THE DIOCESE OF BLACKBURN
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE

The United Benefice
St. Luke's, Slyne-with-Hest
St. Wilfrid's, Halton
St. Saviour's, Aughton

PARISH PROFILE



Canal at Hest Bank | River Lune at Halton | Aughton Woods | Sunset over Morecambe Bay

Three Churches - Three Communities - One Vision

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for showing interest in the position of rector of our benefice; one of the most naturally beautiful in the Diocese of Blackburn. We hope this profile will give you not only an insight into our communities, but also a taste of this culturally rich, diverse and endlessly fascinating area of north Lancashire.



St. Luke's, Slyne-with-Hest



St. Saviour's, Aughton



St. Wilfrid's, Halton

Our benefice is bordered by the wild beauty of the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and often overlooked, Trough of Bowland. The nearby city of Lancaster along with the market towns of Morecambe, Kendal and Kirkby Lonsdale, offer a superb array of arts and leisure facilities along with excellent theatres, cinemas, museums and galleries. For sports fans, there are highly respected and successful rugby and hockey clubs, first rate athletic facilities as well as our *occasionally* successful but much-loved football teams of Morecambe, Kendal and Lancaster.

Together, these three parishes form our unique benefice with a shared commitment to worship, welcome and service, while remaining rooted in their distinct communities.

We are seeking a rector to lead our worship, inspire and guide our growth, and deepen our outreach into the communities which we serve. We believe this represents a compelling opportunity for a committed, enthusiastic and forward-looking priest who appreciates the joys of beautiful countryside as well as proximity to cultural centres and in a location with excellent transport connections.

Please read on to learn more about our churches, services and communities and profile of the person we need. Together, with an introduction to our benefice, we have written this profile in the hope that it helps you to develop an understanding of what we're about and as to whether you feel called to work with us in spreading and teaching God's love.

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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Thank you for showing an interest in a post in the Diocese of Blackburn.

Our Diocese is passionate about the renewal of Parish life. Vision 2026 sets before the churches of Lancashire a profound belief in the power of the Gospel to transform lives and communities and expresses a firm commitment to maintaining clergy numbers and investing in the mission of the local church. We therefore seek clergy with a personal faith fiery enough to make new disciples for Christ, with a sincere commitment to the Parish as the heart of the church's mission and with the resilience and courage to bring growth and renewal to local churches. We don't want superheroes. Rather we are seeking authentic, prayerful priests of all traditions who share our passion for confident proclamation and generous service.



Bishop of Blackburn

The Rt Revd Philip North

What's more, you would be coming to the Diocese at a fascinating time as we look towards our centenary in 2026. We are in the midst of a major process of listening to God and listening to our County as we discern where God is calling us next, a process that will result in a new strategic vision that will last until 2033, the 2000th anniversary of the Resurrection.



Bishop of Lancaster

The Rt Revd Dr Jill Duff

We have also recently been successful in obtaining a grant of £25.5m from the Diocesan Investment Programme run by the national church. This will enable us to:

Offer a transformed pattern of ongoing training and support to clergy, including sabbatical leave as an expectation for all rather than a treat for the few

*****Deploy 30 'Ignite' youth and children's workers to parishes around the Diocese**

Invest in urban areas through expanding the M: Power course for urban leaders, employing 18 Urban Pioneers and re-imagining Christian life in areas of particular challenge.

Expand our Diocesan Renewal Programme which has led to an average of 6% growth in RWA in participating parishes.



Bishop of Burnley

The Rt Revd Dr Joe Kennedy

We are a Diocese that is united in defying the declinist mindset that has taken hold of so much of Western European Christianity. Through a firm belief in the power of Jesus Christ to change lives combined with strong pastoral ministry and imaginative developments such as new local congregations, we are seeing growth in churches of all traditions. Strong relationships with our amazing family of 191 schools (95% of whom benefit from practising Christian Headteachers) provide another springboard for mission

As a Diocese we do all we can to love and treasure our clergy. Our programme of Annual Conversations means that every licensed priest has a 90-minute conversation with a Bishop or an Archdeacon every year about their vocation, wellbeing and spiritual life.

We have appointed an Assistant Archdeacon to advise on clergy wellbeing, and we work hard to create networks that enable clergy to belong and find mutual support.

Those in their first incumbency are offered especially focused support. This includes participation in a two year Start of Ministry course, advice and care from a mentor and the oversight of our two outstanding Start of Ministry officers.

Lancashire has been described as 'England in miniature' and we can offer a vast diversity of parishes. We serve the most deprived communities in the United Kingdom on the Fylde coast and in East Lancashire as well as remote countryside. We are not immune from the particular challenges to ministry provided by an increasingly secular culture and a divided Church. But what brings us together is a profound and shared love of Jesus Christ and a passionate desire that all should know him, and in knowing him find life.

We really hope you enjoy reading this profile and that it provides all the information you need. If this particular post does not feel quite right, please do get in touch about other parishes in the Diocese that are vacant.

Most importantly of all, please be assured of our prayers as you discern the will of God for the next stage in your ministry.

*****IGNITE: Tunstall Deanery is hoping to be 'home' to two of the IGNITE workers *****



Lambing Service



Easter Children's Activities



Post Service Refreshments



Harvest Festival

THE PCCs' VISION FOR THE FUTURE

All three PCCs share a desire to see the benefice continue to grow. We are three churches united in purpose yet rooted in distinct communities; each with its strengths and characteristics but sharing the same vision.



St. Wilfrid's by Night

Our shared priority is to grow the number of Christians across the benefice. We want to see people of all ages come to faith, grow in discipleship and discover their part in the life and mission of the Church.

Our mission is to continue to be open, welcoming and multi-generational; a benefice where everyone is valued, everyone has a part to play, and where lay leadership is encouraged and developed.

For Halton and Slyne, both of which have thriving primary schools, children, young people and families are a particular area of opportunity, building on our recent success in developing creative and sustainable ways to engage the younger generation.

Working with our schools, community organisations and pastoral contacts, we can encourage greater participation of children within our services and groups to create opportunities for young people to belong, serve and grow in faith.

For Aughton, a traditional farming community with strong connections to local Methodist and Baptist chapels, we continue to develop our shared Christian message and bind the whole community in the love and celebration of Christ.

We are honest about the practical responsibilities that come with our buildings, finances and volunteer capacity.

The opportunity for a representative of each parish to join a residential course, part of our diocese's 'Leading your church into growth' initiative, has borne fruit. Our congregations have grown and so too has the confidence of our PCCs. They have embraced opportunities for growth, shown a willingness to try new things and see ourselves as churches with a truly hopeful future.

OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Our spiritual life is shaped by worship, prayer, pastoral care and a desire to grow in confidence as disciples of Jesus Christ. Our worship encompasses both traditional services combined with a range of other service and worship styles.

Below is an illustration of the current life of each church, with some indication of our monthly variety of traditional services and activities.



Carols in the Grounds, St. Luke's 2024

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
ST. LUKE'S		
MONDAY: **TUESDAY:** **WEDNESDAY:** **THURSDAY:**	Knit and Natter Shining stars playgroup (led by URC) 9.00am Morning Prayer Prayer and discussion group Community coffee morning 8.00am Holy Communion (1st + 3rd Sunday) (Holy Communion not held during vacancy)	
SUNDAY:	9.30am Family Worship or Holy Communion, with Sunday School	8.00am Morning Prayer (only during vacancy) Families@4 Forest Church (led by URC) Youth Café (11–18-year-olds)
ST. WILFRID'S		
TUESDAY: **THURSDAY:** **SUNDAY:**	9.00am Morning Prayer Alternating weeks: Ecumenical Prayer and Discussion Group 8:00am Holy Communion (only 2nd Sunday during vacancy) 10.00am Family Worship or Holy Communion with Junior Church	
ST. SAVIOUR'S		
SUNDAY:	11:30am Morning Prayer (2nd Sunday), 11.30am Holy Communion (4th Sunday) 7.00pm Evening Prayer (5th Sunday)	

We recognise the importance of services, groups and activities that are accessible to the wider community, children, young people and families. We want to grow activities and forms of worship that help parishioners outside our core congregations, including our younger generations, to feel that they belong to a community they value and in which they are valued.

COMMUNITIES LIVING and GROWING TOGETHER

AUGHTON



BOON DAY, St. Saviour's

It has long been the tradition that during September, Aughton villagers gather in the churchyard to scythe, strim, mow and tidy the grass and wildflowers ready for winter.

To take on this gargantuan task, folk arrive with their tools, sacks and wheelbarrows to work hard, catch up with old friends, welcome newcomers, and generally put the world to rights.

All this whilst enjoying the home-made cakes and 'proper' brews prepared by the older members of the parish.

PILGRIMS' PIT STOP, St. Saviour's

The village of Aughton is known for its natural beauty (AONB), and the churchyard for its outstanding number of wildflowers and views across the River Lune to Caton Moor and the Trough of Bowland.



At the heart of a route popular with both walkers and cyclists, the church actively promotes its Pilgrims' Pitstop which is stocked with complementary bottles of water and snacks. There are also books and information leaflets available, diocesan pamphlets, bibles, gospels, hymn books and interesting facts about the church and churchyard and, occasionally, cakes, flowers and plants. The Pitstop has been developed to encourage the wider community to visit and enjoy St Saviour's, with an open invitation to revisit and share in a service of worship.

HALTON

HERITAGE DAY, St. Wilfrid's



Motte and Biley at Halton

On Heritage Day, we welcome visitors to explore the rich history of the church. On offer are refreshments and a chance to ascend the 55ft, 16th century tower, learning about the **natterer's bats** and bells, and enjoying the view over the River Lune and adjacent motte and bailey.

Did You Know?'

Natterer's Bat



The large, narrow face of the **Natterer's Bat**, big ears and pointy nose are irresistible. Though a medium-sized bat, it can be difficult to see, hunting amongst trees where it snatches small moths, beetles, spiders and other prey. The UK population of Natterer's bats is of international importance!

The church has also been regularly used for art exhibitions and concerts. Also popular have been fascinating displays of wedding dresses and christening robes. We are grateful to have been loaned precious items of family history by local people.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH SCHOOL

Church and school enjoy a warm and active relationship. The whole school worships in the church at least once each term and has special starters' and leavers' services. Twice each term, our church team leads Messy Church in school, bringing families together through song, prayer, craft and food. These are relaxed and joyful gatherings that help us to build relationships with the children and families while sharing something of God's love.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Our Junior Church is thriving with 34 children registered from pre-school to Year 6. We also have one or two youngsters in Years 7 and 8 whom we encourage to take on junior leadership roles and to begin exploring wider youth ministry at **St. Luke's Youth Café.**

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

St. Wilfrid's has a pastoral care team who take Holy Communion to housebound members of the congregation in both Halton and Aughton.

SLYNE-with-HEST



PET SERVICE, St Luke's.

We always look forward to our ever-popular pet services and getting to meet those in our parish with four paws rather than two.

During the recent Heritage Weekend, celebrating Blackburn Diocese' Centenary, we combined forces with Wolfwood, a local animal rescue charity that is particularly close to our hearts.

OUR RESOURCES

Our benefice has significant resources for worship, mission and community engagement. Across the three parishes, committed volunteers, churchwardens, PCC members and lay leaders bring energy, skill and local knowledge to the life of the churches.



St. Luke's Church Hall

St Luke's offers a church with a good-sized meeting/worship room as well as a modern church hall, both situated within large grounds incorporating a car park. These facilitate a wide range of activities such as youth-related clubs and groups, Sunday School, Families at 4, Messy Church, coffee mornings and other community events.





Minecraft St. Luke's and Virtual Rector

St Wilfrid's is a historic church building with atmospheric grounds. It has a self-contained room with kitchen where meetings and Junior Church take place.

The history of the church is both rich and fascinating. The first record of the rector at St Wilfrid's is Benedict Gernet, c 1190. The churchyard features a 10th-century Viking cross and a sundial plate, once part of the cross shaft, has its own pedestal and bears the inscription "For Saint Wilfrite Church at Halton 1635".

Both St Luke's and St Wilfrid's are open for quiet contemplation almost daily and have strong links with their respective primary schools, thanks to committed volunteers. They offer opportunities for concerts, lectures and benefice-wide collaboration.



10th Century Viking Cross in the churchyard at St. Wilfrid's

St Saviour's brings a distinctly agricultural flavour to the benefice, with its rural setting with a strong local identity. The first chapel at Aughton predated the reformation. This structure was rebuilt by the inhabitants in 1716 and called St George's. After a devastating fire, it was again rebuilt in 1864 as St Saviour's.

This, the current church, is open every weekend, with the 'Pilgrims Pit Stop in the porch, offering hospitality to passers-by, is open 365 days of the year. And in some years, 366!

The church grounds, with over 35species of wildflower having been recorded, are managed for biodiversity and has been featured in journals such as the North Lancashire Wildlife Group.



St. Saviour's, Aughton

The community is widely known for the warmth of its hospitality, its cakes and bakes. Indeed, Aughton is home to the famous Aughton Pudding Festival held once every 21 years. A now retired churchwarden (who served 36 years in the role) still holds the World Record for the biggest ever Christmas pudding.

MINISTRY TEAM

Our Ministry Team across the three parishes consists of Committed Clergy, Licensed Ministers, Officers and volunteers who work together to support the worship, pastoral care, and mission of the parishes. We value collaboration, where lay leadership is encouraged and we seek to nurture the various gifts which God has blessed His people.



Martin Wakelin, Licensed Lay Minister

Clergy and Licensed Ministers

The Incumbent leads worship and heads up the pastoral care. Retired clergy with Permission to Officiate, Reverend Helen Leathard, assists with preaching, occasional offices, and pastoral support. Licensed Lay Minister, Martin Wakelin and an Authorised Lay Minister Sandra Dawson contribute regularly to worship and teaching. Their involvement aims to provide stability and continuity across our services and pastoral ministries.

Churchwardens and PCC Officers

Churchwardens, Jonathan Dixon (St Luke's), Melissa Bowring (St Wilfrid's), Tom Bowring (Melissa's brother-in-law) and Sandi Haythornthwaite (St Saviour's) offer strong, practical leadership and work closely with the clergy. They ensure worship runs smoothly, buildings are cared for and safeguarding responsibilities are met. The PCC Officers bring skills in administration, finance, and governance, enabling the parish to function effectively and responsibly.

Volunteer Ministry Teams

A wide range of wonderful volunteers share their gifts in the ministry of the parish; they are invaluable and include:

- Organists and intercessors
- Children's and families' ministry volunteers
- Messy Church and café style worship teams
- Safeguarding officers
- Communications and social media volunteers
- Buildings, churchyard, and hospitality teams

These dedicated teams work collectively and take responsibility for significant areas of parish life.

STEWARDSHIP and FUNDRAISING

There are encouraging signs of financial stewardship within the benefice, though each Parish comes with its individual strengths.



View from the roof of St. Saviour's

Challenges include Parish share and building maintenance with particular urgency being the church roofs at Aughton and Slyne-with-Hest as well as water ingress at St. Wilfrid's.

Each church has a team active in searching out and applying for grants, and other forms of sponsorship.

Across the benefice, fundraising is a particular strength. The aim is always to seek funds from outside the core donor pool.

Amongst other events, our new rector can look forward to are:



Open Gardens



Mothering Sunday Afternoon Teas



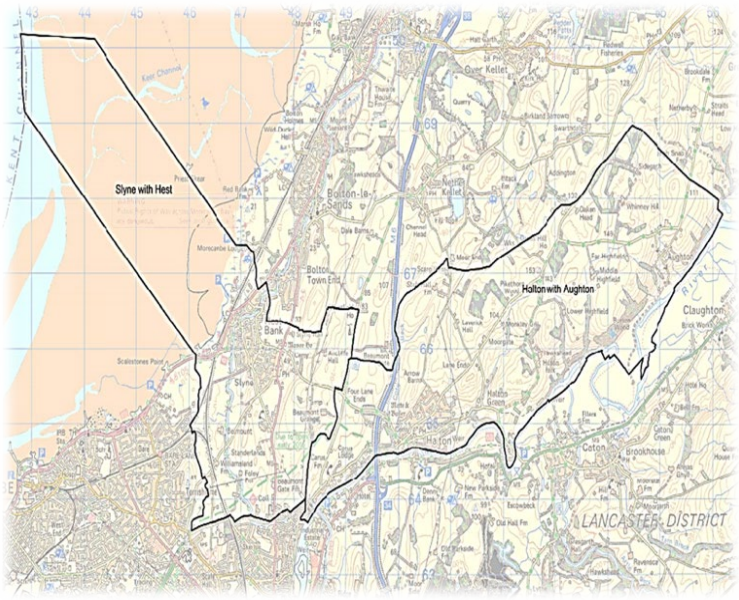
Possibly the Largest Annual Jumble Sale in the Lune Valley



"2 Little Ducks" and more...

THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

Our setting is both semi-rural and rural, with ministry shaped by village life, local relationships, seasonal rhythms, schools, local organisations and pastoral networks. As the benefice serves communities with different patterns of life, geography and access, ministry here cannot rely on a one-size-fits-all approach.



The parishes of Slyne-with-Hest and Halton with Aughton

Across the benefice, we want our churches to be places where people encounter hospitality, opportunities for prayer, belonging and practical care. We recognise that some are less represented and committed to church life, particularly young people post primary-school and those who do not naturally connect with traditional patterns of worship. We seek to strengthen relationships with them through schools, families, local organisations and community groups.

Slyne-with-Hest



View of the rear of the church from the car park

St Luke's serves the diverse parish of Slyne-with-Hest with its population of 4000 people across a range of socio-economic backgrounds. Regular congregations are made up of all age ranges, though the over 50s and under 12s are particularly well represented. The church runs a diverse and strong range of activities throughout the year and has forged links with the local church primary school, nursery, care and retirement homes.



St Luke's Hall



Family Fun Day



Year 6 Leavers' Bible Presentation

Both church and hall host numerous community events throughout the year, and strong links have been developed with Morecambe Bay Food Bank, with regular donations from members of the congregation and as a collection hub for the village.



Church hall, shared with Hest Bank URC



"The box in the porch" during Covid, has led to a long-term donation point for Morecambe Bay Food Bank.

The church hall runs as a 50:50 venture with Hest Bank United Reform Church with whom we have strong links and who also worship in the church building.

The PCC is committed to engaging families, children and young people more deeply, especially seeking to overcome the seemingly inevitable loss of children from the regular congregation as they transition from primary to secondary school. To this end, we offer a host of activities designed with this objective in mind.



Halton

St Wilfrid's serves Halton through its historic church, dating to 1876 with remnants of much earlier stonework revealing over 1000 years of worship on this site on the banks of the River Lune.

The village of Halton comprises approximately 3000 inhabitants and has expanded substantially in the last 15 years.



St. Wilfrid's seen from the River Lune



St. Wilfrid's interior



St. Wilfrid's lych gate

During August 2026, we installed a new audio-visual system comprising of a retractable screen and high-quality mounted projector, the use of which will enhance our services and provide more and varied opportunities for community activities.



Aughton

St Saviour's serves the very rural community of Aughton, where farming life, remoteness, biodiversity and local heritage shape both the opportunities and challenges of ministry.



With only 55 homes, 26 of which are located away from the heart of the village, and a population of approximately 120 – 150 Aughton is most definitely a hamlet rather than a village. The combination of the village's lack of bus service, village school, local shop or other amenities significantly restricts St Saviour's opportunities for growing its congregation within key groups.

The PCC is also mindful of the additional challenges of working with and supporting an agricultural community facing the economic difficulties of rural and farming.





The churchyard at Aughton is well known for its biodiversity and is managed as a wildflower meadow thanks to the dedicated help of local volunteers.

Rural life can be extremely isolating, especially during the winter months.

It has been known for the rector to be rescued from their snow-bound car and delivered to St Saviour's by tractor, just in time to take the Sunday service.



An important opportunity for St Saviour's lies in the outstanding beauty of both the village and the church itself. Awe-inspiring views across the valley, a picturesque church with its utterly charming interior, add up to an enticing backdrop for weddings and other significant ceremonies.

Couples often return to St Saviour's for the baptism of their children with some becoming regular worshipers.

In fact, all services drawing a congregation from outside the village prove to be a great opportunity to grow our church family.

Moreover, promoting our Pitstop through social media, writing **'Did You Know?'** features for local publications, along with fundraising activity outside the parish boundary have all helped in introducing a wider audience to St Saviour's.



In the spirit of 'Did You Know?'



Did you know that shepherds were often buried with a tuft of wool in hand?

This was to prove, on Doomsday, their occupation and to be excused for frequently missing Sunday church.

VICARAGE AND LOCAL SCHOOLS

The current benefice vicarage is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac just off Hest Bank Lane in Slyne with Hest, close by the village CofE primary school and approximately 15 minutes' walk from St. Luke's church.



It compromises upstairs 4 bedrooms and bathroom. Downstairs there is a Study, lounge, toilet, dining room, kitchen and utility room. The house has average sized front and back gardens with lawns and flower beds and incorporates a garage for storage etc.

The house has recently been insulated and complete external redecoration. Blackburn Diocese has an excellent in-house property department that deals with all maintenance and fabric matters. It has a network of local contractors who respond quickly to requests for repairs or other help .



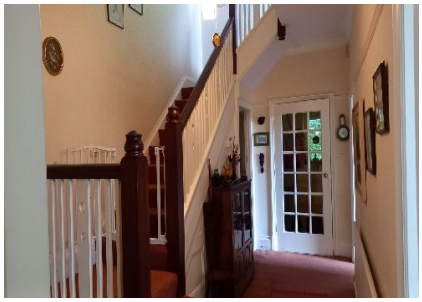
View from the back



Study



Sitting Room



Hallway



Sitting Room



Dining Room

Shopping: There is a convenience store approximately 10 minutes' walk away. For larger shops, there are a number of independent shops in nearby Lancaster and Morecambe (both 10 minutes), and all major supermarket retailers are well represented in the area.

Education: The vicarage lies within the catchment areas for some excellent Primary and secondary schools, and secondary schools in Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth and Kirkby Lonsdale. Lancaster and Morecambe 6th form college is a very short drive from the vicarage. The table below, lists most local schools and their websites.

Local Schools and Colleges

Primary Schools

St Luke's CofE Primary School	https://www.slyne-with-hest.lancs.sch.uk/
St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School	https://stwilfrids-halton.co.uk/

Secondary Schools

Ripley St Thomas CofE Secondary school	https://ripleystthomas.com
Lancaster Boys' Grammar School	https://www.lrgs.org.uk/
Lancaster Girls' Grammar School	https://www.lggs.org.uk/
Lancaster High School	https://www.baylearningtrust.com/
Morecambe Bay Academy	http://morecambebayacademy.co.uk
Carnforth High School	http://www.carnforthhigh.co.uk
Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale	https://qes.org.uk

6th Form Colleges

LMC Lancaster & Morecambe College	https://lmc.ac.uk
Kendal College	https://www.kendal.ac.uk

Transport: Public transport to Lancaster and Carnforth is excellent with regular bus services, which run deep into the Lake district on the famous 555 route! The M6 and West Coast Mainline cut through the parish, providing fast, direct services throughout the northwest. Manchester is an hour away, the Lake district, 40 minutes, IKEA Warrington is 55 minutes!

WHO IS GOD CALLING?

We are praying for a rector who is deeply rooted in Christ, comfortable with the breadth of Church of England parish ministry, able to lead with warmth, clarity and courage. We are looking for someone who values our existing worship and pastoral presence, while also encouraging gentle change, imaginative mission and deeper engagement with those beyond the regular worshipping community.

IN SUMMARY:

- A collaborative leader who can work well with churchwardens, PCCs, lay leaders, volunteers, schools, ecumenical partners and community organisations.
- Someone able to set vision, motivate and inspire both church members and the wider community.
- A priest who emphasises prayer, worship, preaching, teaching and pastoral care as central to everyday Christian life.
- Someone willing to develop a mix of worship styles, including accessible and imaginative approaches for families, young people and those exploring faith.
- A rector who can encourage lay confidence, delegate well, develop gifts and nurture shared ownership across the benefice.
- Someone with energy, humour, approachability, good organisational skills and the ability to manage time and commitments across three parishes.
- A priest who can relate to farming, rural, village and semi-rural communities, and who will maintain a sustainable spiritual life and healthy balance between ministry and personal life.

Our next rector will help us to hold together vision and realism, encouraging growth while recognising the limits of volunteer capacity and the practical responsibilities of buildings, finance and parish share. Above all, we seek a rector who will help us to become more faithful, more confident and more outward-looking. We are three churches united in purpose, rooted in prayer, and committed to sharing the love of Christ in semi-rural Lancashire.





The Annual Advent journey of the 3 wise men round the benefice has become a popular Facebook tradition.

CLERGY CARE AND WELLBEING

- Clergy are invited to participate in an 8-year annual programme to keep ministry fresh and vital. This includes periods of sabbatical and regular retreats.
- We offer an Annual Conversation in which every licensed priest spends 90 mins with a Bishop or Archdeacon discussing ministry and wellbeing.
- Ongoing theological training and teaching is offered through our partnership with Emmanuel Theological College. Clergy receive free access to a theological library of 22,000 books and regular seminars.
- Annual Diocesan Clergy Study Days and an occasional clergy conference seek to provide opportunities both to keep ministry fresh and to build relationships with colleagues.
- We offer first incumbents a mentor and participation in our Start of Ministry Programme.
- All clergy are entitled to an uninterrupted rest period of 24 hours in each period of seven days and one additional rest period of 24 hours in each month, and in the remaining weeks of the month to take a rest day and a light day.
- We offer a Clergy Assistance Programme.
- We have a great property department, who will do their best to ensure your house works for you and your family and is well maintained.
- We have a beautiful diocesan retreat house in the grounds of a ruined Cistercian abbey, where clergy are welcome to have personal reading days for a modest charge.
- We encourage all parishes in vacancy to consider how they will 'pastor' and support their new priest. The diocese has an anti-bullying and anti-harassment policy.



Whalley Abbey Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer

- If you are looking for a spiritual director or a mentor, we have an excellent Warden of Spiritual Direction and networks of people with whom we can put you in touch.
- We are always looking for ways for clergy to mix apart from work – including reading weeks, regular hospitality, a cricket team and a clergy walking group. Further suggestions are welcome.
- We offer free counselling to clergy and their families through the Inter Diocesan Counselling Service and our own Diocesan counsellor.
- Clergy Wellbeing is overseen by the Assistant Archdeacon for Clergy Wellbeing, Canon Neil Kelley. In addition, our Dean of Women's Ministry, the Revd Lucie Lunn, offers support and care to female clergy in the Diocese.

THANK YOU!



Benefice Pilgrimage Walk

Thank you for reading our Parish Profile. It shows you have real stamina!

We hope that it has inspired you to give further consideration to leading us as we continue to grow and improve our mission and worship. Of course this is only a snapshot of parish life, our opportunities and challenges, so we would encourage you to view our social media pages.

All three churches have active Facebook accounts, where many services are livestreamed and update our pages on "A Church Near You".

(links can be found on the following page)

We look forward to meeting you!

St. Luke's

Parish website	https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11646/
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=st.%20luke%27s%20slyne%20with%20hest
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/st.lukesslyne/
YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/@stlukeschurchslynewithhest12033

St. Wilfrid's

Parish website	https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11641/
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/stwilfridshalton/

St. Saviour's

Parish Website	https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11636/
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=st%20saviour%27s%20church%2C%20aughton

Our Diocesan Vision Prayer is:

"Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses, to grow leaders and to inspire children and young people. Give us eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen"

You can find out more by visiting the Vision 2026 pages on our website: www.blackburn.anglican.org