

Blackburn Prayers August 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.

During August please be praying for the Installation Service of our new Bishop of Burnley which takes place on Sunday, September 8 at 4pm. Find out more and book [tickets for the service here](#).

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

Thursday 1 August

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

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

Bible Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Matthew 7.21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

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: Eccleston St Mary the Virgin and Charnock Richard Christ Church, Rev Jordan McDermott; also in this Benefice, Christ Church Charnock Richard CofE Primary School, Eccleston St Mary's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Hong Kong Island – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Friday 2 August

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: Euxton, Rev Jo Smith, Rev Amy Bland; also in this Benefice, Euxton CofE VA Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of the Horn of Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Saturday 3 August

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

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

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

Diocese: Heapey St Barnabas and Withnell St Paul, Vacant, Rev Gary Bullock, Mr Robert Holding (cw), Mrs Charlotte Nickson (cw), Mr Peter Monks (cw), Dr Michael Duggleby (cw); also in this Benefice, Brinscall St John's CofE and Methodist Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Hpa-an – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Sunday 4 August Tenth Sunday after Trinity Proper 13

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Vision 2026: We give thanks for the national Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment (SMMI) grant to the Diocese and pray that it would help to grow a Church that reflects the communities it serves; a parish system revitalised for mission and a transformed leadership pipeline.

Diocese: Shevington St Anne, Rev Andrew Brown, Rev Jenny Brown; also in this Benefice, Standish Lower Ground St Anne's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya

Monday 5 August

Oswald, king, martyr, 642

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 18

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: We give thanks for the new funding for Children's, Families and Youth Workers and also Lay Pioneers under the SMMI grant – we ask that people would already be sensing a call to these key areas of ministry such that parishes will be able to appoint gifted and energised individuals to these posts in due course.

Diocese: Standish St Wilfrid, Rev Canon Andrew Holliday, Rev Catherine Gabriel, Dr Sheila Fisher (IIm); also in this Benefice, Standish St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School

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

Tuesday 6 August

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

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Vision 2026: We pray for fresh inspiration for all those who plan and lead worship, that lives will be transformed as people of all ages encounter Jesus in word and sacrament.

Diocese: Whittle-le-Woods St John Evangelist, Rev Philip Venables, Mrs Kathy Bigio (IIm), Mr Leslie Jones (IIm), Dr Gillian Lancaster (IIm); also in this Benefice, Whittle-le-Woods CofE Primary School, Clayton-le-Woods CofE Primary School

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

Wednesday 7 August

John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer, 1866

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Hope Community Church: Pray for all the volunteers and staff of the Parish as they work to build the Kingdom here. Pray for good health and good working relationships with each other.

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

Diocese: Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust, Rev Canon Anne Edwards, Rev Jane Reynolds, Rev Michele Ryan

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

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

Thursday 8 August

Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

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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: Wrightington with Heskin St James the Great, Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj; also in this Benefice, Heskin Pemberton's CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: Diocesan Investment Committee meeting

Friday 9 August

Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

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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: Garstang Deanery Officers, Rev Andrew Wilkinson, Rev Jeff Finch, Mr Paul Ronson, Mrs Susan Willoughby, Mrs Jean Matthew

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

Saturday 10 August

Laurence, deacon, martyr, 258

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

Diocese: Copp St Anne and Inskip St Peter, Rev Paul Hunter, Mrs Angela Ashcroft (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Great Eccleston Copp CofE Primary School, Inskip St Peter's CofE VA School

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

Sunday 11 August
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Proper 14

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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 - Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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: Fellside Team Ministry, Rev Gregor Stewart, Rev Lis Ward, Rev Ian Ward; also in this Benefice, Barton St Lawrence CofE Primary School, Bilsborrow John Cross CofE Primary School, Goosnargh Oliverson's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Korea

Monday 12 August

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 19

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M:Power: Pray for recruitment to the new cohort of the M:Power training programme. For Incumbents to call out those who would be less likely to undertake other forms of training, and be courageous in spotting gifts and passions that are yet to flourish in individuals.

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: Garstang St Helen (Churchtown) and St Michael's on Wyre, Rev Andrew Wilkinson, Mrs Karen Ball (IIm), Mrs Audrey Ashbridge (IIm); also in this Benefice, Kirkland and Catterall St Helen's CofE VA Primary School, St Michael's on Wyre CofE Primary School

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

Event: [Walking Retreat](#) led by Archdeacon Mark and Gill Ireland

Tuesday 13 August

Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667;

Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer, 1910;

Octavia Hill, social reformer, 1912

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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: Garstang St Thomas, Rev Michael Hutchinson; also in this Benefice, Garstang St Thomas CofE Primary School

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

Wednesday 14 August

Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941

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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: Over Wyre, Rev Peter Walsh, Rev Naomi Barraclough, Mr Ray Hart (Ilm), Mrs Nicola Smith (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Pilling St John's CofE VA Primary School, Preesall Fleetwood's Charity CofE Primary School, Preesall St Aidan's CofE High School

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

Thursday 15 August

The Blessed Virgin Mary

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: Being Witnesses - Revelation 3.20

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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: Scorton and Barnacre and Calder Vale, Vacant, Mrs Alison Bates (cw), Mrs Sue Goldspink (cw), Mr Ian Marshall (cw), Mrs Jean Miller (cw), Mrs Kath Wood (cw); also in this Benefice, Calder Vale St John CofE Primary School, Scorton CofE Primary School

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

Friday 16 August

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 - Revelation 3.20

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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: Woodplumpton St Anne, Rev Lois Ward; also in this Benefice, Woodplumpton St Anne's CofE Primary School

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

Saturday 17 August

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: Kirkham Deanery Officers, Rev Glen Brooks, Rev Dr Antony Hodgson, Dr Peter Roberts

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

Sunday 18 August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 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](#).

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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: Ansdell and Fairhaven St Paul, Rev Paul Bye, Miss Janet Kimber (Ilm)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Monday 19 August

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 20

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: Freckleton and Warton, Rev Tracy Swindells, Mrs Grace Smith (Ilm), Ms Anne-Marie Aspden (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Freckleton CofE Primary School, Warton St Paul's CofE Primary Academy

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

Tuesday 20 August

Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153;
William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912, 1890

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Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Revelation 3.20

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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: HMP Kirkham, Rev Fiona Haines

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

Wednesday 21 August

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 - Matthew 9.37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."

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: Kirkham St Michael, Rev Richard Dashwood, Mrs Anne Wintle (IIm); also in this Benefice, Kirkham St Michael's CoE Primary School

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

Thursday 22 August

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 - Matthew 9.37

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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: Lund St John the Evangelist, Rev Shaun Baldwin; also in this Benefice, Newton Bluecoat CofE Primary School

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

Friday 23 August

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

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Mission Partners: 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: Lytham, Rev Canon Nicholas Wells, Rev Emma Swarbrick, Mrs Bev Wells (IIm), Ms Jacqui Briscoe (IIm), Miss Joanne Hutchinson (IIm), Mr David Matthews (IIm), Mrs Nicola Whitehead (IIm); also in this Benefice, Lytham CofE VA Primary School

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

Saturday 24 August Bartholomew 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](#).

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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: Lytham St Annes Clifton Hospital, Rev Clive Lord, Rev Helen Houston

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ijebu South West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Sunday 25 August Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Proper 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](#).

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Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."

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: Ribby cum Wrea St Nicholas and Weeton St Michael, Rev Philip Chew; also in this Benefice, Ribby with Wrea Endowed CofE Primary School, Weeton St Michael's CofE VA Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Monday 26 August

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 21

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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Lighting Up New Generations: As the holiday season approaches, pray for all the summer activities, youth camps and support work that is being carried out by our Lighting Up New Generations project, may these offer the opportunity for outreach as well as the development of friendship and fellowship.

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

Diocese: St Annes on Sea St Anne (Heyhouses), Rev Glen Brooks, Rev Ryan Otley, Mr Bill Hembrow (IIm); also in this Benefice, Heyhouses Endowed CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ijebu-North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 27 August

Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

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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: St Annes on Sea St Margaret of Antioch, Rev Dr Antony Hodgson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ijesa North East – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 28 August

Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430

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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: St Annes on Sea St Thomas, Vacant, Rev Lynda Brady, Miss Elizabeth O'Connor (IIm), Mr Peter Watson (IIm), Mrs Debbie Wood (IIm), Mr David Bennett (cw), Mrs Joy Swarbrick (cw); also in this Benefice, St Annes on Sea St Thomas' CofE Primary School

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

Thursday 29 August
Beheading of John the Baptist

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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: Treales Christ Church, Rev Canon Anne Beverley, Dr Janet Roberts (llm); also in this Benefice, Treales CofE Primary School

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

Friday 30 August
John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688

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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: Wesham Christ Church, Vacant, Mr Paul Hodgson (cw), Mrs Jo Phipps (cw); also in this Benefice, Medlar with Wesham CofE Primary School

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

Saturday 31 August
Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651

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Choir Church: Pray for sustainability and growth for newly planted Choir Churches.

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.

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

Clergy Moves: The retirement of Rev Alistair McHaffie, Vicar of Preston The Risen Lord