



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

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**



**Collect**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Isaiah 55.10–13**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so, shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**Romans 8.1–11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to Gods law-indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13.1–9, 18–23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them about many things in parables, saying: Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

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

### **Post Communion**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name 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, James Gwyn

**St Wilfrid's:** Katie Victoria, Marjorie, Margaret, George and Daphne, Ruby, Christine, Eileen. **St Saviour's:** Margaret (Karen's Mum). R.I.P Andrew  
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 Peacock Lane; Peacock Crescent in Slyne with Hest, and Beech Road in Halton and the people of Aughton.

## **Notices**

**St Luke's – Thank You** A huge thank you to Angela, Jonathan, Frank, Heather and all the team for organizing and running a fantastic Family Fun Day last Saturday. Over 1,000 was raised for the Church Roof Fund.

### **Ignite Project – Prayer Meetings.**

The Deanery has organized meetings on Zoom to pray for our young people and our bid to appoint 2 youth workers. The next meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 7 pm for half an hour. Everyone is welcome to join in and the link is:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/jc/89842526793>

Meeting ID: 898 4252 6793 Passcode: Ee4kY9

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

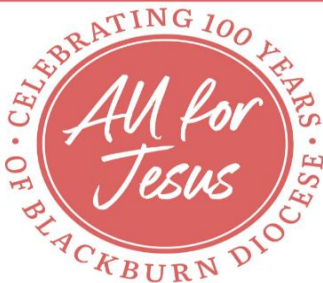
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage.** St Luke's Mother's Union friendship group are hosting an afternoon Tea at the Vicarage on Summerfield Drive at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please let Revd. Susan know if you plan to come so that we know numbers for catering.
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Bingo Night** 7 pm at the Church Hall Slyne.
- **23<sup>rd</sup> August – Revd. Susan's last Sunday – Pilgrimage and Party!**  
Provisional outline of the day (Timings to be confirmed):
  - 9 am - Breakfast and Morning Prayer at St Saviour's Aughton
  - Pilgrimage walk to Halton through the field paths
  - Noon - Picnic Lunch
  - Pilgrimage walk along the cycle path to St Wilfrid's for prayers.
  - Pilgrimage walk to Slyne with Hest along the river and canal.
  - 5 pm – Family Service of Holy Communion at St Luke's
  - 6 pm Revd. Susan's Goodbye party at the Church Hall Slyne

You are welcome to join in with as much of the day as you are able, but I hope you can all join me for the service and party at the end of the day to celebrate my 8 years as your Rector. More details on timings to follow.

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

**Please note July has a different service pattern to accommodate St Wilfrd's prize giving and leavers service and baptisms.**

<b>Calendar of services and events</b>			
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	8 am	Holy Communion	St Wilfrid's
	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Luke's
	10 am	Year 6 Leavers Service	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Morning Prayer (with baptisms)	St Saviour's
<b>Mon</b>	2 pm	Knit and Natter	Church Hall Slyne
<b>Tues</b>	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's
	7.30 pm	St Wilfrid's PCC Meeting	St Wilfrid's
<b>Weds</b>	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
	7.30 pm	St Luke's PCC Meeting	Meeting Room
<b>Thur</b>	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
	2 pm	St Luke's Leavers service	St Luke's
<b>Fri</b>	7 pm	Bingo Night	Church Hall Slyne
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Communion & Baptism	St Wilfrid's
	5.30 pm	Youth Café BBQ	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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