

Blackburn Prayers September 2026

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

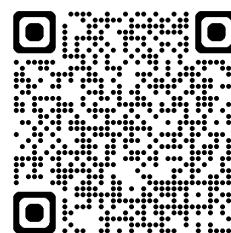
This year is an opportunity for people to come to know Jesus Christ either for the first time or more deeply than they do now, because personal relationship with him is what lies at the heart of every movement for renewal. This month is our Centenary Mission weekend and a great opportunity to reach out to people in the county who don't know Jesus. Please be praying for that event and 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 in the first instance.

We would love to hear how God is answering your prayers during this Centenary year. As our Centenary Mission Weekend takes places on September 11-13 we would particularly like to hear stories of your answers to prayer at this time regarding the local events taking place in parishes across the County. Send your answers to prayer to Janet Sanderson on janet.sanderson@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

Tuesday 1 September

Giles, hermit, c.710

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: Holme in Cliviger St John, Rev Alex Frost, Rev Victor Sohail; also in this Benefice, Holme in Cliviger St John the Divine's 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 - As the humanitarian crisis continues to unfold in our link Diocese of Liwolo, we give thanks for the green shoots of hope that are beginning to emerge as thousands return home. Give wisdom, strength, and courage to their Bishop, Joseph Aba, and all serving the people of Liwolo at this time. Place your guiding hand on all the efforts to support the resettlement and restoration process. *You can give to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to support the Diocese of Liwolo. Full details are [here](#).*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Belize – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Wednesday 2 September

Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901,1942

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: Chorley Deanery Officers, Rev Jo Smith, Rev Ben Clayton, Mr Andrew Stokes, Mrs Tasha Leach, Ms Lorraine Smith

Link Diocese: Liwolo - We pray that that families will not merely return home, but will be able to rebuild their lives with dignity, safety, hope, and resilience. Please provide the resources needed to restart agricultural production, the rehabilitation and reopening of schools, the restoring of essential infrastructure, and the reestablishment of community structures. Please open doors for the resources, partnerships, personnel, and practical support required for this enormous task of rebuilding. *You can give to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to support the Diocese of Liwolo. Full details are [here](#).*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Bendigo – The Anglican Church of Australia

Thursday 3 September

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

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: Adlington St Paul, Rev Graeme Buttery, Rev Jean Kouacou; also in this Benefice, Adlington St Paul's 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 Beni – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Friday 4 September

Birinus, bishop, 650

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: Appley Bridge (*All Saints*) and Parbold (*Christ Church*), Rev Susan Timmins, Rev Prof Michelle Plant, Dr Sara Ashley (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Appley Bridge All Saints CofE Primary School, Parbold Douglas CofE Academy

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 Benin – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 5 September

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: Brindle St James, Rev Jon Price, Rev Sam Nicol; also in this Benefice, Brindle St James' 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 Diocese of Bentiu – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Sunday 6 September

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Creation in Christ

Proper 18

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Clergy Moves: Rev Canon Adrian Ling, new Vicar of St Anne's on Sea, St Anne (Heyhouses)

Monday 7 September

Creation in Christ

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 23

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

Diocese: Chorley St James, Rev Dan Freeman, Mr Phil Parker (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Chorley St James' CofE Primary School

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

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 Bermuda – (Extra Provincial)

Meetings: Bishop's Leadership Team meeting

Clergy Moves: Rev Jordan Bentliff, new Vicar of Baxenden St John and Accrington St Paul

Tuesday 8 September

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Accession of King Charles III, 2022
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 23

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: Chorley St George and All Saints, Rev Toby Webber; also in this Benefice, Chorley All Saints CofE Primary School, Chorley St George's CofE Primary School
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Bethlehem – The Episcopal Church
Meeting: DBF Directors' meeting

Wednesday 9 September

Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880

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: Chorley St Laurence and Chorley St Peter, Rev Canon Neil Kelley, Rev Cornelius Asghar, Rev Mark Yates; also in these Benefices, Chorley St Laurence's CofE Primary School, Chorley St Michael's CofE High School, Chorley St Peter's CofE Primary School
Link Diocese: Liwolo - We pray for our link Diocese of Liwolo and for the border communities where fear and suffering have resulted from ongoing conflict and insecurity. Protect all who remain fearful about what the future may hold. Surround them with Your care and watch over them day and night. *You can give to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to support the Diocese of Liwolo. Full details are [here](#).*
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Bhopal – The Church of North India (United)
Meetings: Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

Thursday 10 September

Being Witnesses: Pray for a visitation of the Holy Spirit on Lancashire to light beacons in every community.
Diocese: Coppull and Coppull St John the Divine, Rev Matthew Hornby; also in this Benefice, Coppull Parish CofE Primary School, Coppull St John's CofE 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 Bida – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 11 September

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: Croston, Bretherton and Mawdesley with Bispham, Rev Tracy Marshall, Ms Janet Maggs (IIm); also in this Benefice, Bretherton Endowed CofE Primary School; Croston Trinity and St Michael's CofE/Methodist School; Mawdesley St Peter's CofE Primary School; Croston Bishop Rawstorne CofE Academy
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 Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania
Event: [Centenary Mission Weekend](#)

Saturday 12 September

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Birmingham – The Church of England

Event: [Centenary Mission Weekend](#)

Sunday 13 September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving Proper 19

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

Diocese: Euxton, Rev Jo Smith, Rev Paul Howard, Rev Julia Gordon; also in this Benefice, Euxton CofE Primary School

M:Power: Pray for recruitment to the M:Power training programme that will begin at the end of October. May God call out, those who have been forgotten, overlooked and who may lack confidence, to train with M:Power so that they can discover and be confident in the gifts God has given them.

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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Event: [Centenary Mission Weekend](#)

Monday 14 September Holy Cross Day

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: Heapey St Barnabas and Withnell St Paul, Rev Ben Clayton, Rev Gary Bullock, Rev Chris Metcalfe; also in this Benefice, Brinscall St John's CofE/Methodist School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Blackburn – The Church of England

Tuesday 15 September Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258 Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 24

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

Link Diocese: Braunschweig - We pray for Dr Christina-Maria Bammel, recently consecrated as the new Bishop of Braunschweig, and for the people of the Diocese, that her ministry among them may bear fruit in mission, justice and renewal.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Botswana – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Wednesday 16 September

Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c.432;
Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882

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: Standish St Wilfrid, Rev Canon Andrew Holliday, Dr Sheila Fisher (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Standish St Wilfrid's 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 Boga – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Thursday 17 September

Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179

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

Link Diocese: Liwolo - As thousands of people displaced by the humanitarian crisis in the region begin their journey home to the Diocese of Liwolo, we ask you Lord to bring miraculous restoration after suffering and hope from despair at this time of upheaval. May Your name be glorified in all that is accomplished in that place and at this time. *You can give to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to support the Diocese of Liwolo. Full details are [here](#).*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Bolivia – The Anglican Church of South America

Friday 18 September

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: Wrightington with Heskin St James the Great, Vacant, Mrs Pauline Chapman (cw), Mr Jonathan Ormesher (cw); also in this Benefice, Heskin Pemberton's CofE Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Bondo – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Saturday 19 September

Theodore, archbishop, 690

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: Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust, Rev Jane Astley

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 Blackpool 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: The Diocese of Bor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Meetings: Bishop's Council meeting

Sunday 20 September
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving
Proper 20

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: Garstang Deanery Officers, Rev Gregor Stewart, Rev Jeff Finch, Mr Paul Ronson, Mrs Alice Taylor, Mrs Jean Matthew

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia

Monday 21 September
Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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: Copp St Anne and Inskip St Peter, Vacant, Mrs Angela Ashcroft (Ilm), Mr Paul Garrett (cw), Mrs Maureen Williamson (cw); also in this Benefice, St Anne's Copp CofE Primary School, Inskip St Peter's CofE Primary School

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 Botswana – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Meetings: Bishop's Appointments Team meeting

Tuesday 22 September
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 25

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: Fellside Team Ministry (*Barton St Lawrence, Bilsborrow St Hilda, Bleasdale St Eadmer, Goosnargh St Mary the Virgin*), Rev Gregor Stewart, Rev Lis Ward, Rev Ian Ward; also in this Benefice, Barton St Lawrence CofE Primary School, Bilsborrow John Cross CofE Primary School, Bleasdale CofE Primary School, Goosnargh Oliverson'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 Brandon – The Anglican Church of Canada

Clergy Moves: Rev Hannah Boyd, new Vicar of Lostock Hall St James and Farington Moss St Paul

Wednesday 23 September
Ember Day

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

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 Brechin – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Meeting: Strategic Programme Board meeting

Thursday 24 September

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Brisbane – The Anglican Church of Australia

Friday 25 September

Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626;

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

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: Over Wyre (*Hambleton The Blessed Virgin Mary, Out Rawcliffe St John, Pilling St John the Baptist, Preesall St Oswald, Stalmine St James*), Vacant, Rev Naomi Barraclough, Mrs Nicola Smith (llm), Mr Ray Hart (llm), Mrs Gill Keighley (cw), Mrs Susan Lunn (cw), Mrs Tracey Edwards (cw), Mr Benjamin Shepherd (cw), Mr Allan Gardner (cw), Mrs Victoria Bullen (cw), Mr Derek Wolstenholme (cw); also in this Benefice, Pilling St John's CofE Primary School, Preesall Fleetwoods Charity CofE Primary School, Preesall St Aidan's CofE High 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 - As the people of our link Diocese return home, we pray that they are not defined by the turmoil of the past but, instead, they are able to face the future with hope and certainty in you, Lord. Help them to rebuild their lives upon the firm foundation of Your love and grace. *You can give to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to support the Diocese of Liwolo. Full details are [here](#).*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Bristol – The Church of England

Saturday 26 September

Wison Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942
Ember Day

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: Scorton (*St Peter*) and Barnacre (*All Saints*) and Calder Vale (*St John the Evangelist*), Vacant, Mrs Jean Miller (cw), Mrs Alison Bates (cw); also in this Benefice, Calder Vale St John's CofE Primary School, Scorton CofE Primary School, The Bowland Federation of Schools

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of British Columbia – The Anglican Church of Canada

Sunday 27 September Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving Proper 21

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

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 Church of Bangladesh

Monday 28 September

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 26

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: Kirkham Deanery Officers, Rev Canon Nicholas Wells, Rev Dr Antony Hodgson, Dr Peter Roberts

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 Central Buganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Meetings: Bishops and Archdeacons' meeting; Audit, Risk and Governance Committee meeting

Tuesday 29 September

Michael and All Angels

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

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 West Buganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Wednesday 30 September

Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Buhiga – The Anglican Church of Burundi