

## Blackburn Prayers October 2025

Welcome to Blackburn Prayers.

***'I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.'* 1 Corinthians 3:6**

In our Year of Prayer for Growth and Renewal, we are praying together for new and deeper disciples for Jesus Christ and that we will be renewed in the power of the Holy Spirit for a season of mission in our centenary year 2026. Prayer resources for parishes can be found [here](#) and resources for children and young people can be found [here](#) or by scanning the QR codes on the right.

As part of our commitment to the Year of Prayer, we have refreshed Blackburn Prayers. Our prayer diary includes prayers for our overseas links: the Dioceses of the Free State, Liwolo, Multan and the Lutheran church in Braunschweig.

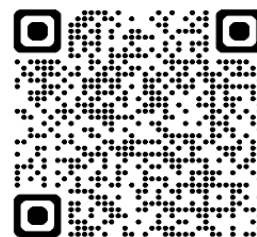
You can also sign up for a daily email containing the Blackburn Prayers for that day. [Visit this page](#) to do so, where you can also see a pdf of the full month's prayers and even find out how to order a printed version to be sent to you, if you would prefer.

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine; also between Israel and Gaza/Palestine and in South Sudan, following fresh political unrest there which includes our link Diocese of Liwolo. Prayers and prayer resources [can be found here](#) or by scanning the relevant QR code on this page.

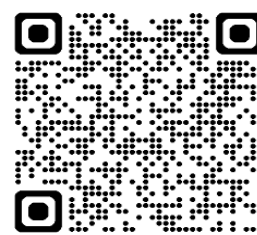
If you have any comments, amendments or updates regarding Blackburn Prayers, please direct them to [karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org) in the first instance.

We would love to hear how God is answering your prayers. 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 Bible reading and inspiration for prayer can be found on our Fruitful Discipleship app available on your app store, search 'Fruitful, Diocese of Blackburn' to find it.



Year of Prayer Resources



Year of Prayer Children's Resources



Prayer for Peace and Prayer Resources

### Leading Your Church Into Growth Prayer

God of Mission, who alone brings  
growth to your Church.

Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our  
planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our  
worship, and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers, in  
spiritual commitment to you,  
and in service to our local community,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

### **Wednesday 1 October**

Remigius, bishop, 533;  
Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftesbury), social reformer, 1885

**Vision 2026:** We pray for those from the Making Disciples Team continuing to grow our Discipleship app 'Fruitful', 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:** Sandylands St John's, Rev Sarah Cliff, Miss Margaret Carr (llm)

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Pray for the church in the Diocese that individuals, families and communities may know Jesus more and better and be strong, visible and intentional witnesses to Christ even in the face of persecution.

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

### **Thursday 2 October**

**Vision 2026:** We pray for the growth of 'joyful, generous stewards' across the Diocese for whom giving is an integral part of discipleship.

**Diocese:** Torrisholme The Ascension, Rev Damian Porter, Rev Keith Fenton

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Oxford – The Church of England

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Samuel Dickinson, Vicar of Blackburn St Andrew's Livesey

**Event:** [2026 Centenary Mission Deanery Events](#) – Burnley Open Deanery Synod

### **Friday 3 October**

George Bell, bishop, ecumenist, peacemaker, 1958

**Vision 2026:** We give thanks for the ministry of Whalley Abbey as a Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer. We pray for Rev Anna Walker and her team as they oversee the community centred on prayer, hospitality and service.

**Diocese:** University Hospital of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust, Rev Amy Bland

**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: Free State** - Litter is a huge environmental problem around the Diocese, and we thank God that the churches are in the forefront of teaching the people how to recycle and care for creation. We also praise God for the churches taking a lead in using recycled materials in their buildings.

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

**Event:** [Headteacher Conference 2025](#), held at Mercure Dunkenhall Hotel, BB5 5JP;

Parish Mission: Charnock Richard Christ Church and Eccleston St Mary

### **Saturday 4 October**

Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226

**Vision 2026:** We give thanks for the new funding from the national church for Children's, Families and Youth Workers and Lay Pioneers. We pray for those who are sensing a call to these ministries to come forward, to further explore their calling. We ask that gifted and energised individuals are appointed to guide and lead in these posts in our parishes

**Diocese:** University of Cumbria (Lancaster Campus), Rev Clare Shepherd

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

**Event:** [Christian Aid: 80 Years](#) - Powered by Hope;

Parish Mission: Charnock Richard Christ Church and Eccleston St Mary

**Sunday 5 October**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**  
**Dedication Festival**

**Vision 2026:** We pray for the expansion of the Diocesan Renewal Programme that has been enabled by national church funding, that those parishes participating would see growth in prayer, a deepening of discipleship and increasing numbers of people coming to faith.

**Diocese:** University of Lancaster, Rev Matt Guildler

**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.

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - God of compassion, bless the diaconal work and social projects in Braunschweig, especially those already in process and those being devised. May these initiatives continue to serve the community effectively, showing your love in practical ways. Guide the church in balancing state funding with volunteer engagement.

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

**Event:** Parish Mission: Charnock Richard Christ Church and Eccleston St Mary

**Monday 6 October**  
William Tyndale, translator, martyr,  
1536  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 27

**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:** Leyland Deanery Officers, Rev Hannah Boyd (new Area Dean from 20/10/25), Mr Bob Collins, Mrs Sarah Phillips, Mr David Tuke

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Panama – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

**Event:** [Gaia at Blackburn Cathedral](#)

**Tuesday 7 October**

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

**Diocese:** Bamber Bridge St Aidan and Walton-le-Dale St Leonard, Rev Stephen Martin, Dr Belinda Hornby (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Bamber Bridge St Aidan's CofE Primary School, Walton-le-Dale St Leonard's CofE Primary School

**Lighting Up New Generations:** We pray for the team at St Luke's, Blackburn, that the work they are doing as part of the Lighting Up New Generations project will enable them to become the heart of the local community with people inspired to visit and share their mission.

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - We pray for the current and future clergy and lay leaders of the Diocese of Liwolo. Pray that they would be filled with wisdom, courage and steadfast faith as they lead and minister in challenging times. Pray for strength for them to be pillars of integrity and compassion, embodying the love of Christ in all they do.

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

**Event:** [Guided Pilgrimage](#) from Whalley Abbey to Blackburn Cathedral

**Wednesday 8 October**

**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:** Bamber Bridge St Saviour, Rev Matt Cook; also in this Benefice, Cuerden Church School

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

**Meeting:** Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

## Thursday 9 October

Denys, bishop, and companions, martyrs, c.250;  
Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist, 1253

**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:** Buckshaw Village Conventional District, Rev Ian Sarginson; also in this Benefice, Buckshaw (Chorley) Trinity CofE/Methodist 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.

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Pray for Diocesan schools that are providing education to children from very deprived backgrounds. Pray that they may have provisions to give quality education building lives of children based on solid foundation in Jesus Christ. Pray that the Sunday schools be the places of love and spiritual growth.

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

## Friday 10 October

Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644;  
Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674

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

**Diocese:** HMP Garth Prison, Rev Dr Rick Bunday

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

**Event:** [The Lord's Prayer Tour](#), Faith in the North

## Saturday 11 October

Ethelburga, abbess, 675;  
James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7<sup>th</sup> cent.

**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:** Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints, Vacant, Mrs Mary Scambler (cw), Mr John Crook (cw); also in this Benefice, Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Free State** - Mosamaria works with all people to curb the spread of HIV and TB through correct knowledge and the ability to make important life decisions. Thank you God for this valuable work and the people who work with the adults and children who attend and are fed, loved, cared for and being shown the love of God.

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

**Meetings:** Diocesan Synod

## Sunday 12 October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Thanksgiving  
Proper 23

**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:** Higher Walton All Saints (in plurality with) Hoghton Holy Trinity, Rev Hannah Boyd, Rev Daniel Abraham, Ms Tash Green (IIm); also in this Benefice, Higher Walton CofE Primary School

**M:Power:** As the new cohort of M:Power trainees begins training later this month, pray that barriers (including, travel, confidence, health and family situations) that might prevent people from joining the training programme will be removed.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Uganda

## Monday 13 October

Edward the Confessor, king, 1066  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 28

**Vision 2026:** Pray for baptism and confirmation candidates to be fired up to be beacons of faith in their schools, workplaces and communities.

**Diocese:** Hoole St Michael, Vacant, Rev Amanda Hughes, Mrs Jane Elphick (cw), Mrs Barbara Wood (cw); also in this Benefice, Hoole St Michael's CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - Lord of wisdom, we pray for the education team in Braunschweig. Bless their work in kindergartens and their support of RE teachers in state schools. May their efforts in developing a shared curriculum with other denominations bear fruit, nurturing young minds in faith and understanding.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Patheingyi – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**Meetings:** Diocesan Board of Finance Directors' meeting; Diocesan Vision and Strategy Team meeting

## Tuesday 14 October

**Vision 2026:** Creator God, inspire us with your Holy Spirit to be witnesses to your 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 your creation that all may share in its bounty; we ask this through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

**Diocese:** Leyland St Ambrose, Rev Paul Robinson, Mrs Jean Brundrett (Ilm)

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

**Meetings:** Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel meeting

**Event:** [2026 Centenary Mission Deanery Events](#) – Chorley Open Deanery Synod

## Wednesday 15 October

Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582

**Vision 2026:** 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 God will give them wisdom, discernment and resilience to lead His church.

**Diocese:** Leyland St Andrew, Rev David Whitehouse, Rev Paul Davies; also in this Benefice, Leyland St Andrew's CofE Infant School, Leyland Balshaw's CofE High School, Leyland Methodist Infant and Junior Schools

**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.

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray for the returnees to Liwolo seeking refuge, hope and restoration. Each one carries stories of loss, resilience and a deep longing for a place to call home. Pray that God would pour out his peace upon them, calming every fear and filling them with courage as they take steps to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

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

## Thursday 16 October

Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs 1555

**Vision 2026:** 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:** Leyland St James, Vacant, Mrs Deborah Peacock (Ilm), Mr Frank Whitehead (cw), Mr David Gregson (cw); also in this Benefice, Leyland St James' CofE Primary School

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

**Event:** Bishop Philip's Pedal-along to help raise funds for the Harvest Appeal. [More information and donate.](#)

## Friday 17 October

Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c.107

**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:** Leyland St John, Vacant, Mrs Sue Champness (Ilm), Mr Dave Champness (cw), Mrs Audrey Waring (cw)

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Pray for the women's ministry in the Diocese. Particularly for the women's fellowship in the parishes and literacy work especially amongst women working in brick kilns. Pray for women's health, education and spiritual growth.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania – The Episcopal Church

**Event:** [Pedalling across Lancashire for Free State](#);

Whalley Abbey – [Living Peace Retreat](#);

Parish Mission, Chorley St Peter

## Saturday 18 October

Luke the Evangelist

**Vision 2026:** 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:** Longton St Andrew, Rev Sam Crossley, Rev Stuart Longworth, Mrs Jane Slinger (Ilm), Mrs Joan Doerich (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Hutton CofE Grammar School

**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.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania – The Episcopal Church

**Event:** Whalley Abbey – [Living Peace Retreat](#);

Parish Mission, Chorley St Peter

## Sunday 19 October

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Thanksgiving

Proper 24

**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 to which they have been called.

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

**Link Diocese: Free State** - Some of the churches in Free State have strong links with parishes in Blackburn Diocese. As more lay people take on the responsibility of leading this initiative, we pray that the links will grow. We pray that churches in the Free State that would like a link can be successfully matched with parishes here. 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 Episcopal Church

**Event:** Whalley Abbey – [Living Peace Retreat](#);

Parish Mission, Chorley St Peter

## Monday 20 October

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 29

**Vision 2026:** 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:** New Longton All Saints, Rev Dr Tom Woolford; also in this Benefice, New Longton All Saints; CofE Primary School

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

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

## Tuesday 21 October

**Vision 2026:** 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:** Penwortham St Leonard, Rev Simon King; also in this Benefice, Penwortham Middleforth CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - Gracious God, we lift up the parishes of Braunschweig, particularly those experimenting with new patterns of rural ministry. Bless the innovative approaches, such as employing buildings and operations managers. May these efforts strengthen the church's presence in rural communities.

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

**Event:** [Day of Prayer for Growth and Renewal](#) - Led by Rev Anna Walker at Whalley Abbey

## Wednesday 22 October

**Vision 2026:** Lord, we pray for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities. Grant them strength, wisdom, and resources to support their children's unique journeys. May they find comfort in your love and guidance.

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

**ALM Prayer:** 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.

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

## Thursday 23 October

**Vision 2026:** Heavenly Father, we lift up children and youth who have not yet found faith in you. Open their hearts to your love and truth. May they encounter you in meaningful ways through caring mentors and positive experiences.

**Diocese:** Rufford (*St Mary the Virgin*) and Tarleton (*Holy Trinity*), Rev Canon Mark Soady, Rev Joe Kochanski; also in this Benefice, Holmeswood Methodist School, Rufford St Mary's CofE Primary School, Tarleton Holy Trinity CofE Primary School, Tarleton Mere Brow CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray for revitalising hope at Jehovah Rapha Health Centre. Pray that God would breathe new life into this mission so that it may be a true beacon of hope, bringing life to those in need. Pray for the mothers and newborns who come to have a safe a secure space for life to flourish. Pray for outreach to vulnerable people who need God's healing touch and a reminder of His unfailing love.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Peterborough – The Church of England

**Meeting:** Strategic Programme Board meeting

## Friday 24 October

**Vision 2026:** God of hope, we pray for all children's and youth work in our churches and for the many dedicated volunteer leaders faithfully serving week by week. We also bring the Ignite Project and Youth Hub to you. Bless these initiatives with creativity, energy, and impact. May they provide safe spaces for young people to grow and thrive.

**Diocese:** HMP Wymott Prison, Rev Calum Crombie, Rev Philip Knowles

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

**Event:** [Whalley Abbey Retreat](#) - Finding spiritual riches in Jane Austen; Parish Mission: Heysham St Peter and St James

## Saturday 25 October

Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs,  
c.287

**Vision 2026:** Compassionate God, we bring before you children and young people struggling with mental health and wellbeing. Surround them with understanding, professional support, and Your healing presence. Guide their families and friends in offering care.

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

**Link Diocese: Multan** - Pray for mission and outreach in the Diocese, particularly in the desert areas of the Diocese. Pray that those who are leading this mission in remote areas may be strengthened and protected to continue to make disciples of Jesus.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of North Central Philippines – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

**Event:** [Whalley Abbey Retreat](#) - Finding spiritual riches in Jane Austen;  
Parish Mission: Heysham St Peter and St James

## Sunday 26 October

Last Sunday after Trinity

Bible Sunday

Dedication Festival

Proper 25

**Vision 2026:** Lord of wisdom, we pray for school and university staff, leaders, chaplains, and governors. Grant them discernment, patience, and joy in their vital roles. May they create nurturing environments where every child and young person can flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.

**Diocese:** Barrowford St Thomas and Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary, Rev Nick Murray, Mrs Melanie Clark (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Barrowford St Thomas' CofE Primary School, Newchurch-in-Pendle CofE Primary School, Roughlee CofE Primary School

**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 Church in Wales

**Event:** [Whalley Abbey Retreat](#) - Finding spiritual riches in Jane Austen;  
Parish Mission: Heysham St Peter and St James

## Monday 27 October

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 30

**Vision 2026:** Father, we lift up all children and young people in our communities. Protect them from harm, inspire their dreams, and help them discover their unique gifts. May they grow in confidence, compassion, and character. Help us as a church to always welcome children and young people in as you commanded us, that they might find a safe space there.

**Diocese:** Colne (*Holy Trinity; St Bartholomew*), Rev Alex Oehring, Rev Michelle Delves, Rev Tony Howarth, Ms Sharon Collins (Ilm), Mrs Lisa Peynado (Ilm)

**Link Diocese: Free State** - Many churches in the Free State have strong links with the community and are seeking to be more involved with local schools. We pray that these links will be forged so that more children will learn of the love of God in their lives. As schools in the Blackburn Diocese link with schools in the Free State we pray that the children will learn and understand from each other.

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

**Meetings:** Bishops and Archdeacons' meeting

## Tuesday 28 October

Simon and Jude, Apostles

**Vision 2026:** Gracious God, we pray for our schools and educational institutions. May they be places of learning, growth, and positive transformation. Guide teachers and students alike in pursuing knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.

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

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

### **Wednesday 29 October**

James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885

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

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - Creator of harmony, we thank you for the central role of music in Braunschweig's church life. Bless the musical endeavours in the Dom and larger parishes. May this ministry continue to be an effective means of outreach, drawing people closer to You through the beauty of sacred music.

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

**Event:** [Whalley Abbey Retreat](#) - 'Thou Mastering-me God'

### **Thursday 30 October**

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

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

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

### **Friday 31 October**

Martin Luther, reformer, 1546

**Vision 2026:** For the whole community in the Diocesan Offices, Clayton House and Bishop's House, who through their varied ministries support the work of all the churches and church schools in the Diocese of Blackburn.

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

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

**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:** The Diocese of Polynesia – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

**Event:** [Creation Care Conference](#): God's World and Our Mission