



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

23rd November 2025

Christ the King

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

Readings

Jeremiah 23.1–6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! Says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: The Lord is our righteousness.

Colossians 1.11–20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 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.

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 23.33–43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself! There was also an inscription over him, This is the King of the Jews. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us! But the other rebuked him, saying, do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong. Then he said, Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. He replied, Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; 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, Hazel, Revd John Gordon (URC) Liz.

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 Manor Road; Ascot Gardens; Goodwood Avenue; in Slyne with Hest and Lythe Fell Avenue in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

Prayer Spaces- Quiet afternoon

The Mothers' Union Friendship group are having a quiet afternoon on Wednesday 26th November at the Church Hall Slyne. There will be a quiet time using prayer spaces followed by refreshments. Anyone from across the benefice would be very welcome to come and share in this quiet contemplative afternoon as we prepare for Advent.

Advent Prayer spaces – Saturdays 6th, 13th and 20th December at St Wilfrid's Church 10 am - 4 pm. Come along for some quiet time to de-frazzle, enter into the spirit of Advent and reconnect before the Big Day! Prayer stations will be available. It doesn't matter how long (or short), please do come and spend a few moments in our beautiful church to pray alone or together. On Saturday 20th there will be a **Lego Church**. Come along and join our Big Advent Lego Build 10am-1pm. See you there!

Dates for your diary:

- **St Luke's Christmas Fair** – Friday 28th November 3.30 (School Choir) followed by Fair in the Church Hall. We could please accept any donations of bottles, chocolates gifts etc for our Christmas Fair. These can be left in the boxes in the vestry meeting room, or you can contact Jonathan on 07754262315. If you can make some cakes for our cake stall, please add your name to the list at the back of church
- **Aughton Bingo** – Saturday 29th November, 7.30 pm at the Recreation Rooms.
- **Advent Lunches** – Tuesdays in December 12-1 pm at Slyne Church Hall beginning on 2nd December. Any help with soups and helping each week would be appreciated, thank you. There is a list in the hall.
- **Advent Hot chocolates** – Wednesdays in Dec 3.15 – 4.30 pm at Slyne Church hall.
- **St Luke's Bingo** – Friday 5th December at the Church Hall Slyne.
- **Coffee and Carols** – Saturday 6th December 10 am -12 at Halton Park House
- **Friday 12th December – carol Singing at Aughton**
- **Afternoon tea with entertainment and Carol Singing** – Sunday 14th December, 3 pm at Slyne Church Hall.

'Blue Christmas' Services: Sunday 30th November 2.30 pm St Wilfrid's, 5 pm St Luke's

A reflective and compassionate time of quiet music, prayers and reflection. This service aims to offer comfort and hope to those finding the Christmas season difficult due to loss, loneliness, illness, or other challenging circumstances. There will be an opportunity to light a candle to remember our departed loved ones.

Calendar of services and events

23rd Nov Christ the King	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Holy Communion	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 Church
	2 pm	MU Prayer spaces	Church Hall Slyne
Thurs	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
Fri	3.30	St Luke's School choir Christmas Fair	St Luke's Church Church Hall Slyne
Sat	7.30 pm	Aughton Bingo	Aughton Rec rooms
30th Nov Advent Sunday	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Joint Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	2.30 pm	Blue Christmas service	St Wilfrid's
	5 pm	Blue Christmas service	St Luke's

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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