Blackburn Prayers July 2020

Since March we have seen unprecedented events taking place in our country and around the world in response to the coronavirus outbreak. A regular update for parishes is being sent from Bishop Philip and the coronavirus task group; they are also available on the main coronavirus advice page. Bishop Philip wrote in one of those updates that, above all, we must give ourselves at this time to the work of prayer. That is why you will notice we have introduced a special intention each day in Blackburn Prayers to help us to pray into the current crisis. Meanwhile, if you have not subscribed to receive our Daily Prayers email into your inbox, now may be the time to do so. Simply click the link here.

We also continue to share Bishop Julian's Bible verses to meditate on and memorise each month as part of his 'Bishop's Bible Challenge' to encourage the spiritual discipline of learning Bible verses by heart. More information about the Bible Challenge here. We also continue with Vision 2026 prayers reflecting Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders and Youth/Children and Schools and prayers for our National Church Funded Projects in Blackpool, Blackburn and Preston.

If you have any comments, amendments or updates regarding Blackburn Prayers, please direct them to karen.ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org For more about parishes in this month's edition, click on the links taking you to either their own website or their A Church Near You site.

Key: cw = churchwarden of vacant parish

Wednesday 1 July
Henry, John and Henry Venn, priests, evangelical divines, 1797, 1813, 1873

Pray for all those who live or work in care homes and sheltered housing complexes as they begin to explore what the easing of lockdown restrictions means for them.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Making Disciples - John 14.6**
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
Vision 2026: That many church members will be inspired by Bishop Julian's challenge to try learning Bible verses by heart, and that having God's Word stored in our hearts will equip us in our daily life.
Diocese: Ellel St John the Evangelist, Rev Craig Abbott; also in this Benefice St John the Evangelist CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: The link between Blackburn Diocese and the Braunschweiger Landeskirche
Free State: The Bishop of the Free State, **Bishop Dintoe** and his family
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba (West Indies) The Rt Rev L. Errol Brooks
Attooch (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Moses Anur Ayom

Thursday 2 July

Pray for key workers who help to keep day to day life running: from those who deliver post and food to those who enable the delivery of medicines and other vital supplies to our communities, from those who collect the bins and keep public transport running to those elected to serve on our local and county councils.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Making Disciples - John 14.6**
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
Vision 2026: For Ruth Hassall, our Director of Discipleship, as she continues getting to know the parishes; supporting them in developing confident Christian disciples
Diocese: Heysham St Peter, Rev Andrew Osborn; also in this Benefice St Peter's CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: Growth in links between Blackburn Cathedral and the Braunschweiger Dom
Free State: The Cathedral Church of St Michael and St Andrew and its Dean, **the Very Rev Lazarus Mohapi**
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: North Karamoja (Uganda) The Rt Rev James Nasak
Auckland (Aotearoa NZ and Polynesia) The Rt Rev Ross Bay
Magwi (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Ogeno Charles Opoka

Friday 3 July

As we recall the Apostle Thomas and his willingness to be honest about his doubts and willing to take action to address them, give thanks for all those who put aside their fears and doubts to volunteer in our communities.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Making Disciples - John 14.6**
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
Vision 2026: For Carolyn Barton, our Vision Coordinator as she continues to get to know the parishes and seeks to support them in implementing Vision 2026
Diocese: HMP Lancaster Farm, Rev David Noblet
Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Poulton, Carleton and Singleton and Flöthe
Free State: The Bishop's Council
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: North Kigezi (Uganda) The Rt Rev Benon Magezi
Aweil (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Abraham Yel Nhial

Saturday 4 July

Pray for those who work to maintain law and order in our communities, that as restrictions around movement and meeting are eased they would be enabled to keep the peace and maintain order wisely and safely.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Making Disciples - John 14.6**
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
Vision 2026: Pray for Whalley Abbey over this coming year as it works towards becoming a Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer.
Diocese: Lancaster Christ Church, Rev Carol Backhouse; also in this Benefice Christ Church CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: The link between the Lancaster City Parishes and the Goslar City Parishes
Free State: For greater financial responsibility
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: North Mbale (Uganda) The Rt Rev Samuel Gidudu
Awerial (South Sudan) The Rt Rev David Akau Kuol Mayom
Kadugli and Nuba Mountains (Sudan) The Rt Rev Andudu Adam Elnail

Sunday 5 July
Fourth Sunday after Trinity
Proper 9

As some churches open for public worship for the first time, give thanks for the freedom we have to worship you without fear of persecution and we remember those places where such freedoms do not exist or are severely restricted.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Making Disciples - John 14.6**
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
Vision 2026: For a deepening of the prayer life of our churches, and for those hoping to run Pathways to Prayer events around the Diocese later this year.
Diocese: Lancaster St Chad Skerton in plurality with Lancaster St Luke Skerton, Vacant, Rev Yvonne Wilson, Mr Richard Swarbrick (cw), Mrs Gaynor Westwood (cw), Miss June Hebden (cw); also in this Benefice Skerton St Luke's CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: The link between St Luke, Brierfield and Delligsen.
Free State: For Mosamaria Aids Ministry
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the united Church of Pakistan
The Most Rev Humphrey Peters - Bishop of Peshawar and Moderator of the Church of Pakistan

Monday 6 July
Thomas More, scholar, and John Fisher, bishop, martyrs, 1535
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 14

As we mark 72 years since the foundation of the NHS, pray for all who work in our hospitals: those on the frontline, nurses, doctors, healthcare chaplains and allied health professionals and those who work behind the scenes to support their work.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Making Disciples - John 14.6**
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
Vision 2026: For churches using the Generosity, Gift and Grace course, that many will catch a fresh vision of how generous giving to their local church can impact their community for Christ.
Diocese: Lancaster St Mary (The Priory), Rev Canon Chris Newlands, Rev Stephen Harker, Rev Keith Brockbank, Rev Michael Fielding; also in this Benefice Ripley St Thomas CofE Academy
Braunschweig: The parish link between St Mary's Clitheroe and Schandelah and Gardessen
Free State: For the link between our two Dioceses
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: North Queensland (Australia) The Rt Dr Keith Ronald Joseph
Awgu / Aninri (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Emmaunuel Ugwu
Kaduna (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Timothy Yahaya

Tuesday 7 July

Give thanks and pray for all schools across the Diocese as they learn new ways of working that create safe spaces children can learn and stay connected with each other. Pray especially for our Diocesan Board of Education.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Making Disciples - John 14.6**
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for LJ and James on their commissioning service on 23 July as they leave Blackpool and step out in faith to what God has prepared for them next.
Vision 2026: For those who offer the ministry of spiritual direction, and for those looking for a new spiritual director or companion.
Diocese: Lancaster St Paul Scotforth, Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner; also in this Benefice St Paul's CofE Primary and Nursery School
Braunschweig: The parish link between Euxton and Wolfenbüttel (Church of Reconciliation/St James/Gross Stöckheim)
Free State: For the President of the Republic of South Africa
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: North West Australia (Australia) The Rt Rev Gary Nelson
Awka (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Alexander Ibezim
Kafanchan (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Marcus Dogo

Wednesday 8 July

Pray for all those involved in funerals, that they would be strengthened to carry out their roles with compassion and empathy, recognising the pain and distress caused by the current restrictions on families and mourners and themselves.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Making Disciples - John 14.6**
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
Vision 2026: For men, women and children across Lancashire to hear the gospel in their own language.
Diocese: Lancaster St Thomas, Rev Jon Scamman, Rev Helen Scamman, Rev Claire Cooke
Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah
Free State: For the urban poor in the townships
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northern Argentina (South America) The Rt Rev Nicholas James Quested Drayson
Awori (Nigeria) The Rt Rev J Akin Atere

Thursday 9 July

Pray for all those involved in ensuring communication networks function and those who work in administration to keep essential services running smoothly, that they would feel valued in the vital work they do and be able to work safely and diligently for the good of all.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Making Disciples - John 14.6**
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
Vision 2026: For plentiful workers of all backgrounds for the plentiful harvest fields across Lancashire.
Diocese: Morecambe St Barnabas, Rev Michael Childs
Braunschweig: For new parish links to be built or old ones renewed
Free State: For **Fr Joshua Skee**, the Free State Link Officer
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northern California (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Barry Beisner
Badagry (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Joseph Adeyemi
Ballarat (Australia) The Rt Rev Garry Weatherill

Friday 10 July

Pray for those who work in food production, food processing or distribution. Give thanks for those running and supporting food banks enabling those who are the most vulnerable to have enough to eat each day.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Making Disciples - John 14.6**
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
Vision 2026: For a visitation of the Holy Spirit on Lancashire to light beacons in every community.
Diocese: Morecambe St Christopher Bare, Rev David Heap
Braunschweig: Growth in links in the area of Social Responsibility
Free State: For those engaged with the Church Schools in Welkom and Bloemfontein
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northern Indiana (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Douglas Sparks
Bangor (Wales) The Rt Rev Andrew John
Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Saturday 11 July
Benedict, abbot, c.550

Give thanks and pray for all research and laboratory staff as they process essential tests and develop new tests. Give them resilience as they strive to understand more about the virus.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Being Witnesses - John 10.10**
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
Vision 2026: 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: Overton St Helen, Rev Lorraine Moffatt; also in this Benefice St Helen's CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: The theological discussions between our two Dioceses
Free State: For the Parish Clergy, the Self-Supporting ministers and Lay Ministers
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northern Luzon (Philippines) The Rt Rev Hilary Ayban Pasikan
Banks and Torres (Melanesia) The Rt Rev Alfred Patterson Worek
Kagera (Tanzania) The Rt Rev Darlington Bendankeha
Meeting: General Synod

Sunday 12 July
Fifth Sunday after Trinity
Proper 10

As more church buildings open for private prayer and public worship. give thanks for those who through their talents bring comfort and inspiration through writing, music, visual and performing arts.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Being Witnesses - John 10.10**
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
Vision 2026: For our church communities to enable people to encounter the love of Jesus in word and in action.
Diocese: Poulton-le-Sands Holy Trinity with Morecambe St Laurence, Rev Chris Krawiec, Rev Anne Cunliffe; also in this Benefice Poulton-le-Sands CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: All who are involved in the next Kirchentag in Dortmund 2019
Free State: For the work of the Mothers' Union
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea The Most Rev Allan Migi - Archbishop of Papua New Guinea

Monday 13 July
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 15

Pray for public health professionals and all in positions of influence that they would have wisdom and compassion as they analyse statistics and research and monitor the virus in each of our communities.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Being Witnesses - John 10.10**
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
Vision 2026: For our baptism and confirmation candidates to be fired up to be beacons of faith in their schools, workplaces and communities.
Diocese: Sandylands St John, Rev Canon Linda Macluskie
Braunschweig: The work of the Meissen Commission, working for full and visible unity between our two churches
Free State: For the St Agnes Guild
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Kajiado (Kenya) The Rt Rev Gadiel Katanga Lenini
Kajo-Keji (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Emmanuel Murye Modi
Kamango (Congo) The Rt Rev Sabiti Tibafa Daniel

Tuesday 14 July
John Keble, priest, poet, 1866

Give thanks for all institutions providing higher education, particularly theological colleges. Pray for wisdom as they adapt to new ways of working, develop on-line learning resources and find new ways to support and enable students to learn and develop.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Being Witnesses - John 10.10**
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
Blackpool Centre of Mission: Pray for the work with school leavers and children transitioning from Primary to Secondary school along with changes to the church groups they attend.
Vision 2025: For God to raise up intercessors who are ambitious, insightful and who storm the gates of heaven.
Diocese: Shireshead St James, Rev Canon Peter Ballard
Braunschweig: All involved in the work for the Foundation of Ecumenical Learning, including those serving in Blackpool
Free State: For the Guild of St Bernard Mizeki
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northern Malawi (Central Africa) The Rt Rev Fanuel Emmanuel Magangani
Barbados (West Indies) Michael Maxwell
Kampala (Uganda) The Most Rev Dr Stephen Samuel Kaziimba (Primate)

Wednesday 15 July
Swithun, bishop, c.862; Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1274

Pray for all those who are involved in monitoring and protecting our natural world, particularly remembering those who analyse data that enable us to have weather forecasts that support the work of farmers, those at sea and other weather dependent occupations.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Being Witnesses - John 10.10**
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
Vision 2026: Give thanks for all who exercise leadership in our Diocese, for clergy and lay leaders. Pray that they may have the faithfulness, the wisdom and the joy that they will need to lead churches that transform their local communities in the name of Jesus Christ.
Diocese: Torrisholme The Ascension, Rev Damian Porter, Rev Canon Tom Bill, Rev Philip Barber
Braunschweig: Growth in links between University Chaplaincies in our two Dioceses; Growth in school partnerships between our two Dioceses
Free State: For the judiciary based in Bloemfontein
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northern Mexico (Mexico) The Most Rev Francisco Moreno (Primate)
Bari (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Idris Zubairu

Thursday 16 July
Osmund, bishop, 1099

Pray for all those whose businesses have to grapple with new ways to be and those who have lost or fear losing their livelihoods because of the pandemic.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Being Witnesses - John 10.10**
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
Vision 2026: Pray that all might hear God's call in their life and be ready to respond with faithful obedience. Pray that all Christians may feel equipped to live out their faith in the family, the workplace and in their local communities.
Diocese: University of Lancaster, Rev Kevin Huggett
Braunschweig: Growth in links between youth workers in our two Dioceses
Free State: For the Archbishop of the Province of Southern Africa
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northern Michigan (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Rayford Ray
Barisal (Bangladesh) The Rt Rev Shourabh Pholia
Barrackpore (North India) The Rt Rev Paritosh Canning
Meeting: Diocesan Synod

Friday 17 July

Pray for those who are struggling with their mental health as result of the uncertainty and fear generated by the pandemic that they would find a sense of peace and affirmation.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Being Witnesses - John 10.10**
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
Vision 2026: Pray for more lay leaders in our congregations.
Diocese: Leyland Deanery Officers, Rev Marc Wolverson, Rev Dr Duncan Bell, Mr Tim Burridge, Mrs Dorothy Gardner, Mrs Bronwen Bracegirdle
Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens
Free State: For Chaplains
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northern Philippines (Philippines) The Rt Rev Brent Alawas
Bath and Wells (England) The Rt Rev Peter Hancock

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

As we give thanks for the ordination of the first deaconess in the Church of England give thanks for the ministry of women across the diocese both lay and ordained. Pray that women in vulnerable and dangerous situations across the world may be protected and have the strength they need to make choices that will enable them to flourish.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Being Witnesses - John 10.10**
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
Vision 2026: Pray for more vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life, especially for vocations amongst young adults.
Diocese: Bamber Bridge St Aidan and Walton-le-Dale St Leonard, Rev Shaun Baldwin, Rev Nicholas Procter; also in this Benefice St Aidan's CofE Primary School, St Leonard's CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: All preparing for confirmation in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche
Free State: For all victims of crime
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northern Territory, The (Australia) The Rt Rev Dr Greg Anderson
Bathurst (Australia) The Rt Rev Mark Calder
Kano (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Zakka Nyam

Sunday 19 July
Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Proper 11

Pray for Bishops, Julian, Philip and Jill, Archdeacons Mark and David as they lead the Diocese and support the Parishes in response to the ever-changing circumstances of the pandemic, government and national church guidance.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Being Witnesses - John 10.10**
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
Vision 2026: Pray for all whose leadership is hidden or unacknowledged and for those who are yet to discover the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given them.
Diocese: Bamber Bridge St Saviour, Rev Graham Halsall; also in this Benefice Cuerden Church School, Bamber Bridge
Braunschweig: All who teach RE in state schools within the Braunschweiger Landeskirche
Free State: For those engaged in youth work across the Free State
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
The Most Rev Joel Atiwag Pachao - Prime Bishop of the Philippines

Monday 20 July
Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4th Century;
Bartolomé de las Casas, apostle to the Indies, 1566
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 16

Pray for those without a permanent home or have been temporarily housed during the pandemic, that they would find places where they could receive the support they need.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Being Witnesses - John 10.10**
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
Vision 2026: Pray for lay and ordained leaders who are struggling, for those who have lost the joy of ministry or who feel despondent or overwhelmed by the challenges that face them. Pray that they draw strength from a deeper awareness of the power of God in their lives.
Diocese: Buckshaw Village Conventional District, Rev James Gwyn-Thomas; also in this Benefice Buckshaw Trinity CofE and Methodist Primary School
Braunschweig: For new links between our secondary schools
Free State: For our linked parishes
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northern Uganda (Uganda) The Rt Rev Johnson Gakumba
Bauchi (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Musa Tula
Kansas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Cathleen Bascom
Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team

Tuesday 21 July

Give thanks for the witness of Mary Magdalene, her willingness to publicly demonstrate her love for Jesus, pray for Vision 2026 and clarity around what God is asking of you as a witness to His love.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2**
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
M:Power: Pray for the work of the Urban Evangelists and pray for Ordinands who will be on placement; that God will give them fresh new tools for mission and outreach.
Vision 2026: Pray for all charged with the responsibility of discerning vocation in others in the local church and across the Diocese. Pray for our Director of Vocations, Nick McKee, our Vocations Team, our Assistant Directors of Ordinands and our Examining Chaplains.
Diocese: HMP Garth Preston, Rev Rick Bunday
Braunschweig: All who work at Braunschweig Theological Centre
Free State: For **Canon John Hall**, Commissary to the Bishop of the Free State
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northern Zambia (Central Africa) The Most Rev Albert Chama (Primate)
Belize (West Indies) The Rt Rev Philip Wright
Kanyakumari (South India) The Rt Rev Dr A R Chelliah

Wednesday 22 July
Mary Magdalene

Pray for national government, the cabinet and civil servants that they would make wise and compassionate decisions that protect the most vulnerable and build up our common life.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2**
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
Vision 2026: For parents that they have confidence and are equipped to raise children who have a living relationship with God.
Diocese: Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints, Rev David Dickinson; also in this Benefice All Saints CofE School
Braunschweig: All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre
Free State: For the Blackburn Link Committee
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northwest Ankole (Uganda) The Rt Rev Amos Magezi
Bendigo (Australia) The Rt Rev Matt Brain

Thursday 23 July
Bridget, abbess, 1373

Pray for all prisoners, prison officers, prison chaplains, governors and support staff as they face huge pressure during the pandemic. Pray too for the criminal justice system, magistrates and judges as they continue to administer justice in these challenging times.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2**
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
Vision 2026: For children and young people that they are able to identify their gifts and recognise God's calling on their lives, allowing them to passionately serve and lead others.
Diocese: Higher Walton All Saints and Hoghton Holy Trinity, Rev Hannah Boyd; also in this Benefice Higher Walton CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: Chair of the Braunschweig Link Committee in Blackburn Diocese
Free State: For the Cathedral Staff and members of the Diocesan Office
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northwest Texas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Scott Mayer
Benin (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Peter Imasuen (Diocesan Bishop)
Bermuda (Bermuda) The Rt Rev Nicholas Dill

Friday 24 July

Pray for all those who have been bereaved recently that they may sense God's loving presence in the midst of their grief.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2**
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
Vision 2026: For young people's faith, rooted in Jesus Christ, to be nurtured, discipled and shared within their communities.
Diocese: Hoole St Michael and All Angels, Rev Ann Templeman; also in this Benefice St Michael's CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: Ralph Ohainski, Chair of the Blackburn Link Committee in Braunschweig
Free State: For the Fellowship of Vocation
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Northwestern Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Sean Rowe
Bethlehem (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev Kevin Nichols

Saturday 25 July
James the Apostle

As we give thanks for St James, we remember that we are all on a journey of faith. Pray for those who feel their lives are currently on hold that they may find and retain a sense of hope rooted in the Gospel.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2**
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
Vision 2026: For the Youth Provision Development Team's engagement with churches across the Diocese to empower, instil confidence and enable growth in leaders and youth ministries.
Diocese: Leyland St Ambrose, Rev Duncan Clarke, Rev Graham Ashworth, Rev Patricia Belshaw
Braunschweig: All who work in the RE-Institute (ARPM) at Wolfenbüttel
Free State: For the Anglican Women's Fellowship
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Norwich (England) The Rt Rev Graham James
Bhopal (North India) The Rt Rev Manoj Charan
Kapoeta (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Isaac Deu Chol (Diocesan Bishop)

Sunday 26 July
Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Proper 12

Give thanks for our Cathedral Church, the Dean and Canons and its ministry to the Diocese as the mother church. Pray for wisdom and inspiration as they respond to the changing requirements in managing the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2**
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
Vision 2026: Pray for all schools and academies to be beacons of faith in their communities.
Diocese: Leyland St Andrew, Rev David Whitehouse, Rev Dr Duncan Bell, Rev Matthew Cook, Rev Mark Simpson; also in this Benefice St Andrew's CofE Infants School, Balshaw's CofE High School
Braunschweig: All involved in the Synod of the Braunschweiger Landeskirche
Free State: For all Archdeacons and their respective Archdeaconries
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now – please pray for them as they consider the implications of its postponement in light of the Covid-19 pandemic

Monday 27 July
Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1901
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 17

Pray For all those individuals who are ill in hospital, in hospice or at home that they would be kept safe and sense God's love surrounding them.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2**
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
Vision 2026: Pray for all schools and academies to encourage and equip pupils to be courageous advocates for the Gospel, fighting injustice locally and globally.
Diocese: Leyland St James, Rev Marc Wolverson; also in this Benefice St James CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: Bishop Christoph and all who work in the Landeskirchenamt (Diocesan Offices) at Wolfenbüttel
Free State: For all school Chaplains
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island (Canada) The Most Rev Ronald Wayne Cutler)
Bida (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Jonah Kolo
Karachi (Pakistan) The Rt Rev Sadiq Danie

Tuesday 28 July

Pray for all those who work in the hospitality or leisure industry as they adapt to new ways of operating.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2**
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
Preston Resourcing Parish: Creativity connects. Pray for a release of creativity in the Preston Resourcing Parish which reflects the creativity of the Creator – and which leads people to connect with Jesus in a deeper way.
Vision 2026: For all schools and academies to encourage and equip pupils to be courageous advocates for the Gospel, fighting injustice locally and globally.
Diocese: Leyland St John, Rev Andy Meeson, Rev Barbara Wilson
Braunschweig: Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer
Free State: For all involved in Ordination training
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Nsukka (Nigeria) The Rt Rev Aloysius Agbo
Biharamulo (Tanzania) The Rt Rev Yusuph Vithalis
Karamoja (Uganda) The Rt Rev Joseph Abura

Wednesday 29 July
Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord

Pray for all parish clergy and those who hold office within each parish that they would have the strength, imagination and wisdom to enable each community to know it is prayed for, cared for and loved
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2**
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
Vision 2026: For the teams giving support to parishes through finance, safeguarding, communications, legal and governance, as they share their knowledge and skills for the benefit of mission.
Diocese: Longton St Andrew, Rev Andrew Parkinson; also in this Benefice Hutton CofE Grammar School
Braunschweig: All who work in the RE-Institute (ARPM) at Wolfenbüttel
Free State: For Bishop Tom and Bishop Paddy, former Bishops of the Diocese.
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Nyahururu (Kenya) The Rt Rev Stephen Kabora
Birmingham (England) The Rt Rev David Andrew Urquhart

Thursday 30 July
William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846

As we remember William Wilberforce, pray for those who are still the victims of modern-day slavery across the world.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2**
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
Vision 2026: For the support provided to clergy and their families to have suitable homes from which to be leaders in mission.
Diocese: Lostock Hall St James and Farington Moss St Paul, Rev Matthew McMurray; also in this Benefice Farington Moss St Paul's CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: Growth in links between parishes and Dioceses in England and Germany
Free State: For all engaged in national and local politics
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Nzara (South Sudan) The Rt Rev Richard Bbikoyesu Aquilla
Blackburn (England) The Rt Rev Julian Tudor Henderson
Bo (Sierra Leone) (West Africa) The Rt Rev Solomon Leonard Scott-Manga

Friday 31 July
Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

Pray for all who have a role in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene, from hospital cleaners, to those who clean our streets, form those who manage our household waste to those who manage the waste from hospitals.
Bishop's Memory Verse: **Growing Leaders – 1 Corinthians 2.2**
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
Vision 2026: For the whole community in Clayton House who through their varied ministries support the work of all the churches in the Diocese of Blackburn.
Diocese: New Longton All Saint, Vacant, Mr John Balaam (cw), Mrs Yvonne Hazelwood (cw); also in this Benefice All Saints CofE Primary School
Braunschweig: For new parish links to be built or old ones renewed with our two companion Dioceses
Free State: For all at the Diocesan office in Bloemfontein and in the Retreat House at Modderport
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Missionary District of Oeste-Brasil (Brazil) The Most Rev Naudal Alves Gomes (Primate)
Boga (Congo) The Rt Rev Mugenyi William Bahemuka
Port Elizabeth (Southern Africa) The Rt Rev Edward Ronald Daniels