



***The United Benefice of Slyne with Hest St Luke
and Halton St Wilfrid with Aughton St Saviour***
16th August 2026
11th Sunday after Trinity



Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings

Isaiah 56.1, 6–8

Thus says the Lord: maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. and the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant-these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so, they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15.21–28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon. But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us. He answered, I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. But she came and knelt before him, saying, Lord, help me. He answered, It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs. She said, Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters table. Then Jesus answered her, Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish. And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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.

R.I.P James Gwyn Davies.

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 Greenacre Road; Greenacre Park; Coastal Road in Slyne with Hest, and St. Wilfrid's Park & Rowan Bank in Halton and the people of Aughton.

Notices

Dates for your Diary:

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

Provisional outline of the day (Timings to be confirmed in this weeks email):

- 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 St Wilfrid's
- 2 pm Prayers at St Wilfrid's
- 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 – a bring and share (Jacob's Join) meal.

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.

Please sign up on the list at the back of church so say which parts of the day you can join in with and if you can contribute to the party refreshments.

11-13th September – Parish Mission Weekends

St. Wilfrid's - Heritage Weekend with tours up the tower, stalls, children's activities and refreshments.

St. Luke's -

- Friday night Chocolate bingo
- Saturday afternoon Youth Games
- Sunday Communion with a guest speaker
- 4pm a Pet Service with a buffet tea

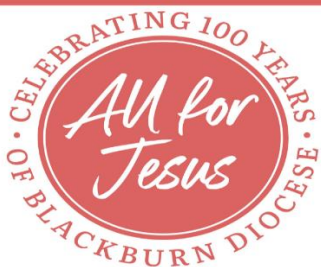
St. Saviour's Pilgrim Place. Further details to follow.

Please pray for the Mission weekends.

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



Calendar of services and events			
16th August 10th 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
	1 pm	Baptism of Willow	St Luke's
	2.30 pm	Baptism of Iyla	St Luke's
Mon	2 pm	Knit and Natter	Church Hall Slyne
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's
	7.30 pm	PCC meetings with Archdeacon	Slyne Church Hall
Weds	9 am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
Thur	10.45	Community Coffee morning	Church Hall Slyne
	am	Body and Soul	Church hall Slyne
	2 pm		
Sat	11 am	Baptism of Lwsi and Noa	St Luke's
23rd August 11th Sunday after Trinity		<i>Revd Susan's Last Sunday</i> <i>see plan of day.</i>	
	9 am	Breakfast and Morning prayer	St Saviour's
	?	Prayers	St Wilfrid's
	5 pm	Family Communion	St Luke's
	6 pm	Goodbye party	Slyne Church Hall



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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