



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

**18th January 2026
2nd Sunday of Epiphany**



Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, While I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, In the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, you are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. But I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, And my reward with my God. And now the Lord says, Who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, And that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength- he says, It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, Kings shall see and stand up, Princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened

among you- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 1.29–42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, after me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me. I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.

And John testified, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God. The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, look, here is the Lamb of God! The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, what are you looking for? They said to him, Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying? He said to them, Come and see. They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peters brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, we have found the Messiah (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, you are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas (which is translated Peter).

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

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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)

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 on Hatlex Hill; Bryn Grove; Ashworth Drive in Slyne with Hest and Beech Road in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

Epiphany Gifts During Epiphany we are once again giving people the opportunity to make a small financial contribution towards the consumables we use in the work of our church. A list of the items for each church and their cost for a year will be displayed at the back of the Church. If you would like to make a specific donation for an item, please put your name on the list against the item you pledge to pay for. Donations can be made by cash or cheque in a labelled envelope given in the collection of to a church warden, using the card machine, or by Bank transfer.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January. This year's theme is 'One Body, One Spirit.' There is a special service on Wednesday 21st January at 'The Cornerstone', Sulyard Street, Lancaster. There are a range of resources available on the [Churches Together in Britain and Ireland](#) website.

Confirmation. Please pray for our candidates, Ava, Ebony, Emily and Evelyn from St Luke's and Angel, Bethany, Macy, Maggie and Nora from St Wilfrid's as they prepare for their Confirmation service on 22nd February.

St Luke's Church Roof Meeting

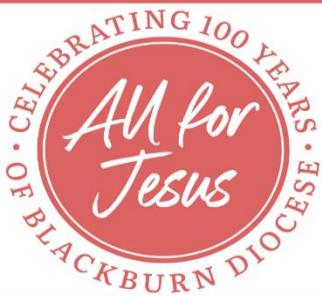
There will be a meeting on Thursday 22 January at 7-30PM in the church hall meeting room to update everyone on the church roof and to plan fundraising for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MU meeting

The next meeting of our Mothers' Union friendship group will be on Wednesday 28th January at 2 pm in Slyne Church Hall. The title is 'Come and join the celebration!'

Calendar of services and events

18th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	6.30 pm	Youth Café (Pizza night)	Church Hall Slyne
Mon	2 pm	Knit and Natter	Church Hall Slyne
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's
	9 am	Shining Stars	Slyne Church Hall
	7 pm	St Saviour's PCC meeting	Aughton
Weds	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
	4 pm	Confirmation Class	Church Hall Slyne
	6.30 pm	Service for Christian Unity	The Cornerstone
Thur	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
25th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's



Heavenly Father,
in our Centenary year
we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.
Send the Holy Spirit to give us
confidence in our witness,
generosity in our service,
and love for our neighbours,
that your Church may be renewed
and many come home to you,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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