



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

**5th April 2026
Easter Sunday**



Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings

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.

Jeremiah 31.1–6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you. again, I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! again you shall take your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. again, you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For

there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.

Colossians 3.1–4

So, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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 28.1–10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him. This is my message for you. So, they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, Greetings! And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.

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

Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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.

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

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 Mowbrick Lane; Highfield Drive; The Drive in Slyne with Hest and Low Road, Town End Farm in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

***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.

St Luke's Lent Lunches

Thank you to Heather and the team, and to all those who supported the Lent Lunches this year. A record £891 was raised to be split between the Church Roof Fund and 'Beyond Conflict' an international humanitarian mental health charity which supports the victims of war.

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.stlukestilesponsor.org

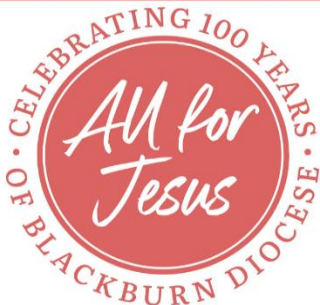
Diocese of Blackburn Big Day Out. Sat 16th May

It is just TEN WEEKS until you are invited to gather in the centre of Blackpool to celebrate our Diocesan centenary with our Big Day Out! To hear about the event, [please click here](#) to watch a short video with Bishop Philip, inviting you to attend. From 11 am to 1 pm there will be activities for children of all ages with games, crafts and stories. There are also sessions for teenagers and grown-ups from sport workshops to live music and more. At 1 pm, there is a giant FREE hog roast (or vegetarian) lunch, before everyone comes together at 2 pm for a celebration service on St John's Square outside the Winter Gardens. **Booking** is essential for lunch as numbers will be pre-ordered. Registration is essential for the Youth Zone. Booking is advised for the Family Zone. [Booking for family group access into Family Zone](#)
[Register young people for Youth Zone](#)
[Booking for lunch only](#)

Transport by coach has been arranged locally, please ask Revd Susan for details.

Calendar of services and events

5th April Easter Sunday	7 am	Sunrise Service	Hest Bank Shore
	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
Tues	9 am	No Morning Prayer in church this week	St Wilfrid's
Weds	9 am	No Morning Prayer in church this week	St Luke's
Thur	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 group	Halton
12th April Second Sunday of Easter	8 am	Holy Communion	St Wilfrid's
	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	11.30	No service this week	St Saviour's
	1.30 pm	Baptism of Emily	St Luke'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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