



## Blackburn Prayers July 2026

**This is our centenary year ... we are celebrating!**

'All for Jesus' explains in three simple words why there is a Diocese of Blackburn and what our purpose is.

This year is an opportunity for people to come to know Jesus Christ either for the first time or more deeply than they do now, because personal relationship with him is what lies at the heart of every movement for renewal.

Please be praying for more and deeper disciples of Jesus.

### Blackburn Diocese Centenary Prayer

**Heavenly Father,**  
in our Centenary year  
we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.  
Send the Holy Spirit to give us  
confidence in our witness,  
generosity in our service,  
and love for our neighbours,  
that your Church may be renewed  
and many come home to you,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

In our prayers we will continue to pray for our link dioceses and for peace in our world. Prayer resources for the Israel/Gaza and Ukraine conflicts can also be found [here](#) and [here](#) or by scanning the QR code on the right.

You can sign up for a daily email containing the Blackburn Prayers for each day. [Visit this page](#) to do so, where you can also see a pdf of the full month's prayers and even find out how to order a printed version.



If you have any comments, amendments or updates regarding Blackburn Prayers, send to [karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org) in the first instance.

We would love to hear how God is answering your prayers during this Centenary year. Please get in touch with Joy Rushton: [joy.rushton@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:joy.rushton@blackburn.anglican.org)

Resources for adults and children to support discipleship, Bible reading and inspiration for prayer can also be found on our Fruitful Discipleship app.

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

### **Wednesday 1 July**

Henry, John and Henry Venn,  
priests, evangelical divines, 1797,  
1813, 1873

**Making Disciples:** We pray for the Making Disciples Team as they continue to develop the Fruitful app. We give thanks for its creative resources and pray for wisdom for those offering technical and communications support, creating content and sharing it more widely.

**Diocese:** Clitheroe St Paul, Low Moor and Chatburn Christ Church, Rev Catherine Hale-Heighway; also in this Benefice, Chatburn CofE Primary School

**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.

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray for Liwolo Primary and Nursery school and all schools in Liwolo as people strive to rebuild and establish places of learning and transformation. Pray that these schools will become havens of hope, growth and spiritual enrichment. Pray that God would provide all that is needed: resources; teachers and infrastructure.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Joshua Gaskell, to be Vicar of Blackpool St Paul North Shore (in plurality with) Greenlands St Anne

### **Thursday 2 July**

**Making Disciples:** We pray for the growth of joyful and generous stewards across the Diocese, that giving may be embraced as a vital part of faithful discipleship.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Amazônia – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

### **Friday 3 July**

**Thomas the Apostle**

**Making Disciples:** We give thanks for Whalley Abbey as a Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer. We pray for the whole team as they lead a community rooted in prayer, hospitality and service.

**Diocese:** Hodder Valley, Rev Karen Herschell; also in this Benefice, Slaidburn Brennand's Endowed CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Pray for the Bible School in the Diocese. Pray for the leaders to teach and serve diligently and for those who attend courses to be better equipped to share the love of Christ in Pakistan and beyond.

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

### **Saturday 4 July**

**Making Disciples:** We thank God for national church funding for Children's, Families and Youth Workers and Lay Pioneers. We pray for those sensing a call to these ministries, that God will guide and equip them.

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

**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.

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

**Sunday 5 July**  
**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

Proper 9

**Making Disciples:** We pray for the Diocesan Renewal Programme, that parishes taking part may grow in prayer, deepen discipleship and see more people come to faith.

**Diocese:** Langho St Leonard, Rev Mike Print; also in this Benefice, Langho and Billington St Leonard's CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Free State -** Pray for the Archdeacons who facilitate the smooth working of so many aspects of the Diocese and support the churches and clergy. We thank God for the many LLMs in the Free State Diocese who exercise strong leadership especially in places where priests are ministering to multiple churches. Several churches are also planting new congregations and the LLMs play a vital role in this work. Also thank God for the work members of the various guilds undertake and for the enormous generosity of the people.

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

**Monday 6 July**

Thomas More, scholar, and John Fisher, bishop, martyrs, 1535  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week14

**Making Disciples:** We pray for all who plan and lead worship, that people of all ages may encounter Jesus in word and sacrament and for lives to be transformed.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Monday 6 July 2026 The Diocese of Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands – The Church of North India (United)

**Event:** [2026 Centenary Diocesan Conference](#)

**Tuesday 7 July**

**Making Disciples:** We pray for the growth of new and deeper disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Diocese:** Rishton St Peter and St Paul, Rev Eddie Carr; also in this Benefice, Rishton St Peter and St Paul's CofE Primary School, Rishton Methodist School

**Lighting Up New Generations:** As we come to the end of another year in the life of the Lighting Up New Generations project, we pray that our churches are achieving everything that was hoped for them (and more!) and that the skills and experience developed can be a source of support to churches across the Diocese.

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig -** We give thanks for the 25 year partnership between Blackburn and Braunschweig. As we look to the future, guide our Dioceses in renewing and reimagining this link. May our friendship grow stronger, and may we learn from each other as we face similar challenges in different contexts.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Saint Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane – The Scottish Episcopal Church

**Event:** [2026 Centenary Diocesan Conference](#)

**Wednesday 8 July**

**Being Witnesses:** 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.

**Diocese:** Salisbury St Peter, Rev Liz McLean, Mrs Janet Haworth (IIm); also in this Benefice, Salisbury CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Missionary Diocese of Central and South Angola – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

**Event:** [2026 Centenary Diocesan Conference](#)

## Thursday 9 July

**Being Witnesses:** 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:** Waddington, Rev Christopher Wood; also in this Benefice, Waddington and West Bradford CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray for every home in Liwolo to be filled with love, joy and unity. Pray that homes would be places of safety and comfort: where children grow up knowing God's love; where elders are honoured and where hearts are drawn closer to God. Pray for those facing hardships, whether physical, emotional or financial. Pray that God would provide and sustain. Pray that every door would be open to love and hospitality, reflecting God's goodness.

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

**Event:** [2026 Centenary Diocesan Conference](#)

## Friday 10 July

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

**Diocese:** West Pendleside (*Whalley St Mary and All Saints; Sabden St Nicholas Heyhouses*), Rev Jonathan Carmyllie, Rev Rachel Frost, Mrs Lynne Smith (Ilm), Mrs Janet Parker (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Whalley CofE Primary School, Barrow Primary School

**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.

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

**Meetings:** General Synod

## Saturday 11 July Benedict, abbot, c.550

**Being Witnesses:** 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:** Whalley Abbey, Mrs Lydia Postlethwaite, Mr Ashley Postlethwaite

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Give thanks that the Bishop's Harvest Appeal money from last year, has started to be used to make a difference to Church School education in the Diocese.

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

**Meetings:** General Synod

## Sunday 12 July Sixth Sunday after Trinity Proper 10

**Being Witnesses:** 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:** Accrington Deanery Officers, Rev Canon David Arnold, Mrs Denise Taylor, Mrs Gwen Greenwood

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Meetings:** General Synod

## Monday 13 July

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week15

**Being Witnesses:** Pray for baptism and confirmation candidates to be fired up to be beacons of faith in their schools, workplaces and communities.

**Diocese:** Accrington Christ Church and St James, Rev Paul McNally, Mr Mick Whittaker (IIm), Mrs Gail Whittaker (IIm); also in this Benefice, Accrington Green Haworth CofE Primary School

**M:Power:** Pray for the M:Power Network, for those who have completed M:Power, that it may grow and mature to provide ongoing support and encouragement for laity working to make a difference for Jesus in their parishes.

**Link Diocese: Free State** - We pray for Father Joshua Skee and the link committee in the Free State and for Rev Sam Cheesman leading the link committee here in Blackburn that they may work closely together and match parishes successfully.

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

**Meetings:** General Synod

## Tuesday 14 July

John Keble, priest, poet, 1866

**Being Witnesses:** Pray for the Creator God to inspire us with the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to His generosity in bringing all things to be; make us mindful of our responsibility to care for all our fellow creatures and sustain the life of the earth; open our hearts to meet human need from the gifts of His creation that all may share in its bounty.

**Diocese:** Accrington St Andrew, St Mary Magdalen and St Peter and Church Kirk, Rev Canon David Arnold; also in this Benefice, Accrington St Mary Magdalen's CofE Primary School, Accrington St Peter's CofE Primary School, Church St Nicholas' CofE Primary School, Accrington St Christopher's CofE High School

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

**Meetings:** General Synod

## Wednesday 15 July

Swithun, bishop, c.862;

Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1274

**Growing Leaders:** Pray for all those in lay and ordained leadership, for authorised lay ministers, licensed lay ministers, ordinands, curates, priests and bishops. We also pray for our chaplains and retired clergy. Pray that God will give them wisdom, discernment and resilience to lead His church.

**Diocese:** Accrington St John with Huncoat St Augustine, Rev Paul Payton, Mrs Christine Ritson (IIm); also in this Benefice, Accrington St John with St Augustine CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - July Link Diocese: Braunschweig - Following the Consecration in June of Dr Christina-Maria Bammel as the new Bishop of Braunschweig, we pray for her and for the people of Braunschweig at this time of renewal as she begins her ministry in this Diocese.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Antananarivo – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

**Meetings:** Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Ian Nott, to be Vicar of Padiham with Hapton and Padiham Green

**Thursday 16 July**  
Osmund, bishop, 1099

**Growing Leaders:** Pray for Christians who hold positions of authority in our community. Praying especially for those working in health care, policing, education, politics and the media. That they may understand the call God has placed on their life to be uniquely Christlike in a non-Christian environment.

**Diocese:** Altham (*St James*) with Clayton-le-Moors (*All Saints*), Rev Toby Webber; also in this Benefice, Altham St James' CofE Primary School, Clayton-le-Moors All Saints CofE Primary School

**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.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Antsirana – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

**Friday 17 July**

**Growing Leaders:** 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:** Baxenden St John and Accrington St Paul, Vacant, Mr Tony Hindle (IIm), Dr Patricia Wilkinson (IIm), Mrs Heather Pitman (cw), Mrs Kathleen Jones (cw); also in this Benefice, Accrington Benjamin Hargreaves CofE Primary School, Baxenden St John's CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray that the blessings of Deuteronomy 28 will be poured out upon this community. May the people of Liwolo be blessed. Pray for the land, the crops and the work of their hands. Pray for protection from harm and God's peace to reign.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

**Saturday 18 July**  
Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess,  
founder of the Community of St  
Andrew, 1883

**Growing Leaders:** Pray that all Christians will identify their-God given gifts and have the courage to use them in His service and for His glory. Pray especially for those who have the gift of leadership, for God to make it clear how He would like them to use that blessing.

**Diocese:** Haslingden St James with Grane St Stephen and Stonefold St John (in plurality with) Musbury St Thomas, Rev Simon Lloyd; also in this Benefice, Haslingden St James' CofE Primary School, Haslingden Stonefold St John's CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Araucanía – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

**Meetings:** Diocesan Synod

**Sunday 19 July**  
**Seventh Sunday after Trinity**  
Proper 11

**Growing Leaders:** 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 to which they have been called.

**Diocese:** Laneside St Peter, Rev Belinda Kerins

**The Order of the Companions of Martha and Mary:** Please pray for Sister Judith OCMM and Sister Sue OCMM living the vowed religious life at St Joseph's House in Tunstall and their ministry of prayerful presence and hospitality.

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Pray for Bishop Leo Paul who leads the Diocese of Multan Pakistan with limited resources but with great passion to proclaim Jesus' gospel. Pray for continual courage for him from God to stand firm in the Lord in a difficult place. Pray for his family and the Diocese to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to stand together with Bishop Leo in his ministry.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

## Monday 20 July

Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4<sup>th</sup> cent.;  
Bartolomé de las Casas, apostle to  
the Indies, 1566  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week16

**Growing Leaders:** Pray for our lay and ordained leaders who are finding ministry difficult, asking that God will protect their ministry and encourage them to re-find joy in serving the Lord. Pray also that God will provide them with other people to support and uphold them.

**Diocese:** Oswaldtwistle (*All Saints, Immanuel, St Paul*), Rev Barbara Hunter, Rev Paul Hunter, Rev Carole Garner, Mrs Heather Aspbury (IIm), Miss Judith Addison (IIm); also in this Benefice, Oswaldtwistle Hippings Methodist Church, Oswaldtwistle St Andrew's CofE Primary School, Oswaldtwistle St Paul's CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of the Arctic – The Anglican Church of Canada

**Meetings:** Bishop's Appointments Team

## Tuesday 21 July

**Growing Leaders:** Pray for the Growing Leaders team, and Bishop Jill who oversees this work. Ask for God to guide them in their work and to direct their steps as they work to support Christian leadership in Blackburn Diocese.

**Diocese:** Blackburn with Darwen Deanery Officers, Rev Rebecca Roberts, Rev Nicholas Heale, Mrs Kathryn Adnitt, Mrs Elaine Williams

**Link Diocese: Free State** - Today we pray for Bishop Dintoe as he leads the Diocese of the Free State. It is an enormous Diocese with many difficulties to be overcome. We pray for discernment and understanding among all clergy. We pray for those with responsibility for the difficult financial situation, and particularly those directly impacted by the lack of a regular income.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America

## Wednesday 22 July Mary Magdalene

**For Parents of Children with SEND:** Lord Jesus, we pray for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities. Strengthen them with Your grace, fill them with wisdom, and provide the resources they need. May they abide in You and find deep comfort in Your unfailing love and guidance every day.

**Diocese:** Blackburn Christ Church with St Matthew, Rev Canon Andrew Raynes, Rev James Greenfield; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Matthew's CofE Primary School

**For the Care of God's Creation:** Creator God, we are aware that the changing climate is already having an unequal impact on our brothers and sisters in the global south. Help us to strive to care for your creation by taking action to limit our impact on the environment in all that we do at church and in our daily lives.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Northern Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America

**Meetings:** Strategic Programme Board meeting

## Thursday 23 July Bridget, abbess, 1373

**For Children and Youth Seeking Faith:** Heavenly Father, we lift up children and young people who have not yet come to know You. Open their hearts to Your truth and love. Through caring mentors and life-giving experiences, may they encounter Jesus and learn to walk closely with Him.

**Diocese:** Blackburn St Aidan, Rev Alice Cole; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Aidan's CofE Academy

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - Lord, we lift up the Bishop of Braunschweig and her leadership team. Grant them wisdom and strength in their service as they future proof the work across the Diocese. Give them the courage to spread the Gospel and to focus on the growth of the Landeskirche.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Argyll and The Isles – The Scottish Episcopal Church

## Friday 24 July

**For Children's and Youth Ministry:** God of hope, we thank You for all children's and youth work in our churches and for the faithful volunteers serving week by week. We bring the Ignite project and Youth Hub before You. Bless these initiatives with creativity, energy, and lasting impact. May they be places where young people abide in Christ and grow in faith and joy.

**Diocese:** Blackburn St Andrew's Livesey, Rev Sam Dickinson

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

## Saturday 25 July James the Apostle

**For Mental Health and Wellbeing:** Compassionate Lord, we pray for children and young people struggling with mental health and wellbeing. Surround them with Your peace and healing presence. Guide families and professionals with wisdom and care. May they find rest and renewal as they remain in You.

**Diocese:** Blackburn St Gabriel, Rev Joe Harvey, Mrs Barbara Foster, Mr Paul Adnitt; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Gabriel's CofE Primary School

**ALM:** We pray for our authorised lay ministers and Anna Chaplains, giving thanks for the work they do in Christ's name to further the gospel message and enable mission in the local parishes. We ask that God will uphold them in their ministry and pour out His blessings upon them.

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray for God's forgiveness upon the sins of this generation and those before. For a restoration of peace, an end of the cycle of wars and refugee life and for the return and resettlement of refugees. Pray for a nation rebuilt with love and fear for God. For healing of wounds and unity and for righteous leaders that rule with justice, compassion, understanding and knowledge.

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

## Sunday 26 July Eighth Sunday after Trinity Proper 12

**For Educators and Leaders:** Lord of wisdom, we pray for school and university staff, leaders, chaplains, and governors. Grant them discernment, patience, and joy in their calling. May they create environments where every child can flourish and learn to abide in Your truth and grace.

**Diocese:** Blackburn St Luke, Rev Jason Gardner, Rev John Lisle; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Barnabas and St Paul's CofE Primary School, Blackburn St Luke and St Philip's CofE Primary Academy, Blackburn St Wilfrid's CofE Academy

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Tanzania

## Monday 27 July

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

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week17

**For all Children and Young People:** Father, we lift up all children and young people in our communities. Protect them from harm, inspire their dreams, and help them discover the gifts You have placed within them. May they grow in confidence and character as they remain rooted in Christ. Help us as Your church to welcome them as You commanded, so they find a safe and loving home among us.

**Diocese:** Blackburn St Mary the Virgin with St Paul's Cathedral, Rev Canon Andrew Horsfall, Rev Canon James Lawrence, Rev Dr Jenny Gaffin

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Pray for all the clergy and lay leaders and their families. Pray they may be continuing to preach and teach the word of God with courage and sensitivity.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Armagh – The Church of Ireland

**Meetings:** Bishops and Archdeacons' meeting

## Tuesday 28 July

**For Schools and Learning:** Gracious God, we pray for our schools and educational institutions. May they be places of growth and transformation. Guide teachers and students to seek wisdom and understanding in You. May learning lead them closer to Christ, the source of all truth.

**Diocese:** Blackburn St Silas, Rev Canon David D'Silva; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St Silas' CofE Primary School, Blackburn Wensley Fold CofE Primary Academy

**Blackburn Cathedral:** Prayers today for the Interim Dean and Chapter and all who work for the Cathedral, including administrative staff and all volunteers.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Armidale – The Anglican Church of Australia

## Wednesday 29 July

Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord

**Diocesan Board of Finance:** For the staff in the Diocesan Offices who support parishes through their work. From HR and finance teams to legal and governance support and from the communications team to property colleagues, we pray that they might have wisdom in their planning, clarity in their decisions, and compassion in all their interactions as they seek to serve each parish.

**Diocese:** Blackburn St Stephen and St James, Rev Dr Daniel Tsoi; also in this Benefice, Blackburn St James' CofE Primary School, Blackburn St Stephen's CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Free State -** We pray for Father Lazarus, Dean of Bloemfontein Cathedral, and thank God for all the work that is achieved with the homeless people of the city. We give thanks for the regular food kitchen and for the sessions when the homeless come for physical and mental care. We also thank God for the other churches around the Diocese that show compassion with food and clothing banks.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Arochukwu / Ohafia – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Meetings:** HR Committee meeting

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Toby Webber, to be Vicar of Chorley St George and All Saints

## Thursday 30 July

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

**Diocesan Board of Finance:** For all involved in safeguarding across our Diocese. For officers, advisers, parish leads, clergy, volunteers, and all who work to protect the vulnerable and uphold God's love in action. Grant them wisdom, resilience, and gentleness of spirit and the courage to speak out for justice.

**Diocese:** Blackburn The Redeemer, Rev Chris Anderton, Rev James Lapping, Mr Philip Beresford (IIm); also in this Benefice, Blackburn The Redeemer CofE Primary School

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

## Friday 31 July

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

**Diocesan Board of Finance:** For all who are survivors or victims of abuse, that they may know God's protection and peace and that Church may be a place of safety, healing, and care.

**Diocese:** Darwen St Cuthbert with Tockholes St Stephen, Rev Nicholas Davis, Rev Rachel Fielding; also in this Benefice, Darwen St Cuthbert's CofE Primary School, Tockholes St Stephen's CofE Primary School

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

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig -** Heavenly Father, we pray for the pastors and clergy of Braunschweig. As they face challenges in ministry numbers, inspire more people to answer your call to serve. Provide encouragement and support to those already in service, that they may remain steadfast in their faith and leadership.

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