



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

28th June 2026

4th Sunday after Trinity



Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Zechariah 9.9–12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Romans 7.15–25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So, I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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 11.16–19, 25–end

But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, we played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a demon; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners! Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

At that time Jesus said, I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through 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 Hest Bank Lane in Slyne with Hest, and Pennystone Road in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

Families@4 - Sunday 5th July at the Church Hall Slyne

We plan to have a nature hunt, a picnic and reflect on how Jesus fed over 5,000 people using a little boy's packed lunch. Please bring some sandwiches and a picnic blanket. Drinks and cake will be provided.

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. These take place every Tuesday evenings 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:

- **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. **If you are interested in planning for the future of our churches, you are welcome to join us – you don't have to be on the PCC!**
- **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 – Pilgrimage and Party!**

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

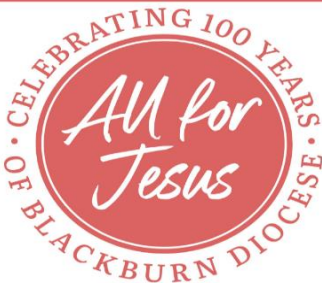
- 9 am - Breakfast and Morning Prayer at St Saviour's Aughton
- Pilgrimage walk to Halton through the field paths
- Noon - Picnic Lunch
- Pilgrimage walk along the cycle path to St Wilfrid's for prayers.
- Pilgrimage walk to Slyne with Hest along the river and canal.
- 5 pm – Family Service of Holy Communion 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 to, 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			
5th July 5th Sunday after Trinity	8 am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30 am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	10 am	Junior Church Prize giving	St Wilfrid's
	4 pm	Families@4	Church Hall Slyne
Mon-Thur	Revd Susan away at the Diocesan Conference		
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
Fri	3.30 pm	St Wilfrid's Messy Church	St Wilfrid's School
Sat	9 am – 12.30 pm	PCC Day – A Vision for the future and Parish profile.	Church Hall Slyne
12th July 6th Sunday after Trinity	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



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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