



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

12th October 2025

17th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

2 Kings 5.1–3, 7–15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, if only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy. When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me. But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean. But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean? He turned and went away in a rage.

But his servants approached and said to him, Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, Wash, and be clean? So, he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.

2 Timothy 2.8–15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful-for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 17.11–19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us! When he saw them, he said to them, Go and show yourselves to the priests. And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?

Then he said to him, get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us and make us continually to be given to all good works, 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.

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 Prospect Drive; Prospect Avenue in Slyne with Hest and Park Lane, Halton Green and Green Lane in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

Eve of St Luke Day - Service of prayers for healing. Friday 17th October 7pm

The 18th of October is St Luke's day. St Luke is believed to be the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. He is referred to as a physician and so on the eve of his Saints Day there will be a service of prayers for healing, both for ourselves and the needs of the world at St Luke's Church. There will be an opportunity to receive anointing and laying on of hands either for yourself, a loved one or for healing, reconciliation and peace in our world where there are so many tensions.

Harvest Appeal Pedal-along.

On Friday 17th October at 8 am, Bishop Phillip is starting his pedal-along through every Deanery in Blackburn Diocese at St Luke's Church. He will be spending ten minutes at the church and invites us to join him for a short time of prayer before he sets off.

Confirmation

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.

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

Calendar of services and events

Trinity 17 12th October	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Lukes
	10 am	Family Worship	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Morning prayer	St Saviour'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 Church
	2.30 pm	St Luke's Starters Service	St Luke's Church
Thursday	10 am	Prayer and discussion group	Church Hall Slyne
	10.45 am	Community Coffee morning	Church Hall Slyne
	2 pm	Body and Soul	Church Hall Slyne
Friday	8 am	<i>Bishop Phillip Pedal along Service with healing prayers</i>	St Luke's Church
	7 pm		St Luke's Church
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	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	11.30	Christening of Cecillia	St Saviour's
	6.30 pm	Youth Cafe	Church Hall Slyne

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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