

# The United Benefice of Slyne with Hest St Luke and Halton St Wilfrid with Aughton St Saviour 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

# **Collect**

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

# **Readings**

# Exodus 32.7-14

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" 'The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

# 1 Timothy 1.12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 15.1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So, he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. All Praise to you, O Christ.

### **Post Communion**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

### Please remember in your prayers:

*St Luke's*: Pat, Julia, William, Michael, Moya, June, Karen, Alice and Julie, Chris, Revd John Gordon (URC)

**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 Marine Drive, The Crescent in Slyne with Hest and Foundry Lane, The Gardens, in Halton and the people of Aughton.





<u>Confirmation</u> It would be useful to know how many adults and young people in Years 6 and above would like to be confirmed in this next academic year so that arrangements can be made for classes. Please contact Revd Susan if you are interested.

<u>St Luke's Christmas Fair meeting.</u> Ho Ho Ho Christmas Time is Approaching! The date is now set for our Christmas Fair on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, between 4-30-7 pm in the church hall. A planning meeting will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September in the church hall meeting room at 7-30 pm to discuss and plan the event. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Dates for your diary**

- St Wilfrid's Heritage Weekend Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September with refreshments, stalls, children's activities and trips up the tower.
- Harvest Festivals St Wilfrid's Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 10 am St Luke's Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am St Saviour's – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm

### Calendar of services and events

Trinity 13	8 am	Holy Communion	St Wilfrid's
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Worship	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's
	1.30 pm	Baptism of Oliver	St Luke's
	4 pm	Forest Church	St Luke's grounds
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
	2.30 pm	St Wilfrid's Starters service	St Wilfrid's School
Thursday	10 am		Church Hall Slyne
	10.45 am	Community Coffee morning	Church Hall Slyne
	2 pm	Body and Soul	Church Hall Slyne
Trinity 14	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Harvest Festival	St Wilfrid's
	5.30 pm	Youth Cafe	Church Hall Slyne

**Gluten free wafers** – are available please tell the Church warden at the start 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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