

The Bishop of Blackburn
The Rt Revd Julian T Henderson

6th March 2019

To All Clergy, PCC Secretaries, Readers, Vision Champions and Deanery Lay Chairs

Pathways to Prayer 2019

*“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying” – Ephesians 6:18*

Right at the heart of delivering our Diocesan Vision 2026 is the call to make disciples of Jesus Christ. One of the key priorities within that theme is that as individuals and churches we commit ourselves to praying with greater depth and urgency for the Kingdom of God to come, whether that be in our homes, our workplaces, the communities where we live, or in the wider world.

To support and resource this theme, a number of Pathways to Prayer events have been created to provide a wonderful opportunity for all people of every tradition to explore fresh perspectives on patterns and styles of prayer, contemplation and meditation, through a diverse range of workshops, including:

- Prayer walking
- Praying the Scriptures
- Interactive all-age prayer
- Praying with poetry
- Praying with children
- Contemplative prayer
- Lectio Divina
- Praying with Icons

Further to a previous mailing, you will be aware that the first event is coming up fairly soon at the end of March, and then there are three further events planned for 2019 across the Diocese, and we would love to see as many people as possible participating in them. These days are intended as a launch event with the hope that many churches may then go on to run such a day themselves.

Attached are two posters giving details of the Pathways to Prayer days, their locations, and who will be leading each day – please could you display them and make mention of the days in your notices? If you'd like to book places for your parish you can do so at www.blackburn.anglican.org/events.

With all good wishes.

As ever



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Where and when:

Saturday March 30th

9:30am-1.00pm

Whalley Abbey
with Bishop Philip

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Saturday July 6th

10:00am -2:45pm
St Oswald's, Preesall
with Archdeacon Mark

Saturday September 21st

10:00-2:45pm
St Ambrose, Leyland
with Bishop Julian

Saturday October 19th

9:30am-1.00pm
Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre
Preston
with Bishop Jill