

## Blackburn Prayers November 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**

### Friday 1 November All Saints' Day

**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 Corinthians 10.13**

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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:** Preston All Saints, Rev Nathan Buttery, Rev Simon Griffiths

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

**Saturday 2 November**  
**Commemoration of the Faithful**  
**Departed – All Souls' Day**

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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:** Preston Emmanuel, Rev Matt Robinson, Rev Dr Mike Clayton, Mr Jim Cam (Ilm), Mrs Joyce Willacy (Ilm)

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

**Sunday 3 November**  
**Fourth Sunday before Advent**  
**All Saints' Day**

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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:** Preston St Cuthbert Fulwood, Rev James Wallace, Rev Liz Gethin, Rev Martin McDonald

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Church of the Province of South East Asia

**Monday 4 November**  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 31

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

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

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**Vision 2026:** We 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:** Preston St John and St George the Martyr, Rev Timothy Roberts, Rev David Craven, Rev Calum Mullett, Rev David Owens, Rev Stephen Tisnell

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

**Meeting:** Vision and Strategy Team meeting

## Tuesday 5 November

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

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

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**Mothers' Union:** Heavenly Father, we place into your hands the Mothers' Union here in Blackburn Diocese. We pray for all involved in the organisation and running of about 100 branches throughout the Diocese. Surround them with your Holy Spirit as they seek to promote the importance of marriage, to support families and to nurture faith, through prayer, commitment, and service. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Vision 2026:** 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:** Preston St Stephen, Vacant, Rev Barbara Hunter, Mrs Stephanie Rankin (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Preston St Stephen CofE Primary School

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

## Wednesday 6 November

Leonard, hermit, 6<sup>th</sup> cent.;  
William Temple, archbishop, teacher  
of the faith, 1944

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

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**Vision 2026:** We pray for 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:** Preston The Risen Lord, Vacant, Mr Richard Akrill (cw), Mr Len Foster (cw); also in this Benefice, Preston St Matthew's CofE Primary Academy

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

## Thursday 7 November

Willibrord, bishop, 739

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

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

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**Hope Community Church:** Pray for the opportunities we have to share our faith and be a witness during the time of remembrance. These include our local school, scout group, at the Grange staff and Blackpool Coastal Housing staff.

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

**Diocese:** Ribbleson, Rev Linda Tomkinson, Rev Emily Barry

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Grace Gaze, Rector of Bowland Benefice

**Friday 8 November**  
**Saints and Martyrs of England**

**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 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:** Royal Preston Hospital NHS Trust, Rev Martin McDonald

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Nick Murray, Vicar of Barrowford St Thomas and Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary

**Saturday 9 November**  
Marger Kempe, mystic, c.1440

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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:** Tunstall Deanery Officers, Rev Canon Cindy Rigney, Mrs Elizabeth Battersby-Hill, Mr Peter Jackson

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

**Sunday 10 November**  
**Third Sunday before Advent**  
**Remembrance Sunday**

**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:** Bolton-le-Sands Holy Trinity, Rev Peter Hamborg; also in this Benefice, Bolton-le-Sands CofE Primary School

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

## Monday 11 November

Martin, bishop, c.397

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 32

**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 - Acts 17.30**

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

**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:** Carnforth Christ Church, Vacant, Mrs Elizabeth Battersby-Hill (cw), Mr Philip Dunn (cw); also in this Benefice, Carnforth Christ Church CofE VA Primary School

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

**Meeting:** Leadership Core Group

## Tuesday 12 November

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

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

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**M:Power:** Pray for the new students who will be starting the M:Power training programme this month. Pray that God will shape them as they look at what transformation means for them.

**Vision 2026:** Pray for the continuing growth of the church in Lancashire, building joyful Christian communities with an ever-stronger voice for justice, especially for the poorest, enabling people to know God's love, peace and justice.

**Diocese:** Caton with Littledale St Paul, Rev Helen Scamman, Mrs Daphne Wade (llm); also in this Benefice, Caton St Paul's CofE Primary School

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

## Wednesday 13 November

Charles Simeon, priest, evangelical divine, 1836

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### **Bible Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Acts 17.30**

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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:** Dolphinholme with Quernmore and Over Wyresdale, Rev Canon Cindy Rigney, Rev Pippa Daniels; also in this Benefice, Abbeystead Cawthorne's Endowed School, Dolphinholme CofE Primary School, Quernmore CofE Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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



**Thursday 14 November**  
Samuel Seabury, bishop, 1796

**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 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:** East Lonsdale, Rev Jane Lee, Miss Mary Winter (IIm); also in this Benefice, Leck St Peter's CofE Primary School, Melling St Wilfrid CofE Primary School, Tatham Fells CofE Primary School, Wray with Botton Endowed Primary School

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

**Meeting:** Area Deans' meeting

**Friday 15 November**

**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 - Acts 17.30**

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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:** Hornby with Claughton and Whittington with Arkholme and Gressingham, Rev Lucie Lunn; also in this Benefice, Arkholme CofE Primary School, Hornby St Margaret's CofE Primary School

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

**Saturday 16 November**  
Margaret, queen, philanthropist, 1093;  
Edmund Rich, archbishop, 1240

**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 - Acts 17.30**

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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:** Over Kellet St Cuthbert, Rev Matt Guilder; also in this Benefice, Over Kellet Wilson's Endowed CofE Primary School

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

**Sunday 17 November**  
**Second Sunday before Advent**

**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:** Silverdale St John, Vacant, Mr Peter Dyer (Ilm), Mr Robin Daw (cw), Mrs Diane Smillie (cw); also in this Benefice, Silverdale St John's CofE VA Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**Monday 18 November**

Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist,  
1231

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 33

**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 - Acts 17.30**

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

**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:** Slyne with Hest St Luke and Halton St Wilfrid with Aughton St Saviour, Rev Susan Seed, Mr Martin Wakelin (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Halton St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School, Slyne with Hest St Luke's CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Kigali – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda  
**Meeting:** General Synod

**Tuesday 19 November**

Hilda, abbess, 680;

Mechtild, béguine, mystic, 1280

**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 - Acts 17.30**

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

**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:** Warton St Oswald with Yealand Conyers St John, Rev Alice Ormondroyd, Mrs Annette MacKenzie (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Warton Archbishop Hutton's VC Primary School, Yealand CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Kigeme – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda  
**Meeting:** General Synod

## Wednesday 20 November

Edmund, king, martyr, 870;  
Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a restorer of  
religious life in the Church of England,  
1876

**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 - Acts 17.30**

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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:** Whalley Deanery Officers, Rev Liz McLean, Rev Canon Brian McConkey, Canon Ruth Haldane, Dr Alexandra Dugdale, Mr Miles Leadbeater

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

**Meeting:** General Synod

## Thursday 21 November

**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 - Philippians 4.13**

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**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:** Balderstone, Mellor and Ssmlesbury, Rev Karen Herschell, Rev Barbara Pack, Canon Pam Daunton (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Balderstone St Leonard's CofE VA Primary School, Mellor St Mary's CofE Primary School, Samlesbury CofE School

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

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

## Friday 22 November

Cecilia, martyr, c.230

**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 - Philippians 4.13**

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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:** Bowland Benefice, Rev Grace Gaze

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh – The Church of Ireland



## Saturday 23 November

Clement, bishop, martyr, c.100

**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: Growing Leaders - Philippians 4.13**

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**Mission Partners:** Pray for rest for 'Graham and Fiona' as they transition and settled back in the UK after spending 30 years working in a least-reached part of Africa.

**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:** Chipping St Bartholomew, Rev Wilma Colley, Mrs Lynne Raphael (IIm); also in this Benefice, Chipping Brabins Endowed School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

## Sunday 24 November

Sunday next before Advent  
Christ the King

**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 - Philippians 4.13**

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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:** Clitheroe Chatburn and Downham, Rev Dr Judith Clark, Rev Catherine Hale-Heighway, Rev Chris Hegg; also in this Benefice, Chatburn CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of South America

## Monday 25 November

Catherine, martyr, 4<sup>th</sup> cent.;  
Isaac Watts, hymn writer, 1748  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 34

**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 - Philippians 4.13**

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**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:** Clitheroe St James, Rev Mark Pickett, Mrs Jilly MacDonald (IIm), Canon Ruth Haldane (IIm), Dr Sam Johnson (IIm), Mr Duncan Tyson (IIm), Mr Peter Williams (IIm); also in this Benefice, Clitheroe St James' CofE Primary School

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

**Meeting:** Bishops and Archdeacons' meeting

## Tuesday 26 November

**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 - Philippians 4.13**

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**Lighting Up New Generations:** We pray for Bishop Jill and the Lighting Up New Generations Steering group, may they continue to offer encouragement to all those involved in the project and the work undertaken enable a greater level of engagement with young people across the Diocese.

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

**Diocese:** Great Harwood St Bartholomew and St John, Rev Graham Birch; also in this Benefice, Great Harwood St Bartholomew's Parish CofE VA Primary School, Great Harwood St John's CofE Primary School

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

## Wednesday 27 November

**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 - Philippians 4.13**

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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:** Hodder Valley, Vacant, Mr William Leeming (cw), Mr John Cowking (cw), Mr Allan Carr (cw), Mr Stuart Beattie (cw)

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

**Meeting:** DBF Directors' meeting

## Thursday 28 November

**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 - Philippians 4.13**

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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:** Langho St Leonard, Vacant, Mrs Janet Parker (llm), Mrs Jenny Grimes (cw), Mrs Maureen Holden (cw); also in this Benefice, Langho and Billington St Leonard's CofE Primary School

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

**Friday 29 November**  
**Day of Intercession and**  
**Thanksgiving for Missionary Work**  
**of the Church**

**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 - Philippians 4.13**

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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:** Read St John and Simonstone St Peter, Rev Susan Ball, Rev Claire McEnery; also in this Benefice, Read St John's CofE Primary School, Simonstone St Peter's CofE Primary School

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

**Saturday 30 November**  
**Andrew the Apostle**

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

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

**Bible Memory Verse: Growing Leaders - Philippians 4.13**

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**Choir Church:** Pray for Sian Howell-Jones at Blackburn Cathedral and Tom Daggett of the Choir Church Foundation, as they support choir churches and potential choir churches in our Diocese with resources, recruitment and the establishment of a learning community.

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

**Diocese:** Ribchester St Wilfrid (in plurality with) Hurst Green and Mitton, Rev Canon Brian McConkey; also in this Benefice, Ribchester St Wilfrid's CofE VA Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Kita-Kanto – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Clergy Moves:** Retirement of Rev Sheelagh Aston, Vicar of Blackburn St Silas