

Blackburn Prayers January 2021

Welcome to the first Blackburn Prayers of 2021. Since March 2020 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 continues to be sent from Bishop Philip and the Coronavirus Task Group; those updates are also available on the main [coronavirus advice page](#) where you will also find other useful information and links onwards to further guidance.

In one of the earliest task group updates after lockdown Bishop Philip wrote that, above all, we must give ourselves at this time to the work of prayer. Several months on, prayer continues to be vital of course. That is why we are continuing to open with a special intention each day in Blackburn Prayers to help us to pray into the current crisis. Meanwhile, if you have not already subscribed to receive our Daily Prayers email into your inbox, please consider doing so. Simply [click the link here](#).

Bishop Julian's Bible verses continue, to meditate on and memorise each month as part of his ongoing 'Bishop's Bible Challenge' which is encouraging the spiritual discipline of learning Bible verses by heart. More information about the Bible Challenge [here](#). We also continue with Vision 2026 prayers reflecting the Vision key themes of Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders and Youth/Children and Schools. And we have prayers for 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 in the first instance. For more about the parishes in this month's edition, click on the links taking you to either the parish website or its 'A Church Near You' site.

Key: cw = churchwarden of vacant parish

Friday 1 January Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

At the start of the New Year, pray for the people of our nation, that we may remain united and steadfast as we live through the pandemic and then may show unity, compassion and solidarity in rebuilding our common life.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples – Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow 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: [Treales Christ Church](#), Rev Christine Morton; also in this benefice Treales 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: The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus : The Diocese of Aba – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba Province)

Saturday 2 January

Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389;
Seraphim, monk, spiritual guide, 1833;
Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, bishop, evangelist, 1945

Pray for all those who feel a sense of dread as they look to the New Year, especially those whose jobs or livelihoods are under threat.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

Vision 2026: For our parishes in their work to support and develop confident Christian disciples.

Diocese: [Wesham Christ Church](#), Rev Anne Beverley; also in this benefice Medlar with Wesham 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: The Diocese of Aba Ngwa North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba Province)

Sunday 3 January

Epiphany

Second Sunday of Christmas

Pray for all healthcare professionals and especially those who are treating Covid patients. Pray that they would have courage and strength as they work, as well as empathy and compassion in all they do.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow 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: [Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery Officers](#), Rev Cindy Rigney, Ms Jacqueline Stamper, Dr Awena Carter, Mrs Barbara Gardner

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Poulton, Carleton and Singleton and Flöthe

Free State: The Bishop's Council

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Second Sunday of Christmas : The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Monday 4 January

As the new term begins for some, pray for all schools across the Diocese, their head teachers, teaching staff and support staff. Pray especially for those who are under great pressure and those struggling to introduce in-school testing.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

Vision 2026: Pray for the Whalley Abbey Steering group as they work towards reopening the Abbey as a Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer in the Autumn of 2021

Diocese: [Cockerham](#) with [Winmarleigh](#) and [Glasson](#), Rev Gary Lewis; also in this benefice Cockerham Parochial CofE primary school, Thurnham Glasson Christ Church CofE primary school, Winmarleigh 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: The Diocese of Abakaliki – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

Meeting: Bishop's Leadership Team

Tuesday 5 January

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.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Mark 8.34

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Vision 2026: Deepening prayer life.

Diocese: [Dolphinholme with Quernmore and Over Wyresdale](#), Rev Cindy Rigney, Rev Christina Walker; also in this benefice Dolphinholme CofE primary school, Quernmore CofE Voluntary Controlled primary school

Braunschweig: The link between St Luke, Brierfield and Delligsen.

Free State: For Mosamaria Aids Ministry

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Wednesday 6 January

On the Feast of Epiphany, pray for all those who in the midst of pandemic seek after truth or something that will make sense of their suffering. May they find the object of their searching in Jesus, the Child of Bethlehem.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

Vision 2026: That people in our churches may have been encouraged, during the three weeks of our recent Call to Pray and Give initiative, to set aside their gift to bring to church today; the first Sunday after the end of the latest lockdown. We give thanks for all gifts offered at this time.

Diocese: [Ellel St John the Evangelist](#), Rev Craig Abbott; also in this benefice Ellel St John the Evangelist CofE primary school

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: The Epiphany: The Diocese of Abuja – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Abuja Province)

Thursday 7 January

Pray for all those who live and work in care homes or sheltered housing complexes. Pray for safety for all and that those who work to care for the residents would have compassion and wisdom as they work.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Mark 8.34

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Blackpool Ministry Experience: Pray for the leaders of the Blackpool Ministry Experience and their co-ordinator Rev Linda Tomkinson, the mentors, the members of the committee and all at Diocesan offices who support them.

Vision 2026: For those who offer the ministry of spiritual direction, and for those looking for a new spiritual director or companion.

Diocese: [Heysham St Peter](#), Rev Andrew Osborn; also in this benefice St Peter's CofE primary 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: The Diocese of Abyei – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Northern Bahr el Ghazal Province)

Meeting: Diocesan Advisory Committee

Friday 8 January

Pray for students and for our universities. Pray especially for those returning to university during this month; that this movement of people may be managed safely and without a spike in infections.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

Vision 2026: For men, women and children across Lancashire to hear the gospel in their own language.

Diocese: HMP Lancaster Farm, Rev David Noblet

Braunschweig: The Local Ecumenical Partnership between Warton and Timmerlah

Free State: For the urban poor in the townships

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Accra – The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province)

Saturday 9 January

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. Inspire their thinking around new ways of approaching the virus.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Mark 8.34

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Vision 2026: For plentiful workers of all backgrounds for the plentiful harvest fields across Lancashire.

Diocese: [Lancaster Christ Church](#), Rev Carol Backhouse; also in this benefice Christ Church CofE primary school

Braunschweig: For new parish links to be built and old ones renewed

Free State: For Fr Joshua Skee, the Free State Link Officer

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Adelaide – The Anglican Church of Australia (South Australia Province)

Sunday 10 January Baptism of Christ First Sunday of Epiphany

On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, pray that every single anxious soul throughout our world may hear the Father's words of reassurance: You are my child and I love you.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Making Disciples - Mark 8.34

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

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

Diocese: [Lancaster St Chad Skerton](#) (in plurality with) [Lancaster St Luke Skerton](#), Rev Caitlin Carmichael-Davis; also in this benefice Skerton St Luke CofE primary school

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: The Baptism of Christ; The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Monday 11 January

Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915
Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 1

Pray for public health professionals and all in positions of influence that they would have wisdom and compassion as they analyse statistics and research. Pray that they would seek the common good in all complex and difficult decisions they need to make at this time.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses – Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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: [Lancaster St Mary \(The Priory\)](#), Rev Canon Chris Newlands, Rev Keith Brockbank, Rev Michael Fielding, Rev Stephen Harker; also in this benefice Ripley St Thomas CofE Academy

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: The Diocese of Afikpo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

Tuesday 12 January

Aelred, abbot, 1167;
Benedict Biscop, scholar, 689

Pray for those who work in food production, food processing or distribution. Give thanks too for those running and supporting foodbanks enabling those who are the most vulnerable to have enough to eat each day.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Vision 2026: For our church communities to enable people to encounter the love of Jesus in word and in action.

Diocese: [Lancaster St Paul Scotforth](#), Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Rev Claire Cooke; also in this benefice St Paul's CofE primary and nursery school

Braunschweig: All who are involved in the next Kirchentag.

Free State: For the work of the Mothers' Union

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of North Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Wednesday 13 January

Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367;
Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop, 603;
George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), 1691

Give thanks for those who, with their talents, inspire our worship through writing, music, visual and performing arts. Pray for energy and imagination for those who are maintaining worship, live or online, during the pandemic.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Vision 2026: For all future baptism and confirmation candidates to be fired up to be beacons of faith in their schools, workplaces and communities.

Diocese: [Lancaster St Thomas](#), Rev Jon Scamman, Rev Helen Scamman, Rev Angie Letchford, Rev Matt Guilder

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: The Diocese of the Horn of Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Thursday 14 January

Pray for those responsible for the rollout of the vaccination programme. Pray for those receiving the vaccine especially for any who are nervous or afraid. Pray for those administering it and for those responsible for such a massive logistical operation.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Blackpool Centre of Mission: Thank you for the support and work of the Church Army in this and the other twenty Centres of Mission located in deprived communities across the country.

Vision 2026: For God to raise up intercessors who are ambitious, insightful and who storm the gates of heaven

Diocese: [Morecambe St Barnabas](#), Rev Michael Childs

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: The Diocese of Agra – The (united) Church of North India

Friday 15 January

Give thanks for those who stand up for justice in our communities and pray for all those who serve our communities: from police to refuse collectors and from all who keep public transport running to those elected to serve on our local and county councils.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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: [Morecambe St Christopher Bare](#), Rev David Heap

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: The Diocese of Aguata – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province)

Saturday 16 January

Pray for families who are struggling to make ends meet, for people who have lost jobs and for those who do not know how they will feed their children. Pray for a spirit of generosity and compassion in our nation.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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: [Overton St Helen](#), Rev Lorraine Moffatt; also in this benefice St Helen's CofE primary school

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: The Diocese of Ahoada – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)

Sunday 17 January Second Sunday of Epiphany

Pray for Parishes of our dioceses, their clergy and lay leaders. Pray especially for anyone who is feeling exhausted or dispirited after many months of hard work. Pray that they will find rest in the Lord Jesus who knows their every need.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Vision 2026: Pray for more lay leaders in our congregations.

Diocese: [Poulton-le-Sands Holy Trinity with Morecambe St Laurence](#), Rev Chris Krawiec, Rev Catherine Haydon, Rev Anne Cunliffe; also in this benefice Poulton-le-Sands CofE primary school

Braunschweig: All working in church kindergartens

Free State: For Chaplains

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Second Sunday of Epiphany: The Anglican Church of Australia

Monday 18 January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January;

Amy Carmichael, founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 2

At the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, pray for Christians of all denominations, that we may learn new ways to speak and act together as we proclaim the Gospel and meet human need at a time of national crisis.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Vision 2026: Pray for more vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life, especially for vocations amongst young adults.

Diocese: [Sandylands St John](#), Rev Canon Linda Macluskie

Braunschweig: All preparing for confirmation in the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Free State: For all victims of crime

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Aipo Rongo – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Meeting: Bishop's Appointments Team; Audit/Risk/Governance Committee

Tuesday 19 January

Wulfstan, bishop, 1095

Pray for national government, the cabinet and civil servants that they would make wise and compassionate decisions to protect the most vulnerable and build up our common life.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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: [Shireshead St James](#), Rev Canon Peter Ballard

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: The Diocese of Ajayi Crowther – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province)

Meeting: Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel

Wednesday 20 January

Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349

Pray for those without a permanent home, those living on the streets, sofa surfing or relying on hostels for a bed each night that they would find places where they could receive the support they need.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Being Witnesses - Matthew 28.20

And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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: [Torrisholme The Ascension](#), Rev Damian Porter, Rev Canon Tom Bill, Rev Philip Barber

Braunschweig: For new links between our secondary schools

Free State: For our linked parishes

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Akobo – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Jonglei Province)

Clergy Moves: Rev Munawar Din, new Vicar of Brierfield St Luke (in plurality with Burnley St Cuthbert)

Thursday 21 January

Agnes, child martyr, 304

Pray for the economy of our nation and our communities and for the Chancellor of the Exchequer and his team. Pray for all those whose businesses who are grappling with new ways of working and those who have lost or fear losing their livelihoods because of the pandemic.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

M:Power: Pray for opportunities to share the M:Power approach with other Dioceses.

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: University of Lancaster, Rev Kevin Huggett

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: The Diocese of Akoko – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)

Friday 22 January

Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304

Pray for all who live in fear of death and all who are gripped by anxiety or despair. Pray for those who are living with grief following the loss of a loved one, especially at this time, those who have lost a family member with Covid.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Vision 2026: For parents that they have confidence and are equipped to raise children who have a living relationship with God.

Diocese: [Leyland Deanery Officers](#), Rev Marc Wolverson, Rev Dr Duncan Bell, Mr Tim Burrige, Mrs Dorothy Gardner, Mrs Bronwen Bracegirdle

Braunschweig: All training for ministry at Braunschweig Theological Centre

Free State: For the Blackburn Link Committee

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Akoko Edo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)

Saturday 23 January

Pray for those living in destitution: for those who can't afford basic necessities, whose accommodation is indecent or who can't feed their children. Pray for the projects and groups who are seeking to assist those whose poverty has been exacerbated by the pandemic.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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: [Bamber Bridge St Aidan and Walton-le-Dale St Leonard](#), Rev Shaun Baldwin; also in this benefice Bamber Bridge St Aidan's CofE primary school, Walton-le-Dale St Leonard's 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: The Diocese of Akot – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal Province)

Sunday 24 January Third Sunday of Epiphany

As many Christians reflect on the miracle of water changed to wine at Cana, pray for greater ambition in our praying and greater trust in the God who can do things we cannot even imagine.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Vision 2026: For young people's faith, rooted in Jesus Christ, to be nurtured, disciplined and shared within their communities.

Diocese: [Bamber Bridge St Saviour](#), Vacant, Mr David Pearson (cw), Mr Peter Boyd (cw); also in this benefice Cuerden Church School, Bamber Bridge

Braunschweig: Ralph Ohainski, Chair of the Blackburn Link Committee in Braunschweig

Free State: For the Fellowship of Vocation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Third Sunday of Epiphany: The Church of Bangladesh

Monday 25 January Conversion of Paul

On the Feast of the Conversion of Paul, pray for all those who do not have the gift of faith and who are seeking to navigate their way through a crisis without the comfort of the Gospel. May they, like Paul, be made anew through encounter with the dazzling glory of Jesus Christ.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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: [Buckshaw Village Conventional District](#), Rev James Gwyn-Thomas; also in this benefice Buckshaw Trinity CofE / Methodist primary school

Braunschweig: All who work in the RE-Institute (ARPM) at Wolfenbüttel

Free State: For the Anglican Women's Fellowship

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Conversion of Paul: The Diocese of Akure – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)

Tuesday 26 January

Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul

Daily Eucharistic Lectionary week 3

Pray for Christian healthcare workers, for chaplains and for all who seek to live out the Gospel in the healthcare profession.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Vision 2026: Pray for all schools and academies to be beacons of faith in their communities.

Diocese: HMP Garth Prison, Rev Rick Bunday

Braunschweig: All involved in the Synod of the Braunschweiger Landeskirche

Free State: For all Archdeacons and their respective Archdeaconries

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Alabama – The Episcopal Church (Province IV)

Wednesday 27 January

Pray for all prisoners, prison officers, prison chaplains, governors and support staff. 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 – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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: [Hesketh with Beconsall All Saints](#), Rev David Dickinson; also in this benefice All Saints CofE 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: The Diocese of Alaska – The Episcopal Church (Province VIII)

Thursday 28 January

Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274

As Christians remember St Thomas Aquinas, pray for thinkers and theologians and especially for those who are offering theological responses to the crisis. Pray that they may renew and embolden the thinking and speaking of those ministering on the front line.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Preston Resourcing Parish: We want people to find their home, their purpose and take part in the transformation of Preston. Please pray for clarity as the vision is re-cast this month.

Vision 2026: Pray for our chaplains in schools and universities, that they may be a Christian presence in education, witnessing to the transforming effect of Jesus on people's lives and encouraging the exploration of the Gospel

Diocese: [Higher Walton All Saints](#) (in plurality with) [Hoghton Holy Trinity](#), Rev Hannah Boyd; also in this benefice Higher Walton CofE primary school

Braunschweig: Deputy Bishop Thomas Hofer

Free State: For all involved in Ordination training

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Saint Albans – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

Meeting: Investment Committee

Friday 29 January

Pray for those who because of the crisis find themselves in serious or unsustainable debt and those whose financial worries are impacting their mental health. Pray for the work of Christians against Poverty and other charities supporting those who are in debt.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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: [Hoole St Michael](#), Rev Ann Templeman; also in this benefice St Michael's CofE primary school

Braunschweig: Growth in links between the Education Departments in our two Dioceses

Free State: For Bishop Tom and Bishop Paddy, former Bishops of the Diocese.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Albany – The Episcopal Church (Province VII)

Saturday 30 January

Charles, king and martyr, 1649

Pray for those who are suffering long-term with the impact of Covid-19 and for those with 'long Covid'. Pray for all those researching the long-term impacts of the illness.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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

Diocese: [Leyland St Ambrose](#), Vacant, Rev Patricia Belshaw, Miss Janet Singleton (cw), Mrs Louisa McFarlane (cw), Mrs Susan Moon (cw)

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: The Diocese of Algoma – The Anglican Church of Canada (Ontario Province)

Sunday 31 January

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Pray for those involved in the world of sport who have had to cope with constant change and interruption. Pray for Christians who minister through sport or who seek to share the Gospel with sportsmen and women.

Bishop's Memory Verse: Growing Leaders – Mark 10.45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Vision 2026: For the whole community in Clayton House, the Diocesan offices, who through their varied ministries support the work of all the churches and church schools in the Diocese of Blackburn

Diocese: [Leyland St Andrew](#), Rev David Whitehouse, Rev Matthew Cook, Rev Dr Duncan, Rev Mark Simpson; also in this benefice Balshaw's CofE High School, Leyland St Andrew's CofE Infant 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: Fourth Sunday of Epiphany: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil