



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

21st June 2026

3rd Sunday after Trinity



Collect

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 20.7–13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, Violence and destruction! For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name, then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him. But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Romans 6.1b–11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from

the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 10.24–39

A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetop. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So, do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and ones foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

Post Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 Road; Turnpike Fold; Green Lane and Aysgarth Drive in Slyne with Hest, and Oak Drive in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

St Luke's Summer Fair

Saturday July 4th between 12-3pm 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. We also need volunteers to help on the day. For further details contact Jonathan 07754262315

St Saviour's Pilgrim Places 'Pit Stop'

St Saviour's, Aughton (LA2 8LT) have recently launched a 'Pit Stop', a peaceful place to pause, reflect and enjoy nature. The churchyard is home to over 50 species of native wildflowers and a haven for birds and insects. And then there are the views! Bottles of water, biscuits and sometimes home baking are available to visitors.

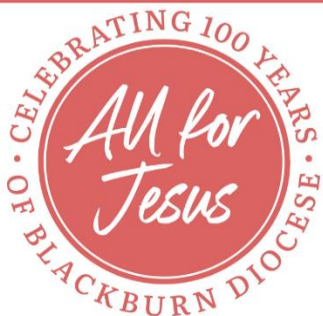


Dates for your Diary:

- **Thursday 25th June – St Luke's Coffee Morning at Bolton-Le-Sands.**
- **Thursday 2nd July – St Wilfrid's Coffee Morning at Bolton-Le-Sands.**
- **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**
- **Friday 10th July – Messy Church, 3.30 pm at St Wilfrid's School**
- **Saturday 11th 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.
- **Wednesday 15th July Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage.** St Luke's Mother's Union friendship group are hosting an afternoon Tea at the Vicarage on Summerfield Drive at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please let Revd. Susan know if you plan to come so that we know numbers for catering.
- **Friday 19th July – Bingo Night 7 pm at the Church Hall Slyne.**
- **23rd August – Revd. Susan's last Sunday – details to follow**
- **11-13th September – Parish Mission Weekends**

Calendar of services and events

21st June 3rd Sunday after Trinity	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	Noon	Baptism of Lilah	St Luke'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
Weds	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
Thur	10 am	St Luke's Coffee morning	Bolton-Le-Sands
	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
28th June 4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Holy Communion	St Saviour'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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