



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

29th March 2026

Palm Sunday



Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Isaiah 50.4–9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. morning by morning he wakens-wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; The moth will eat them up.

Philippians 2.5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. and being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 21.1–11 (Liturgy of the Palms)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, The Lord needs them. And he will send them immediately. This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, Tell the daughter of Zion, look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey. the disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, who is this? The crowds were saying, this is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.

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

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Please remember in your prayers:

St Luke's: Pat, Julia, William, Michael, Moya, June, Karen, Chris, Hazel,
Revd John Gordon (URC) Simon.

St Wilfrid's: Katie Victoria, Marjorie, Margaret, George and Daphne, Ruby,
Christine. R.I.P Stephen Redmayne

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 Lonsdale Road; Station Road; Thorns Avenue; Chapel Close in Slyne with Hest and Halton Hall Gardens, Church Brow, Rectory Paddock in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Lent Prayer Spaces at St Wilfrid's Church

Saturday's during Lent with spaces set up for reflective prayer. Please come along for as long or short a time as you want to and take some time to experience the peaceful prayerful atmosphere during this special time of Lent.

St Luke's Lent Lunches

Please support our Lent Lunches on Tuesdays at the Church Hall in Slyne. This year the donations will be split between the Church Roof Fund and 'Beyond Conflict'

Taizé Service Tuesday 31st March, 7.30 pm at St Wilfrid's

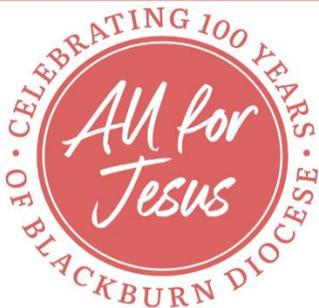
A quiet reflective service with music from the Taizé Community.

St Luke's Easter Flowers

Ann Bown is collecting donations towards Easter Lilies.

St Luke's Sponsored Walk Jon & Angela will be doing a sponsored return walk along the Promenade from Heysham to Hest Bank approx. 15KMS on Saturday 25th April in aid of the church roof between 10 am to 4 pm. Please sponsor these two young ones on the sheet at the back of church. Thank you.

St Luke's – Sponsor a tile The web site link is: www.stlukesponsor.org



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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Holy Week and Easter Services and events

29th March Palm Sunday	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Joint Family Service	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	7 pm	Evening Prayer	St Saviour's
Mon 30 March	2 pm	Knit and Natter	Church Hall Slyne
	6.30 pm	Agape worship and meal.	The Centre, Halton
Tues 31 March	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's
	12 pm	Lent Lunch	Church Hall Slyne
	7.30 pm	Taizé service	St Wilfrid's
Weds 1st April	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross	St Luke's
Maundy Thursday	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	Holy Communion and stripping the Altar	St Luke's Church
Good Friday	9 pm	Compline	St Luke's Church
	10.30 am	Messy Church	St Wilfrid's Church
	11.30 am	Family service	
Saturday 4th April	2 pm	An Hour at the Cross	St Luke's Church
	10.30 am	Messy Church	Church Hall Slyne
Sunday 5th April	11.30 am	Family service	St Luke's Church
	7 am	Sunrise Service	Hest Bank Shore
Easter Sunday	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion*	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Family Communion	St Saviour's

Please note There is no Families@4 service on 5th April as we have Messy Church and a family service 10.30 am on Good Friday at St Wilfrid's and at 10.30 am on Holy Saturday at St Luke's.

***Re-dedication of Graves at St Wilfrid's** Following the Easter Sunday service the newly restored graves of the Hastings family and Sharpe families will be re-dedicated.