

Launde Minster Community



Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 17th September 2026

Sunday 20th September, Trinity 16, Harvest Festival

Attached are the MC Worship Plan for **SEPTEMBER 2026** (as of 17th September)
This is your newsletter so please use it to share your notices, events and invite others to join you.

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Every Sunday at 8am Launde Abbey Chapel

Holy Communion - *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat. See Worship Plan for details*

Saturday Morning Prayer on Zoom **Everyone is welcome**

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Sunday 20th September at 11am **Launde Minster Community** **Online Church**

Leader: Hilary Painter

Reflection: Mark Broughton

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Collects for Sunday 20th September Trinity 16

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 20th September Trinity 16

Today's psalm is a joyful song of praise to God, an appropriate reminder at a time when there is so much gloom and despondency bombarding us. It's thought to be begins with King David's last psalm and his personal statement: *'I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.'* As he continues, his focus widens to include those who will follow him. One generation is to tell the next about God's goodness, so that the story of God's faithfulness continues to be passed on.

It's a particularly important thought for us today, living as we do in a world where there is much uncertainty and where bad news can easily dominate our attention. The psalm doesn't ignore the difficulties we face, but deliberately turns our eyes towards God: gracious, compassionate, patient and rich in love.

'The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.' God's goodness and compassion isn't restricted to a particular group of people, it extends to all creation,

and it's a love wider than we can imagine, *'long suffering and of great goodness.'*

What are we passing on to the next generation? Are we only passing on our worries, or are we also telling our children the story of God's faithfulness and Christ's teaching?

Our Christian faith has always been passed from one generation to another through words, worship and example. Each of us still has a part to play in that story. Amid uncertainty, like King David share thanks for God's goodness, trust in his promises and reflect his compassion in the way we live.

This week, try to notice the things that make you feel warm inside, the compassionate people, the acts of kindness. Give thanks, keep joy in your heart and pass on the Good News.

Hilary Painter

Bible Readings:

Sunday 20th September

Trinity 16

Jonah 3.10-end of 4

3.10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

4.1 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.

2 He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.

3 And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.'

4 And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?'

5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

6 The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush.

7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

9 But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.'

10 Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Philippians 1.21-end

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer.

23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;

24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,

26 so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel,

28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-

30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20.1-16

1 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.

2 After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place;

4 and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.

5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?"

7 They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."

9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,

12 saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

13 But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?"

14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Sunday 20th September

Trinity 16

Psalm 145.1-8

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
 - 2 Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever.
 - 3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
 - 4 One generation shall praise your works to another
and declare your mighty acts.
 - 5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
 - 6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,
and I will also tell of your greatness.
 - 7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant
kindness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
 - 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.
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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Collects for Harvest Festival

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings:

Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land,
a land with flowing streams, with springs and
underground waters welling up in valleys and hills,

8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and
pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey,

9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity,
where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are
iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

10 You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for
the good land that he has given you.

11 Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God,
by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances,
and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine
houses and live in them,

13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and
your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is
multiplied,

14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your
God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of
the house of slavery,

15 who led you through the great and terrible
wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes
and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint
rock,

16 and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your
ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you,
and in the end to do you good.

17 Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of
my own hand have gained me this wealth.'

18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who
gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm
his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is
doing today.

OR

Deuteronomy 28.1-14

28 If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently
observing all his commandments that I am commanding
you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all
the nations of the earth;

2 all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake
you, if you obey the Lord your God:

3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you
be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of
your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the
increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock.

5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl.

6 Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed
shall you be when you go out.

7 The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you
to be defeated before you; they shall come out against
you one way, and flee before you seven ways.

8 The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

9 The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways.

10 All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you.

11 The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you.

12 The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow.

13 The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom-if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them,

14 and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them.

2 Corinthians 9.6-end

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

9 As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures for ever.'

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,

14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Luke 12.16-30

16 Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

17 And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"

18 Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."

20 But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

22 He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.

23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

25 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

26 If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

28 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you-you of little faith!

29 And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.

30 For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

OR:

Luke 17.11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.

12 As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance,

13 they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'

14 When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean.

15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

16 He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

17 Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?

18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?'

19 Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Psalm for Harvest Festival

Psalm 65

- 1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.
- 3 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple.
- 4 With wonders you will answer us in your
righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
- 5 In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.
- 6 You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.
- 8 You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
- 9 The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.
- 10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its
increase.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with
goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
- 13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep •
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.

Praying Pilgrims

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

**Do you desire to be in God's presence,
experience His Holy Spirit? This is only a short
conversation away, with Our Father in heaven.
"Prayer doesn't change God, it changes me." CS
Lewis.**

Sometimes we can't find the words and all we can do is
sigh in His presence (Romans 8:26-27). Other times, we
sit quietly and wait for Him. At times, it is the words of
the Lord's Prayer, as we acknowledge God alone is holy.
At other times, it is the words of a Psalm that become
our prayer.

Are you seeking forgiveness? (Psalm 51)

Asking for healing, mercy, relief from deep sickness.
(Psalm 6)

Seeking God's shelter. (Psalm 91)

Staying calm and taking refuge in a time of trouble.
(Psalm 46)

Asking God to show unfailing love. (Psalm 86)

Looking for God's presence. (Psalm 63)

A prayer of comfort for every season in life. (Psalm 23)

Every week in the Launde Minster Community, we have
a time of prayer together. We are visiting every church
in the community. Please join us on a Friday, venues and
dates are published in the Worship Plan.

We are praying pilgrims on a pilgrimage (journey) and to
talk with God. We meet at 11am on a Friday and at 7pm
every third Friday in the month, it would be lovely if you
would join us.

We have a short, very informal reflection, followed by a
time of prayer. So do join us, pray a psalm, pray in
silence, just sigh and God will hear!



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

Langtons and Shangton

18th of September 7pm Church Langton (3rd Friday)

25th of September 11am Tur Langton (Uel on college
residential)

2nd of October 11am Shangton

Wellham

9th of October 11am Gloosten

16th of October 7pm Wellham (3rd Friday)

23rd of October 11am Stonton Wyville

30th of October 11am Cranoe

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Revd Crystal McAllister Uel Sandford

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**A Christian Fellowship and Friendship
group for those who want to delve a little
deeper into Scripture**

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Shangton Harvest Festival

Sunday 27th September at 6pm NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

*It will be a lovely celebration as one of Shangton's 7 services this year. **All are welcome***

Good News Stories:

Harvest Festival at Goadby

St John the Baptist Church, Goadby, celebrated the Harvest Festival on Saturday 5 September. Bishop of Loughborough, Saju Muthalaly, was our guest. He noted that to the best of collective knowledge, this was the first visit of a bishop to the church since before 1162, when our church was granted to Leicester Abbey. We do hope to have another visit without an 800 year interval.

The service was attended by 13 people from Goadby and 13 people from the villages of Glooston, Tugby, Hallaton, Billesdon and Horninghold, giving the service a most Launde Minster Community event feel.

To celebrate this aspect, the Collect was read by Mary from Horninghold, the Psalm was read by Brian from Glooston and the Gospel reading by Alicia from Goadby. The Bishop was on great form, his sermon was initially about Jesus Cleansing ten men with a skin disease. If you know the story, found in Luke 17:11-19, you will be aware that only one man, who was a Samaritan, returned to Jesus to give thanks.

The remainder of the sermon was about an olive tree. The Bishop gave an olive tree as a gift to the village, which was given into the care of Max, Alicia, Sadie and Skylar Barlow. No pressure on Max.

Music was provided by Kevin Downham and at the end of the service, Bishop Saju made time to speak with everyone, whilst we all enjoyed refreshments.



'Food for Thought'

On Tuesday 1 September, 37 people from the Deanery and beyond enjoyed an interesting and inspirational evening at Launde Abbey.

After a delicious supper the Revd Ben Read, Anglican Chaplain at HM Prison Leicester, spoke about the opportunities and challenges of his ministry under the

title: *'The Revolving Door, Sheer Panic and Trusting Jesus at Welford Road Prison'*.

During his talk he mentioned the 'Angel Tree' programme whereby donations enable prisoners to give gifts to their children at Christmas.

<https://prisonfellowship.org.uk/our-work/angel-tree/>

Many of us felt this was an opportunity to be shared widely.

Our next Food for Thought evening is on Thursday 29th October at Launde Abbey (6.45 for 7.15) when the Revd Hilary Lomax from the Chaplaincy Team at NHS University Hospitals Leicester will be talking about her role as a hospital chaplain. ***Come and join us!*** More details from Mary Twidell: 01858 555204 and mary.twidell@gmail.com

Jigsaw Fashion Show at St Giles Church, Medbourne

Thursday 15th October 7pm £15 per ticket

In aid of Breast Cancer UK and Church Fabric Fund

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Cream Teas at St. Peter's, Church Langton



Cream Teas at Church Langton every Sunday until the end of September 3.00pm - 5.00pm



St Peter's Church, Tilton:

Friday Mornings 'Coffee and Chat'

Between 10.30 – 12.00noon

Café Morrell

St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton

Tuesday Mornings Coffee, Cake and Chat

Between 10.00 to 12.30pm

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Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks:

Food Bank Appeal: The Well

Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks. All donations welcome, which may be left in any of our Church porches, or you can donate online.

To make a donation to The Well's Food bank fund, by bank transfer to *The Well Kibworth*

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Gift Aid Forms can be downloaded from the website:

<https://www.thewellkibworth.org/support-us>

Food Bank Appeal:

Jubilee Foodbank, Market Harborough

You can drop off donations at **Hallaton Church** or to Linda Jones at **25, Eastgate, Hallaton** at any time. Please note that all food collected is non-perishable, long-life or tinned.

The Foodbank has **MOST URGENT NEED of:** Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned peas, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Tinned fruit, Toiletries: period products, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, small sun lotion bottles, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned corned beef, Snacks and Cereal bars, Small packets of nuts/ dried fruit, Tinned or long-life meals of any kind (including vegetarian), Biscuits, Microwave sponge puddings, Tinned meat meals e.g. chilli, meatballs, mince, bolognese.

The list of food always required is on the website:

<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>



Diomail – Monday 14th September

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 14th September:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-14-september-2026/>

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Faith, Hope and Centenary Celebration with Archbishop Sarah



It was an honour and a blessing to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, to the Diocese of Leicester thos past weekend.

In a wide-ranging tour of our churches, schools, chaplaincies and Cathedral, culminating in a joyful centenary worship gathering at Athena Leicester on Sunday afternoon, Archbishop Sarah met people from across our wonderfully diverse diocese and shared in the life and ministry of our communities.

There were so many beautiful moments throughout the weekend. The visit enabled Archbishop Sarah to spend meaningful time with people of the diocese, bringing her pastoral warmth, encouragement and compassion to those she met.

Whether worshipping, listening, sharing stories of faith, or celebrating the rich, intercultural identity of our diocese, she showed a genuine desire to connect with people young and old, and hear about the hopes, challenges and opportunities facing our churches and communities.

We'll be sharing individual stories from each of the places Archbishop Sarah visited over the coming weeks. In the meantime, you can read more about her visit and view a selection of photos on our website at the link below:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/archbishop-sarah-centenary-visit.php>

Building Friendships Through Shared Hospitality



St Philip's Centre has helped bring together women from different faiths and communities through a series of visits, conversations and shared meals.

In August, members of a Bangladesh Women's Group visited Tugby Church for afternoon tea, where warm hospitality quickly led to lively conversations about family, work, faith and everyday life. New friendships were formed, and plans were made for future activities together.

A few days later, the Tugby group enjoyed a return visit hosted by their Bangladeshi friends at St Peter's Church in Highfields. Dressed in traditional clothing, they joined in walking football, shared a delicious homemade meal, and enjoyed music and dancing. The generosity, laughter and welcome shown by everyone made it a memorable day.

Read the full story here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/building-friendships-through-shared-hospitality.php>

The Great Switch for Creation



This Season of Creation, churches across the country are making the Great Switch to a green tariff – and we'd love you to be part of it.

The global climate emergency is a crisis for our world. That's why the Church of England has an ambition to reduce our carbon emissions to net zero.

Together, we can act in faith, taking small but powerful

steps to help restore God's creation. By switching to a green electricity tariff, your church could contribute to a 78% decrease in the Church of England's overall carbon emissions from churches – helping lead the way towards a cleaner, fairer future for all.

The green energy market can be tricky to navigate, so the CofE has done the research needed to help you confidently choose an ethical green supplier. On the website, you can find helpful guidance on choosing green electricity tariffs. If you're not quite ready to make the switch now, you can still join in by making a pledge.

God calls us to care for His creation and to love our global neighbours – why not join the movement and make The Great Switch this Season of Creation.

Find out more:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/creationtide/great-switch-creation>

Eco Church 10th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 26 September, 10am-2pm – Holy Trinity Leicester



Eco Church is 10 years old and you are invited to come and celebrate!

We will gather for a time of worship and inspiration from Bishop Saju and our Link Dioceses, followed by a choice of workshops (including Climate Literacy and Greener Gardens).

Sign up here:

<https://htl.churchsuite.com/events/3hzpfin3>