



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

8th February 2026

2nd Sunday before Lent



Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Genesis 1.1—2.3

See separate sheet

Romans 8.18–25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 6.25–end

Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, what will we eat? or what will we drink? or what will we wear? For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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 Kirklands; and Hanging Green Lane in Slyne with Hest and High Road in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

Ash Wednesday Services.

There will be Holy Communion services with the invitation to receive the Imposition of Ashes:

- 10 am St Luke's
- 7.30 pm St Wilfrid's

St Luke's Lent Challenge

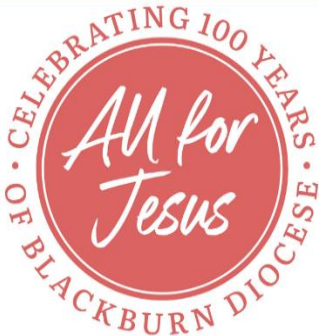
Are you up for our Lent Challenge? Give something up for lent and donate the money saved to the Church roof fund. Please sign up on the list at the back of church!

St Luke's Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches will be starting on Tuesday 24th Feb at the Church Hall in Slyne. ***Super soup makers are needed!*** There is a list in the hall to sign up. It would be appreciated if soup makers could help in the kitchen on their day. 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.

National School Governor Awareness Day, 12th February 2026

This is an opportunity to thank the members of our church congregations who are school governors and play an important and vital role in the governance of our local schools. We have vacancies for Foundation governors in both the Church primary schools in our benefice. If this is a role that might be of interest to you, please have a chat with Revd. Susan who can tell you more about what is involved.



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**

Confirmation.

As their confirmation service approaches, 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 the service on 22nd February.

Calendar of services and events			
<u>8th February</u> 2nd Sunday before Lent	8 am	Holy Communion	St Wilfrid's
	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Worship	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's
	1.30 pm	Baptism of Nellie	St Luke's
Mon	2 pm	Knit and Natter	Church Hall Slyne
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's
	9 am	Shining Stars	Slyne Church Hal
Weds	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
	4 pm	Confirmation Class	Church Hall Slyne
Thur	10 am	Prayer and discussion group	Church Hall Slyne
	10.45 am	Community Coffee morning	Church Hall Slyne
	Noon	URC Funeral	St Luke's
	2 pm	Body and Soul	Church Hall Slyne
	7 pm	St Saviour's Roof meeting	Aughton
<u>15th Feb</u> Sunday next before Lent	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	6.30 pm	Youth Café (Pancake party)	Church Hall Slyne

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