



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

30th November 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings

Isaiah 2.1–5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lords house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Romans 13.11–end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 24.36–44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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 Throstle Walk; Lawson Gardens; Lawson Place; in Slyne with Hest and Forest Heights, Foundry Close (Halton Grange) in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Advent and Christmas Events and Services

Date and time	Event	Place
Tuesdays 12- 1 pm	Advent Lunches Soup, bread & cheese	Church Hall Slyne
Wednesdays 3 rd ,10 th ,17 th Dec 3.30-4.30 pm	Advent hot chocolates Come and warm up with delicious drinks and seasonal goodies!	Church Hall Slyne
Saturdays 6 th , 13 th 20 th Dec 10 am - 4 pm	Advent Prayer spaces Come for some quiet time to de-frazzle, enter the spirit of Advent and reconnect before the Big Day! Prayer stations will be available.	St Wilfrid's Church
Sat 6 th Dec 10-12 am	Carols & Mince Pies Stalls and Father Christmas!	Halton Park
Sun 7 th Dec	Families@4 for Advent	Slyne Church Hall
Fri 12 th Dec 6 pm	Aughton Village Carol Singing	Aughton Village Green
Sun 14 th Dec 3 pm	Christmas Social – Afternoon tea and entertainment	Church Hall Slyne
Tues 16 th Dec 7 pm	Aughton Village Carol Service.	St Saviour's Church
Thurs 19 th Dec	Carol Singing TBC	Slyne with Hest
Sat 20 th 10 -1 pm	Big Advent Lego Build	St Wilfrid's Church
Sat 20 th Dec 10 am - 12	Christingle making workshop	Church Hall Slyne
Sun 21 st Dec 3 pm	Halton Village Carol	St Wilfrid's Church
Christmas Eve 3 pm	Crib service	St Wilfrid's Church
Christmas Eve 4.30 pm	Children's Activities	Church Hall Slyne
Christmas Eve 5.30 pm	Crib Service	St Luke's Church
Christmas Eve 6 pm	Carol Singing	Grounds of St Luke's Church
Christmas Eve 11 pm	Midnight Mass	St Luke's Church

Calendar of services and events

30th Nov Advent Sunday	8 am 10 am 10 am 2.30 pm 5 pm 7pm	Holy Communion Joint Family Worship Family Communion Blue Christmas service Blue Christmas service Evening Prayer	St Luke's St Luke's St Wilfrid's St Wilfrid's St Luke's St Saviour's
Mon	2 pm	Knit and natter	Church Hall Slyne
Tues	9 am 9 am 12 noon 3 – 4.30 pm	Morning Prayer Shining Stars Advent Lunches Advent Hot Chocolates	St Wilfrid's Church Hall Slyne Church Hall Slyne Church Hall Slyne
Weds	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's Church
Thurs	10 am 10.45 am 2 pm 6 pm	Prayer and discussion group Community Coffee morning Body and Soul Bible Study Social	Church Hall Slyne Church Hall Slyne Church Hall Slyne The Vicarage
Sat 6th Dec	10 -12 am 10 am -4 pm 7.15 pm	Coffee and Carols Advent Prayer spaces St Luke's Bingo night	Halton Park St Wilfrid's Church Church Hall Slyne
7th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	8 am 9.30 10 am 4 pm	Holy Communion Family Worship Family Communion Families@4	St Luke's St Luke's St Wilfrid's 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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