



## Blackburn Prayers October 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](mailto:karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org) in the first instance. For more about the parishes in this month's edition, click on the links taking you to either the parish website or its 'A Church Near You' site.

**Key: cw = Churchwarden of Vacant Parish**  
**llm = Licensed Lay Minister**

### Tuesday 1 October

Remigius, bishop, 533;  
Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftesbury), social reformer, 1885  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 26

**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 - 1 John 1.9**

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**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:** Lostock Hall St James and Farington Moss St Paul, Rev Matthew McMurray; also in this Benefice, Farington Moss St Paul's CofE Primary School

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

## Wednesday 2 October

**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 - 1 John 1.9**

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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:** New Longton All Saints, Rev Dr Tom Woolford; also in this Benefice, New Longton All Saints' CofE Primary School

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

## Thursday 3 October

George Bell, bishop, ecumenist, peacemaker, 1958

**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 - 1 John 1.9**

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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:** Penwortham St Leonard, Rev Nick Mansfield, Rev Janet Taylor; also in this Benefice, Penwortham Middleforth CofE Primary School

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

## Friday 4 October

Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226

**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 - 1 John 1.9**

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**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:** Penwortham St Mary, Rev Chris Nelson; also in this Benefice, Howick Church Endowed Primary School, Penwortham Cop Lane CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Johannesburg – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

## Saturday 5 October

**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 - 1 John 1.9**

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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:** Rufford and Tarleton, Rev Canon Mark Soady, Rev Joe Kochanski; also in this Benefice, Rufford CofE School, Tarleton Holy Trinity CofE Primary School, Tarleton Mere Brown CofE Primary School

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

## Sunday 6 October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving Dedication Festival Proper 22

**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 - 1 John 1.9**

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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:** HMP Wymott, Rev Calum Crombie

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

## Monday 7 October Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 27

**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 - 1 John 1.9**

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**Hope Community Church:** Pray for all the children and young people of our church, that God will open their hearts and minds to the gospel and that God would protect them as they navigate through such a key time in their lives.

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

**Diocese:** Pendle Deanery Officers, Rev Lesley Hinchcliffe, Rev Guy Jamieson, Mrs Elizabeth Johnston, Mrs Beverley Thorpe, Mrs Barbara Shaw

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

**Meeting:** Vision and Strategy Team meeting

## Tuesday 8 October

**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 - 1 John 1.9**

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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:** Barrowford St Thomas and Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary, Vacant, Mrs Melanie Clark (IIm), Mr Douglas Bull (cw), Mr Dean Thorpe (cw), Mrs Virginia Crewe (cw); also in this Benefice, Barrowford St Thomas CofE Primary School, Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary's CofE Primary Academy, Roughlee CofE Primary School

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

## Wednesday 9 October

Denys, bishop, and companions, martyrs, c.250;

Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist, 1253

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Kadugli and Nuba Mountains – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

**Meeting:** Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

## Thursday 10 October

Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644;

Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674

**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 - 1 John 1.9**

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

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

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

## Friday 11 October

Ethelburga, abbess, 675;  
James the Deacon, companion of  
Paulinus, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

### **Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Isaiah 55.6**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

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

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

## Saturday 12 October

Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709;  
Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845;  
Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915

**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 - Isaiah 55.6**

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**M:Power:** As the team put the finishing touches to the M:Power training programme for 2024/25 give them the resources they need and time to get to know the new participants.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Kagera – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Ann Templeman retires as Rector of Hoole St Michael and All Angels

## Sunday 13 October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving

Proper 23

**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 - Isaiah 55.6**

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

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Keith Fenton, Assistant Curate (HfD) of Torrisholme The Ascension

## Monday 14 October

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 28

**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 - Isaiah 55.6**

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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 Deanery Officers, Rev Jane Atkinson, Mr David Thompson, Mrs Geraldene Rogers

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Kajiado – The Anglican Church of Kenya

## Tuesday 15 October

Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith,  
1582

**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 - Isaiah 55.6**

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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:** Cleveleys St Andrew, Rev Graham Young

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

**Meeting:** Strategic Programme Board meeting

## Wednesday 16 October

Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer,  
bishops, martyrs, 1555

**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 - Isaiah 55.6**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

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

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

## Thursday 17 October

Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c.107

**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 - Isaiah 55.6**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

**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:** Fleetwood St Peter and St David, Rev Damian Platt, Rev Andrew Downes

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

## Friday 18 October

Luke the 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: Being Witnesses - Isaiah 55.6**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Kampala – The Church of the Province of Uganda

## Saturday 19 October

Henry Martyn, translator, missionary, 1812

**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 - Isaiah 55.6**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

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

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

**Meeting:** Diocesan Synod

**Sunday 20 October**  
**Twenty first Sunday after Trinity**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**  
Proper 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](#).

**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 - Isaiah 55.6**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

**Monday 21 October**  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 29

**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 - 2 Timothy 1.7**

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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

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

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

**Tuesday 22 October**

**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 - 2 Timothy 1.7**

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

**Vision 2026:** Pray for parents that they have confidence and are equipped to raise children who have a living relationship with God.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Western Kansas – The Episcopal Church



## Wednesday 23 October

**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 - 2 Timothy 1.7**

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

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

## Thursday 24 October

**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 - 2 Timothy 1.7**

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Kapsabet – The Anglican Church of Kenya

## Friday 25 October

Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs, c.287

**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 - 2 Timothy 1.7**

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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

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

## Saturday 26 October

Alfred, king, scholar, 899;  
Cedd, abbot, bishop, 664

**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:** The major construction work at Blackburn St Luke's is now completed and the congregation is once more able to worship in the church, we pray as the church becomes the heart of the local community with people inspired to visit and share in its mission.

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

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Karamoja – The Church of the Province of Uganda

## Sunday 27 October

Last Sunday after Trinity

Bible Sunday

Dedication Festival

Proper 25

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Scottish Episcopal Church

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Michael Manley, Vicar of St Annes on Sea St Thomas

## Monday 28 October

Simon and Jude, Apostles

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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:** Ingol St Margaret, Rev Rie Walker

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of North Karamoja – The Church of the Province of Uganda

## Tuesday 29 October

James Hannington, bishop, martyr,  
1885

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 30

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

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**Vision 2026:** For 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:** Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Rev David Anderson

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

## Wednesday 30 October

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

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

**Diocese:** Lea St Christopher, Vacant, Rev Joe Houghton, Rev Dr Mike Clayton, Mrs Louise Walton (cw), Mr Dan Holden (cw); also in this Benefice, Lea Neeld's Endowed CofE Primary School

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

## Thursday 31 October

Martin Luther, reformer, 1546

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**Choir Church:** Pray for the Choir Church Steering group as it enables Choir Churches to be planted through churches and schools working in partnership.

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

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