill (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Hapton CofE/Methodist School, Padiham Green CofE Primary School, Padiham St Leonard's VA CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Harare – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Tuesday 23 July

Bridget, abbess, 1373

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 16

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. 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: Chorley Deanery Officers, Rev Jo Smith, Rev Canon Andrew Holliday, Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj, Mr Andrew Stokes, Ms Lorraine Smith

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

Wednesday 24 July

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 2.2

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

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

Event: Clergy Retirement Conference today at Whalley Abbey

Thursday 25 July

James the Apostle

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Southern Highlands – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Friday 26 July

Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Lighting Up New Generations: At the end of the second year of the Lighting Up New Generations project, pray that our churches are achieving everything that was hoped for them (and more!) and that the skills and experience developed can be a source of support to those churches across the Diocese.

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

Diocese: Brindle St James, Rev Jon Price, also in this Benefice, Brindle St James' CofE VA Primary School

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

Event: Darwen St Peter's Parish Mission

Saturday 27 July

Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1901

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 2.2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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: Chorley St George and All Saints, Rev Mike Print, Rev Jordan Bentliff; also in this Benefice, Chorley All Saints CofE Primary School and Nursery Unit, Chorley St George's CofE Primary School

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

Event: Darwen St Peter's Parish Mission

Sunday 28 July

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 12

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

Meeting: Bishops and Archdeacons' meeting

Event: Darwen St Peter's Parish Mission

Monday 29 July

Mary, Martha and Lazarus,
companions of Our Lord
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 17

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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: Chorley St Laurence and Chorley St Peter, Rev Neil Kelley, Mr Ronnie Hunter (cw), Mr Eric Crompton (cw); also in both these benefices, Chorley St Michael's CofE High School, Chorley St Laurence CofE Primary School, Chorley St Peter's CofE Primary School

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

Tuesday 30 July

William Wilberforce, social reformer,
Olaudah Equiano and Thomas
Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners,
1833, 1797 and 1846

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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: Coppull and Coppull St John the Divine, Rev Matthew Hornby; also in this Benefice, Coppull St John's CofE Primary School, Coppull Parish CofE Primary School

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

Wednesday 31 July

Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the
Society of Jesus, 1556

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Choir Church: Pray for the Choir Church leaders and Choral Directors as they nurture the growth of the first set of Choir Church plants.

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: Croston, Bretherton and Mawdesley with Bispham, Vacant, Ms Janet Maggs (Ilm), Mrs Hilary Lloyd (cw), Mrs Naomi Mangnall (cw), Mrs Tasha Leach (cw), Mr David Rawcliffe (cw), Mrs Elaine Marsh (cw); also in this Benefice, Bretherton Endowed CofE VA Primary School, Bishop Rawstone CofE Academy, Croston Trinity and St Michael's VA CofE/Methodist Primary School, Mawdesley St Peter's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Honduras – The Episcopal Church
Meeting: Diocesan Leadership Core Group meeting