



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

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
The Baptism of Christ**



### **Collect**

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: May we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

### **Readings**

#### **Isaiah 42.1–9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

#### **Acts 10.34–43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how

he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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 3.13–end

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me? But Jesus answered him, let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness. Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, this is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, O Christ.

### Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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)

**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 Peacock Lane; Peacock Crescent in Slyne with Hest and Pennystone Road in Halton and the people of Aughton.

## Notices

### **Stewardship - Message from Revd Susan**

The New Year is a good time to review our stewardship and what we give to our church financially. I am very grateful to all those who contribute to the church through our regular giving schemes and also to those who organise and contribute to our fundraising for our building projects. Now is a good time to review how much we give and if you don't do so already, to sign up to our Parish giving scheme. Please see your Church treasurer for more details.

**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.

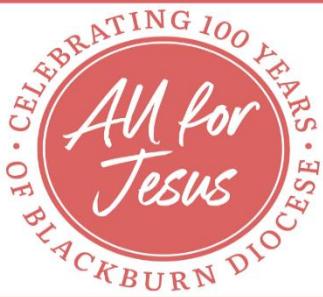
**Confirmation** Bishop Jill is coming to lead a Benefice Confirmation service on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 2pm. Please remember our confirmation candidates in your prayers.

### **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

## Calendar of services and events

<b>11<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of Christ</b>	8 am	Holy Communion	St Wilfrid's
	9.30	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Worship	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Morning prayer	St Saviour's
<b>Mon</b>	2 pm	Knit and natter	Church Hall Slyne
<b>Tues</b>	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's
	9 am	Shining Stars	
<b>Weds</b>	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
	4 pm	Confirmation Class	Church Hall Slyne
	7.30 pm	St Luke's PCC	Church Hall Slyne
<b>Thur</b>	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
	7.30 pm	Bible study and discussion	Thrushgill Drive
<b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>	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 Cafe	Church Hall Slyne



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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