



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

26th July 2026

8th Sunday after Trinity



Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 Kings 3.5–12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, Ask what I should give you. And Solomon said, You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people? It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Romans 8.26–end

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold

his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against Gods elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13.31–33, 44–52

He put before them another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

He told them another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this? They answered, Yes. And he said to them, Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.

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

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you 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 Lane; Hatlex Drive in Slyne with Hest, and Harrowdale Park, Bowland Fold in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

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 4th August from 7 pm for half an hour. Everyone is welcome to join in and the link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/jc/81842856845>
Meeting ID: 818 4285 6845 Passcode: 420446

Dates for your Diary:

- **8th August – Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary Service Blackburn Cathedral**
- **23rd August – Revd. Susan's last Sunday – Pilgrimage and Party!**

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

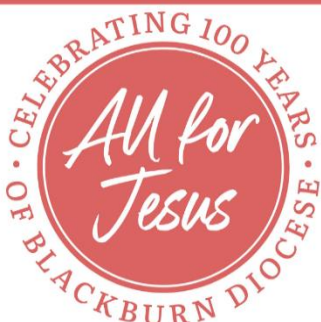
- 9 am - Breakfast and Morning Prayer at St Saviour's Aughton
- Pilgrimage walk to Halton through the field paths
- Noon - Picnic Lunch
- Pilgrimage walk along the cycle path to St Wilfrid's for prayers.
- Pilgrimage walk to Slyne with Hest along the river and canal.
- 5 pm – Family Service of Holy Communion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

Calendar of services and events			
26th July 8th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Family Worship	St Wilfrid's
	11.30 am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's
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
2nd August 9th Sunday after Trinity	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Worship	St Lukes
	10 am	Holy Communion No Families@4 this month	St Wilfrid's

Summer of Prayer – Over the summer there are daily guides to prayer available on the Fruitful app.



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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