



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

**19th April 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter**



Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Acts 2.14a, 36–41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore, let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified. Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, Brothers, what should we do? Peter said to them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him. And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this corrupt generation. So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

1 Peter 1.17–23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

This is the word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24.13–35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, what are you discussing with each other while you walk along? They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days? He asked them, What things? They replied, the things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him. Then he said to them, oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory? Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over. So, he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us? That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon! Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please remember in your prayers:

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

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 Croft Ave; Dale Ave; Shady Lane; Arden Close in Slyne with Hest and Park Lane, Halton Green and Green Lane in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

Church APCM meetings

This year our Annual Church meetings are taking place on the following dates after the main Sunday Morning service:

- St Luke's – 26th April
- St Saviour's – 10th May
- St Wilfrid's - 17th May

Please do your best to attend these really important meetings where we will elect our Church wardens, review the last 12 months and look to the future.

St Luke's Sponsored Walk Jon & Angela will be doing a sponsored return walk along the Promenade from St Luke's church to Westend of Morecambe and back again approx. 15Kms on Saturday 25th April in aid of the church roof starting at the church at 10am and hopefully arriving back by 4 pm! Please sponsor these two young ones on the sheet at the back of church. Thank you.

St Luke's PCC Secretary

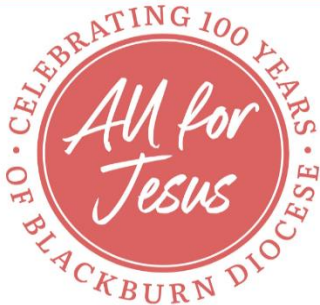
We are looking for a new PCC secretary as Louise is stepping down after the APCM. The secretary sends out the agenda and produces the minutes for the 6 PCC meetings we have each year and the APCM. Please talk to Revd Susan if you think you may have the skills needed to serve our church in this way.

Diocese of Blackburn Big Day Out. Sat 16th May You are invited to celebrate our Diocesan centenary with our Big Day Out in Blackpool! Transport by coach has been arranged locally, please ask Revd Susan for details.

[Booking for family group access into Family Zone](#) [Booking for lunch only](#)
[Register young people for Youth Zone](#)

Calendar of services and events

19th April Third Sunday of Easter	8 am	Holy Communion	St Wilfrid's
	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion & Baptism	St Wilfrid's
	3.30 pm	Nature Church	Church Hall Slyne
	6.30 pm	Youth café	Church Hall Slyne
Mon	2 pm	Knit and Natter	Church Hall Slyne
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's
	2.15 pm	Year 6 visit to church	St Luke's
Weds	9 am	Morning Prayer	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
Sat	10 am	Jon and Angela start walk	St Luke's
26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.30 am	Family Communion & APCM	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Morning Worship	St Saviour's
	1.30 pm	Baptism of Luis	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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