



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

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**



**Collect**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Genesis 12.1–4a**

Now the Lord said to Abram, go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. So, Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**Romans 4.1–5, 13–17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, I have made you the father of many nations)-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 3.1–17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God. Jesus answered him, very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above. Nicodemus said to him, how can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born? Jesus answered, very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, you must be born from above. The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus said to him, how can these things be? Jesus answered him, Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Post Communion**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Please remember in your prayers:**

**St Luke's:** Pat, Julia, William, Michael, Moya, June, Karen, Chris, Hazel, Revd John Gordon (URC) Simon. R.I.P. Betty McLean

**St Wilfrid's:** Katie Victoria, Marjorie, Margaret, George and Daphne, Ruby, Christine, Dan. R.I.P Hilary Smith

**St Saviour's** R.I.P May Dodge

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 Sea View Drive; Sea View Close in Slyne with Hest and Forgewood Drive, Forgewood Close in Halton and the people of Aughton.

### **Notices**

#### **St Luke's Lent Lunches**

Lent Lunches will be starting on Tuesday 24th Feb at the Church Hall in Slyne. This year the donations will be split between the Church Roof Fund and 'Beyond Conflict', an international humanitarian mental health charity which supports the victims of war. For more information about the Lent Lunches please contact Heather on 07740286496.

#### **Tunstall Deanery Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

Our Deanery Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Philip for a visit to Lindisfarne (Holy Island) and Durham. All are welcome on this weekend as we join together and follow in the footsteps of the Northern Saints. Coach travel and B&B accommodation is arranged, or you can camp or organize your own place to stay. We return on Sunday via Durham Cathedral for Holy Communion and a special tour. See leaflet for more information. Deposit needed by 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please let Revd. Susan Know if you plan to go.

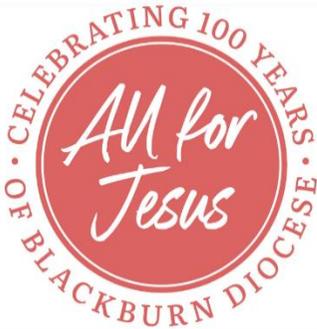
#### **Diocesan Centenary Events – Dates for your Diary**

- Big Day Out - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May in the centre of Blackpool
- Diocesan Conference -July 6-9<sup>th</sup> at Liverpool Hope University. There are places for clergy and a member of every PCC.
- Centenary Mission Weekends – 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September

See <https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/all-for-jesus-centenary-of-blackburn#heading-h2-1> for details.

## Calendar of services and events

<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
<b>2nd Sunday of Lent (St David)</b>	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	4 pm	Families@4	Church Hall Slyne
<b>Mon</b>	2 pm	Knit and Natter	Church Hall Slyne
<b>Tues</b>	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's
	12 pm	Lent Lunch	Church Hall Slyne
	7 pm	St Saviour's roof meeting	Aughton
<b>Weds</b>	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
<b>Thur</b>	10 am	Lent 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	Lent Group (Bible Study)	Halton
<b>Fri</b>	3.30 pm	Messy Church	St Wilfrid School
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8 am	Holy Communion	St Wilfrid's
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Worship	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Morning Prayer	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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