

Blackburn Prayers September 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

Sunday 1 September
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Proper 17

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 - Galatians 5.22

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Vision 2026: We pray for those continuing to grow our new discipleship app 'Fruitful' from the Making Disciples Team, which offers creative content that helps people grow in faith. Pray for the support group working together on technical support, ongoing content creation and communications/promotion.

Diocese: Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery Officers, Rev Craig Abbott, Rev Carol Backhouse, Mrs Jacqueline Stamper, Prof Richard Carter, Mrs Barbara Gardner

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Clergy Moves: Rev Ben Clayton, Vicar of Heapey St Barnabas and Withnell St Paul

Monday 2 September

Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 22

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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: Ellel St John the Evangelist and Shireshead St James, Rev Craig Abbott, Rev Ian McGrath, Mrs Diane Otto (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Ellel St John the Evangelist CofE Primary School

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

Clergy Moves: Rev Andrew Downes, Assistant Curate of Fleetwood St Peter and St David

Tuesday 3 September

Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604

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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: Cockerham with Winmarleigh and Glasson, Rev Gary Lewis; also in this Benefice, Cockerham Parochial CofE Primary School, Thurnham Glasson Christ Church CofE Primary School, Winmarleigh CofE Primary School

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

Wednesday 4 September

Birinus, bishop, 650

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Vision 2026: We give thanks for the new funding for Children's, Families and Youth Workers and also Lay Pioneers under the CofE's Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment (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: Heysham St Peter, Rev Mark Nelson; also in this Benefice, Heysham St Peter's CofE Primary School

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

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

Thursday 5 September

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 pray for the expansion of the Parish Renewal Programme that has been enabled by SMMI funding, that those parishes participating would see growth in prayer, a deepening of discipleship and increasing numbers of new people coming to faith.

Diocese: Lancaster Christ Church, Rev Carol Backhouse, Rev Kaarina Leong, Dr Pat Allen (IIm); also in this Benefice, Lancaster Christ Church CofE Primary School

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

Friday 6 September

Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851

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

Diocese: Lancaster Royal Infirmary Hospital, Rev Ian Dewar

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

Saturday 7 September

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 the residents of Grange Park as many suffer with mental health issues. Pray for the local health service as they work to support and help those who suffer. Pray for staff and volunteers as they support and work alongside those who suffer with mental health issues.

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Ile-Oluji – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Sunday 8 September
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Accession of King Charles III,
2022
Harvest Thanksgiving
Proper 18

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Event: Installation of the Bishop of Burnley, the Rt Rev Dr Joe Kennedy at Blackburn Cathedral

Monday 9 September
Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 23

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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: Lancaster St Paul Scotforth, Vacant, Rev Catherine Haydon, Mrs Jayne Weatherill (cw), Mr Keith Weatherill (cw); also in this Benefice, Scotforth St Paul's CofE Primary and Nursery School

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

Meeting: Diocesan Vision and Strategy Team meeting

Tuesday 10 September

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: Lancaster St Thomas, Rev Mark Bradford, Rev Will Shepherd, Rev Angie Letchford, Mrs Cathleen Dawson (Ilm)

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

Meeting: Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel meeting

Event: Joyful, Generous Stewards Roadshow at Chorley St Laurence

Wednesday 11 September

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 - Psalm 34.8

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

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: Morecambe St Barnabas, Rev Michael Childs

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

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team meeting

Thursday 12 September

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

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M:Power: Pray for all who contribute to the M:Power training programme, including visiting tutors, mentors, board members and the staff team. Thank God for their gifts in helping to strengthen urban ministry across the Diocese.

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: Morecambe St Christopher Bare, Rev David Heap

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Northern Indiana – The Episcopal Church

Meeting: Strategic Programme Board meeting

Event: Joyful, Generous Stewards Roadshow at Preston St Martin's Church Fulwood

Friday 13 September

John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407

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

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

Event: Ingot St Margaret Parish Mission

Saturday 14 September
Holy Cross Day

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

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

Meeting: Diocesan Board of Finance Directors meeting

Event: Ingol St Margaret Parish Mission

Sunday 15 September
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving
Proper 19

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

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

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Event: Ingol St Margaret Parish Mission

Monday 16 September

Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c.432;

Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 24

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 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: Torrisholme The Ascension, Rev Damian Porter, Rev Keith Fenton

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

Tuesday 17 September

Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179

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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: University of Cumbria (Lancaster Campus), Rev Clare Shepherd

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

Wednesday 18 September

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: Leyland Deanery Officers, Rev Andy Meeson, Mr Bob Collins, Mrs Sarah Phillips, Mr David Tuke

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Irele Ese-Odo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 19 September

Theodore, archbishop, 690

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

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

Friday 20 September

John Coleridge Patteson, bishop, and companions, martyrs, 1871

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Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Psalm 34.8

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

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

Event: Longton St Andrew Parish Mission; Bamber Bridge St Saviour Parish Mission

Saturday 21 September

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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 19.26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Isiala-Ngwa South – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Event: Longton St Andrew Parish Mission; Bamber Bridge St Saviour Parish Mission

Sunday 22 September

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Thanksgiving

Proper 20

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

Diocese: Garth Prison, Rev Dr Rick Bunday

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

Event: Longton St Andrew Parish Mission; Bamber Bridge St Saviour Parish Mission

Monday 23 September

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 25

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Mission Partners: Pray for 'Graham and Fiona' who have just retired from working in a hospital and a college, in a least-reached part of Africa. Pray for them as they have returned 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: Hesketh with Beconsall All Saints, Rev David Dickinson; also in this Benefice, Hesketh with Beconsall All Saints CofE School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Isikwuato / Umunneochi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Meeting: Bishops and Archdeacons meeting

Clergy Moves: Retirement of Rev Stephen Brown, Vicar of Laneside St Peter

Tuesday 24 September

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

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

Wednesday 25 September

Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626;

Sergei of Radonezh, monastic reformer, teacher of the faith, 1392;

Ember Day

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

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

Meeting: Diocesan Synod introduction meeting

Event: Joyful, Generous Stewards Roadshow at Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church

Thursday 26 September

Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942

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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Lighting Up New Generations: Pray that our work from St John's Blackpool may provide both local people and visitors with the feeling of health and healing that is so much a part of the Blackpool heritage.

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

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

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

Friday 27 September

Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists, 1660
Ember Day

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

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

Meeting: Bishop's Council meeting

Clergy Moves: Retirement of Rev Lorraine Moffat, Vicar of Overton St Helen

Event: Lancaster Christ Church Parish Mission;

[Head Teachers' Conference 2024](#)

Saturday 28 September

Ember Day

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Event: Lancaster Christ Church Parish Mission

Sunday 29 September
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Michael and All Angels
Proper 21

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Pakistan (United)

Event: Lancaster Christ Church Parish Mission

Monday 30 September
Michael and All Angels

Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 26

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Choir Church: Pray for Choir Church communities as they reach out to those on the margins in their local communities seeking to make a difference.

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Rio de Janeiro – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Meeting: Audit/Risk/Governance Committee meeting

Clergy Moves: Rev Helen Houston, Hospital Chaplain of Trinity Hospice, Blackpool