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***The United Benefice of Slyne with Hest St Luke***

***and Halton St Wilfrid with Aughton St Saviour***

**20th July 2025**

**5th after Trinity**

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Genesis 18.1-10a**

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, ‘My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.’ So, they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, ‘Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.’ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, ‘Where is your wife, Sarah?’ And he said, ‘There, in the tent.’ Then one said, ‘I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

**Colossians 1.15-28**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord. **All** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All** Glory to you, O Lord.

**Luke 10.38-end**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Post Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

***St Luke’s***: Pat, Julia, William, Moya, Doris & Michael, June, Karen.

***St Wilfrid’s***: Katie Victoria, Marjorie, Margaret, George and Daphne, Ruby Christine. R.I.P Joan Richardson.

May they and all those unable to be with us, feel the healing power of Jesus.

**Village prayers.**

This week we pray for those who live and work on Hatlex Hill; Bryn Grove; Ashworth Drive in Slyne with Hest and Meadowfield, Meadowfield Close in Halton and the people of Aughton.

**Notices**

**Thanks, from Revd Susan**

I have now returned to ministry after my sabbatical. It has been very beneficial for me to take some time out of ministry, especially after losing my husband Michael last September. I would like to thank everyone who made it possible by taking on extra responsibilities while I have been away. I am very grateful to Helen, Linda and Martin for leading extra services and to Martin for dealing with Church enquiries. Thanks also to our Churchwardens, deputy Churchwardens, PCC secretaries and vice-chairs, especially for all they did to ensure the APCM’s went ahead successfully.

**St Luke’s Summer Fair**

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the Summer Fair at St Luke’s last Saturday, and especially to Jonathan for master-minding the event. It was a lovely (if rather hot!) afternoon, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves while raising a good amount of money for the Roof.

**Volunteers needed for St Wilfrid’s Garden of Remembrance**

We are looking for volunteers to help weed and maintain the Garden of Remembrance. Ideally, we’d love to form a group that could meet once a month from March to October on a Saturday morning. Please let Melissa or Evelyn know if you are interested in being involved – Hot drinks and Chocolate brownies will be supplied!

**Dates for your diary**

* **St Wilfrid’s Heritage Weekend** – Saturday 20th September with refreshments, stalls, children’s activities and trips up the tower.
* **St Luke’s Concert and Harvest Supper** – Saturday 27th September. 6 pm, Concert with ‘Divers Voices’ followed by a ‘bring and Share’ harvest supper in the Church hall.

**Calendar of services and events**

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| **Trinity 5**  **20th July** | 8 am  9.30 am  10 am  Noon  2 pm  5.30 pm | Holy Communion  Family Worship  Family Communion led by Junior Church  Baptism of Gia  Baptism of Polly  Youth café BBQ | St Luke’s  St Luke’s  St Wilfrid’s  St Wilfrid’s  St Luke’s  Church Hall Slyne |
| **Mon** | 2 pm | Knit and Natter | Church hall Slyne |
| **Tues** | 9 am | Morning Prayer | St Wilfrid’s |
| **Wed** | 9 am | Morning prayer | St Luke’s |
| **Thursday**  **10 July** | 10 am  10.30 am  2 pm | Study and Prayer  Community Coffee morning  Body and Soul | Meeting room  Church Hall Slyne  Church Hall Slyne |
| **Trinity 6**  **27th July** | 9.30 am  10 am  11.30 am  1.30 pm | Family Communion  Family Communion  Holy Communion  Baptism of Evie | St Luke’s  St Wilfrid’s  St Saviour’s  St Luke’s |

**Prayer for Growth and renewal:**

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.

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