



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

19th July 2026

7th Sunday after Trinity



Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Wisdom of Solomon 12.13, 16–19

For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although, you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, Abba! Father! it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13.24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So, when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from? He answered, An enemy has done this. The slaves said to him, Then do you want us to go and gather them? But he replied, No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn. Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field. He answered, The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he 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, James Gwyn

St Wilfrid's: Katie Victoria, Marjorie, Margaret, George and Daphne, Ruby, Christine, Eileen, John, Mary.

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 Hatlex Hill; Bryn Grove; Ashworth Drive in Slyne with Hest, and Meadowfield and Meadowfield Close in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

St Luke's Thank You to Frank for organizing the Bingo Night on Friday 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 21st 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:

• 23rd August – Revd. Susan's last Sunday – Pilgrimage and Party!

Provisional outline of the day (Timings to be confirmed):

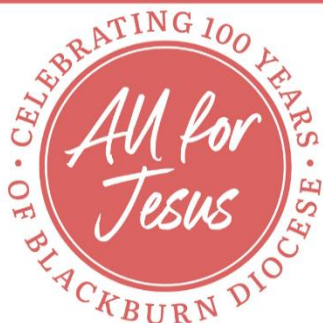
- 9 am - Breakfast and Morning Prayer at St Saviour's Aughton
- Pilgrimage walk to Halton through the field paths
- Noon - Picnic Lunch
- Pilgrimage walk along the cycle path to St Wilfrid's for prayers.
- Pilgrimage walk to Slyne with Hest along the river and canal.
- 5 pm – Family Service of Holy Communion 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.

• 11-13th September – Parish Mission Weekends

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

Calendar of services and events			
19th July 7th Sunday after Trinity	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
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	Prayer and discussion group	Church Hall Slyne
	10.45 am	Community Coffee morning	Church Hall Slyne
	2 pm	Body and Soul	Church hall Slyne
26th July 8th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Lukes
	10 am	Family Worship	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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