

Course Leaders Notes:

As you work through the course material you will find that each session follows a similar format:



Welcome:

An opportunity to welcome people to the group and put them at their ease.



Opening Worship and Vision Prayer:

Beginning the session in prayer and helping people become familiar with the Diocesan Vision Prayer.



Getting Started:

Introducing the theme for the session and beginning to explore ideas within the group.



Bible Passage:

Exploring Scripture together and discovering Biblical teaching related to Vision 2026.



DVD Teaching input:

A short DVD programme which provides introductory teaching input.



Application exercises and discussion:

These come in two forms.

The tick list icon represents material which is designed for those who learn best through factual based material and the magnifying glass icon represents material for visual learners. In each session we have included material to suit both of these different learning styles.



Our Priorities:

Helping your church identify practical steps it can take to express Vision 2026 in the life of the local church.



Prayer Reflection:

A closing devotional activity.



Take it Away Materials:

A Bible verse and prayer activity designed to help group members continue to reflect on the session.

Within each session you will find suggested timings for the material:

- The material has been organised to allow 1 hour 15 minutes for each session.
- If you are able to meet for 1 hour 30 minutes then you will have more space for discussion and reflection.
- Please be flexible about the timings. If a particular discussion is proving very fruitful then feel free to allow extra space for this.
- It is also worth trying to work with these timings so you leave enough space for the materials later in the session, particularly the practical application exercise which enables your group to consider how to apply the discussions generated by the Vision 2026 Study Course to their local setting.

Copies of these materials can be downloaded from the vision pages which can be found under the home menu of the diocesan website www.blackburn.anglican.org.

The Vision 2026 Study Course films can be viewed on the Diocesan YouTube channel, either by following the link from the home page of the diocesan website, or by searching online for 'YouTube' and 'Blackburn Dicoese'.

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