



***The United Benefice of Slyne with Hest St Luke
and Halton St Wilfrid with Aughton St Saviour***

3rd August 2025

7th after Trinity

Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; and 2.18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Colossians 3.1-11

So, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the

wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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.

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 Sunningdale Avenue; Sunningdale Crescent in Slyne with Hest and High Road in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

Please note: Families@4 will not be taking place in August due to the school holidays. The next service will be on 7th September.

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' supper.

Calendar of services and events

Trinity 7 3rd August	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
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	Study and Prayer	Meeting room
	10.30 am	Community Coffee morning	Church Hall Slyne
	2 pm	Body and Soul	Church Hall Slyne
Trinity 8 10th August	8 am	Holy Communion	St Wilfrid's
	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Worship	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's

Gluten free wafers – are available please tell the Church warden at the beginning of the service.

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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