



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

31st August 2025

11th after Trinity

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings

Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore, the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So, we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please remember in your prayers:

St Luke's: Pat, Julia, William, Michael, Moya, June, Karen, Alice and Julie.

We also pray for Martin as he recovers from his operation.

St Wilfrid's: Katie Victoria, Marjorie, Margaret, George and Daphne, Ruby Christine, Hilary, Celia.

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 Sea View Drive; Sea View Close in Slyne with Hest and Mill Lane, Forge Lane, Town End Way and Lune View in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

Family Bat Exploration Evening. Friday 12th September 7-9 pm at St Wilfrid's Church. All welcome from any of the churches. Hot Chocolate will be provided and there will be a collection for the Bat Conservation Trust.

Congratulations to Sandra Dawson!

Sandra has recently completed ALM (Authorised Lay Ministry) training with the Diocese. Her Authorisation service will be taking place on Saturday 6th September at 3 pm in Blackburn Cathedral. Please contact Revd Susan if you would like to go and support Sandra.

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

- **Taizé Service – Sunday 31st August, 4 pm at St Wilfrid's**
- **St Wilfrid's Heritage Weekend – Saturday 20th September** with refreshments, stalls, children's activities and trips up the tower.
- **St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival – Sunday 21st September** at 10 am
- **St Luke's Concert and Harvest Supper – Saturday 27th September.** 6 pm, Concert with 'Divers Voices' followed by a 'bring and Share' supper.
- **St Saviour's Harvest Festival – Sunday 28th September** at 7pm
- **Conferences at Blackburn Cathedral:** (Contact Rev Susan for details)
 - The Council of Nicaea 1700th Anniversary – 12-14th September
 - Creation Care conference – 31st Oct – 1st Nov

Calendar of services and events

Trinity 11 31th August	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Worship with URC	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion & Baptism of Hughie	St Wilfrid's
	4 pm	Taize Service	St Wilfrid's
	7 pm	Evening Prayer	St Saviour's
Mon	2 pm	Knit and Natter	Church Hall Slyne
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's
	9 am	Shining Stars	Church Hall Slyne
Weds	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
Thursday	10.30 am	Community Coffee morning	Church Hall Slyne
	2 pm	Body and Soul	Church Hall Slyne
Saturday	3 pm	Sandra's ALM Authorisation	Blackburn Cathedral
Trinity 12 7th Sept	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	4 pm	Families@4 with Baptisms	Church Hall Slyne

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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