



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

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**



**Collect**

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

**Hosea 5.15—6.6**

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth. What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**Romans 4.13—end**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, I have made you the father of many nations)-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become the father of many nations, according to what was said, So numerous shall your descendants be. He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith was reckoned to him as righteousness. Now the words, it was reckoned to him, were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 9.9–13, 18–26**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting<sup>1</sup> with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.’ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.’ Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, ‘Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

**Post Communion** Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of 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, Kate.

**St Wilfrid's:** Katie Victoria, Marjorie, Margaret, George and Daphne, Ruby, Christine, Eileen. **St Saviour's:** Margaret (Karen's Mum)

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 Slyne Hall Heights; Bottomdale Road; Main Road; Orchard Close in Slyne with Hest and Forest Heights, Foundry Close (Halton Grange) in Halton and the people of Aughton.

## **Notices**

### **Parish Mission Weekends, 11-13<sup>th</sup> September**

This year our Diocese is celebrating its centenary. Bishop Philip has invited every parish across the Diocese to have a weekend of Mission, between Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to be part of a group to plan the events in our Benefice, please contact Martin Wakelin

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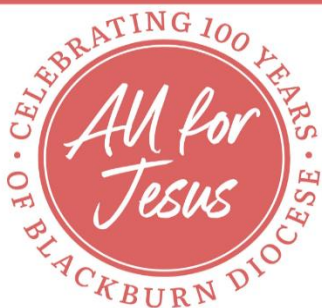
### **Dates for your Diary:**

- **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Families@4 Exotic Animal Show!**  
Families@4 in June will start at the earlier time of 3 pm with an exotic animal show. We will then have an animal themed time of worship and craft when we will be thinking about Noah's Ark, followed by tea.
- **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June –** Fundraising Lunch at Forgewood Cottage Halton
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Archdeacon's Visitation for Church Wardens, 7.30 pm** at St Cuthberts Fulwood.
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – 2 pm Community tea at St Wilfrid's School.**
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – St Luke's Coffee Morning at Bolton-Le-Sands.**
- **Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> - 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
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Messy Church, 3.30 pm at St Wilfrid's School**
- **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026. 9am – 12.30pm. PCC Day.** A day to look at the vision for the future for our churches and to reflect on the qualities needed for the new Rector.
- **23<sup>rd</sup> August – Revd. Susan's last Sunday – details to follow**
- **11-13<sup>th</sup> September – Parish Mission Weekends**



## Calendar of services and events

<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	3 pm	Exotic animal show followed	Church Hall Slyne
	4 pm	by Families@4	Church Hall Slyne
<b>Mon</b>	2 pm	Knit and Natter	Church Hall Slyne
<b>Tues</b>	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's
<b>Weds</b>	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
<b>Thur</b>	10 am	Prayer and discussion group	Church Hall Slyne
	10.45 am	Community Coffee morning	Church Hall Slyne
	12 pm	Clergy Chapter meeting	Church Hall Slyne
	2 pm	Body and Soul	Church hall Slyne
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	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
	Noon	Fundraising lunch	Halton



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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