



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

**10th May 2026
6th Sunday of Easter**



Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Readings

Acts 17.22–31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, To an unknown god. What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your own poets have said, for we too are his offspring. Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

1 Peter 3.13–end

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account

of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14.15–21

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him 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.

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 Manor Avenue; Manor Close; Manor Drive in Slyne with Hest and Carus Park, Coronation Way, Wetherfield Close, Langton Close 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 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.

Christian Aid Week. Sunday 10th May marks the beginning of Christian Aid Week. This year the appeal is to help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. There will be envelopes available at the back of the churches for donations.

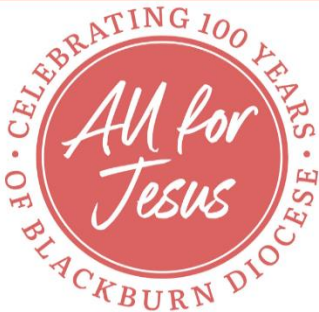
Halton Park House Garden is open for the NGS and NSPCC on Saturday 16 May and Sunday 17 May from 11am to 4pm. Adults £6, children free. Teas, cakes and BBQ.

Dates for your Diary:

- **Sat 16th May - Diocese of Blackburn Big Day Out.**
- **Friday 5th June 7 pm Quiz night** in Slyne church hall in aid of St Luke's roof fund . Fun for all the family with chip Balms and prizes galore in spin the wheel competition. Entry is £5-00 on the door
- **Saturday July 4th St Luke's Church Summer Fair**, 12-3 pm in aid of the roof fund. Donations for tombola and raffles are now urgently needed . They can be left in the box in the church or the church hall. For further details contact Jonathan 07754262315
- **PCC Day** Saturday 11th July 2026. 9am – 12.30pm. A day to look at the vision for the future for our churches and to reflect on the qualities needed for the new Rector.
- **11-13th September – Parish Mission Weekends**

Calendar of services and events

10th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	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	Said morning prayer & APCM	St Saviour's
	2.30 pm	Baptism of Isabella	St Luke's
	3.30 pm	Nature Church	Church Hall Slyne
Mon	2 pm	Knit and Natter	Church Hall Slyne
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's
Weds	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
	7.30 pm	St Wilfrid's PCC meeting	St Wilfrid's
Thur	10 am	Ascension Day Holy Communion	St Luke's
	10.30 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	Bible Study Group	Halton
17th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion and APCM	St Wilfrid's
	6.30 pm	Youth Cafe	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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