



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

**22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**



**Collect**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Genesis 2.15–17 3.1-7**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, you may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, Did God say, you shall not eat from any tree in the garden? The woman said to the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, you shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die. But the serpent said to the woman, You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Romans 5.12–19**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one mans sin.

For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one mans trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one mans trespass led to condemnation for all, so one mans act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one mans disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one mans obedience the many will be made righteous.

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 4.1–11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, if you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread. But he answered, it is written, one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, if you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, he will command his angels concerning you, and on their hands they will bear you up, so, that you will not dash your foot against a stone. Jesus said to him, again it is written, do not put the Lord your God to the test. Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. and he said to him, all these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me. Jesus said to him, away with you, Satan! For it is written, worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

### **Post Communion**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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) R.I.P. Betty McLean

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

**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 Coastal Rise; Coastal Drive; The Shore in Slyne with Hest and St. Wilfrid's Park and Rowan Bank 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.

**Confirmation.** Please pray for our candidates, Ebony, Emily and Evelyn from St Luke's and Angel, Bethany, Macy, Maggie and Nora from St Wilfrid's as they get Confirmed on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, and for Ava for 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **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.

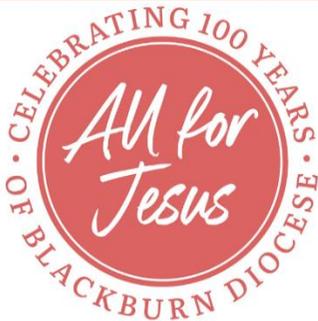
### **Diocesan Centenary Events – Dates for your Diary**

- 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><u>22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</u></b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's
	2 pm	Confirmation Service	St Luke's
<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
<b>Weds</b>	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
<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	Lent Group (Bible Study)	Halton
<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> March</u></b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	4 pm	Families@4	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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