

## Blackburn Prayers September 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.

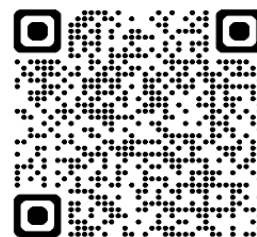
You can also sign up for a daily email containing the Blackburn Prayers for that day. [Visit this page](#) to do so, where you can also see a pdf of the full month's prayers and even find out how to order a printed version to be sent to you, if you would prefer.

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.

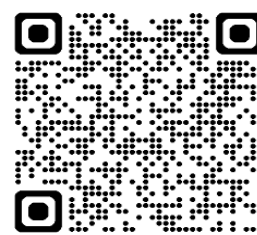
If you have any comments, amendments or updates regarding Blackburn Prayers, please direct them to [karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org) in the first instance.

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

### **Monday 1 September**

Giles, hermit, c.710

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 22

**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:** Woodplumpton St Anne, Rev Lois Ward, Rev Martin McDonald; also in this benefice, Woodplumpton St Anne'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 Diocese of Oji River – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Clergy Moves:** Retirement of Rev Peter Walsh, Vicar of Over Wyre;

Retirement of Rev Stephen Corbett, Vicar of Blackburn St Gabriel

**Event:** Join in the [Pray4Lancashire Initiative](#) all this week!

### **Tuesday 2 September**

Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942

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

**Diocese:** Kirkham Deanery Officers, Rev Glen Brooks, Rev Dr Antony Hodgson, Dr Peter Roberts

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

**Event:** Join in the [Pray4Lancashire Initiative](#) all this week!

### **Wednesday 3 September**

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

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

**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: Braunschweig** - Father, 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 Oke-Ogun – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Event:** Join in the [Pray4Lancashire Initiative](#) all this week!

### **Thursday 4 September**

Birinus, bishop, 650

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Oke-Osun – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Event:** Join in the [Pray4Lancashire Initiative](#) all this week!

## Friday 5 September

**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:** HMP Kirkham, Rev Fiona Haines

**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: 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 Okigwe – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Meetings:** Bishop's Council meeting

**Event:** Join in the [Pray4Lancashire Initiative](#) all this week!

## Saturday 6 September

Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851

**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:** Kirkham St Michael, Rev Richard Dashwood, Mrs Anne Wintle (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Kirkham St Michael CofE Primary School

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

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Sam Cheesman, new Rector of Clitheroe St James

**Event:** Join in the [Pray4Lancashire Initiative](#) all this week!

## Sunday 7 September Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving Proper 18

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

**Diocese:** Lund St John Evangelist, Rev Shaun Baldwin; also in this Benefice, Newton Bluecoat 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: 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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**Event:** Join in the [Pray4Lancashire Initiative](#) all this week!

## Monday 8 September Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary Accession of King Charles III, 2022 Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 23

**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:** Lytham (*St John the Divine; St Cuthbert*), Rev Canon Nicholas Wells, Rev Emma Swarbrick, Ms Jacqui Briscoe (Ilm), Miss Joanne Hutchinson (Ilm), Mr David Matthews (Ilm), Mrs Beverley Wells (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Lytham CofE Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocese of Okinawa – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Meeting:** DBF Directors' meeting

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Andy Meeson, new Bishop's Chaplain to the Bishop of Blackburn

## Tuesday 9 September

Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880

**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:** Lytham St Annes Clifton Hospital, Rev Clive Lord

**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: Free State** - Prayers for the Diocesan Weekend in Modderpoort and for preparations ahead of the Diocesan Clergy Study Weekend in September.

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

**Meetings:** Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

## Wednesday 10 September

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

**Diocese:** Ribby Cum Wrea St Nicholas and Weeton St Michael, Rev Philip Chew; also in this Benefice, Ribby with Wrea Endowed CofE Primary School, Weeton St Michael's CofE Primary School

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

## Thursday 11 September

**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:** St Annes on Sea St Annes (Heyhouses), Rev Glen Brooks, Mr Bill Hembrow (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Heyhouses Endowed CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - Pray for the Diocese as they are in vacancy and prepare to begin the process of appointing a new Bishop. Pray that God will be moving in the hearts of His people as they make their choice.

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

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

## Friday 12 September

**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:** St Annes on Sea St Margaret of Antioch, Rev Dr Antony Hodgson

**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.

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

**Event:** Parish Mission event held at Lytham St John the Divine and St Cuthbert;

[Council of Nicaea: 1,700th Anniversary](#) - Blackburn Cathedral

## Saturday 13 September

John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407

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

**Diocese:** St Annes on Sea St Thomas, Rev Canon Michael Manley, Miss Elizabeth O'Connor, Mr Peter Watson, Mrs Debbie Wood; also in this Benefice, St Annes on Sea St Thomas' 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:** The Diocese of Olympia – The Episcopal Church

**Event:** Parish Mission event held at Lytham St John the Divine and St Cuthbert;

[Council of Nicaea: 1,700th Anniversary](#) - Blackburn Cathedral

## Sunday 14 September

### Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Harvest Thanksgiving

### Holy Cross Day

Proper 19

**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:** Treales Christ Church, Rev Canon Anne Beverley, Dr Janet Roberts (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Treales CofE Primary School

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

**Event:** Parish Mission event held at Lytham St John the Divine and St Cuthbert;

[Council of Nicaea: 1,700th Anniversary](#) - Blackburn Cathedral;

[Pendle Deanery Week of Prayer](#)

## Monday 15 September

### Holy Cross Day

Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 24

**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:** Wesham Christ Church, Rev Tracy Swindells, Rev Jono Peatman; also in this Benefice, Medlar with Wesham 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.

**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 OmuAran – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Event:** [Pendle Deanery Week of Prayer](#)

## Tuesday 16 September

Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c.432;

Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 24

**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:** Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery Officers, Rev Craig Abbott, Rev Carol Backhouse, Mrs Jacqueline Stamper, Mrs Barbara Gardner

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

**Clergy Moves:** Pray for Rev Leah Vasey-Saunders who has been appointed as the new Bishop of Doncaster in the Diocese of Sheffield

**Event:** [Pendle Deanery Week of Prayer](#)

### Wednesday 17 September

Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179

**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:** Cockerham with Winmarleigh and Glasson (*St Michael and All Angels; St Luke; Christ Church*), Rev Gary Lewis; also in this Benefice, Cockerham Parochial CofE Primary School, Thurnham Glasson Christ Church CofE Primary School, Winmareigh 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 Ontario – The Anglican Church of Canada

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

[Pendle Deanery Week of Prayer](#)

### Thursday 18 September

**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:** Ellel St John the Evangelist and Shireshead St James, Rev Craig Abbott, Mrs Diane Otto (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Ellel St John the Evangelist CofE Primary 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 Oregon – The Episcopal Church

**Event:** [Pendle Deanery Week of Prayer](#)

### Friday 19 September

Theodore, archbishop, 690

**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:** Heysham (*St Peter, St James and St Andrew*), Rev Mark Nelson; also in this Benefice, Heysham St Peter's CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Braunschweig** - Lord, we lift up the Bishop of Braunschweig and his 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 Eastern Oregon – The Episcopal Church

**Event:** Parish Mission event held at Warton St Paul and Freckleton Holy Trinity;

Parish Mission event held at Feniscowles Immanuel and Feniscliffe St Francis;

[Pendle Deanery Week of Prayer](#)

## **Saturday 20 September**

John Coleridge Patteson, bishop,  
and companions, martyrs, 1871

**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:** HMP Lancaster Farms, Rev Diane Gilmore

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

**Event:** Parish Mission event held at Warton St Paul and Freckleton Holy Trinity;

Parish Mission event held at Feniscowles Immanuel and Feniscliffe St Francis

[Pendle Deanery Week of Prayer](#)

## **Sunday 21 September**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

**Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Proper 20

**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:** Lancaster Christ Church, Rev Carol Backhouse, Rev Kaarina Leong, Dr Pat Allen (Ilm); also in this Benefice, Lancaster Christ Church CofE Primary School

**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:** Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

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

**Event:** Parish Mission event held at Warton St Paul and Freckleton Holy Trinity;

Parish Mission event held at Feniscowles Immanuel and Feniscliffe St Francis

[Pendle Deanery Week of Prayer](#)

## **Monday 22 September**

**Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 25

**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:** Lancaster Royal Infirmary Hospital, Rev Ian Dewar

**ALM Prayer:** We pray for our authorised lay ministers, 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 Oru – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Clergy Moves:** Rev Stuart Longworth, new Assistant Curate for Longton St Andrew;

Rev Chris Boland, new Priest-in-Charge for Lea St Christopher. Chris will continue his role as Vicar of Fulwood Christ Church

## Tuesday 23 September

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 25

**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:** Lancaster St Chad Skerton (in plurality with) Lancaster St Luke Skerton, Rev Canon Grant Ashton, Re Nikki Mann; also in this Benefice, Skerton St Luke'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 Diocese of Osaka – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Meeting:** Diocesan Strategic Programme Board meeting

## Wednesday 24 September

Ember Day

**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:** Lancaster St Mary with St John and St Anne, Vacant, Professor Richard Carter (Ilm), Mrs Lois Kirtley (Ilm), Mrs Rebekah Mulligan (cw), Mr David Russell (cw); also in this Benefice, Lancaster Ripley St Thomas, a CofE Academy

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

**Meetings:** Diocesan Leadership Core Group meeting

## Thursday 25 September

Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626;

Sergei of Radonezh, monastic reformer, teacher of the faith, 1392

**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:** Lancaster St Paul Scotforth, Vacant, Rev Catherine Haydon, Mrs Jayne Weatherill (cw), Mr Keith Weatherill (cw); also in this Benefice, Scotforth St Paul 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 Osun North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## Friday 26 September

Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942

Ember Day

**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:** Lancaster St Thomas, Rev Mark Bradford, Rev Angie Letchford, Rev Will Shepherd, Mrs Cathleen Dawson (Ilm)

**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 Osun North East – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## **Saturday 27 September**

Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists, 1660  
Ember Day

**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:** Morecambe St Barnabas, Rev Michael Childs

**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 Ottawa – The Anglican Church of Canada

## **Sunday 28 September**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**  
Proper 21

**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:** Morecambe St Christopher Bare, Rev David Heap

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

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

## **Monday 29 September**

Michael and All Angels

**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:** Overton St Helen, Vacant, Mrs Julie Butterworth (cw), Mrs Gill Gardner (cw); also in this Benefice, Overton St Helen's CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Liwolo** - Pray for Bishop Joseph Aba leading in the most difficult circumstances. Pray that God's mighty hand would rest upon him, strengthening him, encouraging him and equipping him with everything he needs to shepherd his flock in Liwolo.

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

## **Tuesday 30 September**

Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420  
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 26

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

**Diocese:** Poulton-le-Sands Holy Trinity with Morecambe St Laurence, Rev Chris Krawiec, Rev Jenny Guilder; also in this Benefice, Poulton-le-Sands CofE Primary School

**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 Owerri – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)