Launde Minster Community Newsletter.

Edition Date: Thursday 12th November 2026

Sunday 15th November
2nd Sunday before Advent

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **NOVEMBER 2026** (as of 12th November)

This is *your* newsletter so please use it to share your notices, events & invite others to join you.

Please send me any contributions by Tuesday before the Thursday publication.

If you know anyone who would like to be added to the list to receive a copy of the newsletter, please send me their name and email address to: l.jones2k@btointernet.com 07851163712

You can also find the **Launde Minster Community Worship Plans, and the links for online services, on the website:** https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk

Our Churches Online:

All of our churches have web pages on 'A Church Near You' – This link takes you to the Launde Minster Community page, where you can access each of the churches: https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/our-churches-on-acny

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

Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.55am)

***All welcome*. Join Zoom Meeting**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81751227280?pwd=VtUdahsUf34Vc7Bbr5gVFoeiobrOO8.1

Meeting ID: 817 5122 7280 Passcode: 419620

💻 Sunday 15th November at 11am
Launde Minster Community
Online Church

Leader & Reflection: Hilary Painter

To join, click on this zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

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Collects for Sunday 15th November
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Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Reflection: Sunday 15th November
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This letter is thought to be one of Paul's earliest, written when he was in Corinth, to the Christian community in Thessalonica. Paul had fled from Thessalonica following intense persecution by non-believers.

He had sent Timothy, another disciple, to check on the young church. Timothy and he'd returned with a positive report about the Community. This letter tells of his gratitude for the Thessalonian's faith, love, and steadfast of hope; their encouragement to endure ongoing trials and persecution and practical instructions on living a quiet, holy, and sexually pure life.

This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday. Safeguarding is sometimes thought of as a somewhat troublesome collection of rules, policies and procedures but at its heart it is about something much more important; how

we treat one another, ensuring that everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Paul's calls on his readers to live in the light. We should never turn a blind eye to situations where someone may be vulnerable, frightened or at risk of harm. Living in the light means being open, honest and willing to speak up when something is wrong. It means listening carefully when someone shares a concern and taking that concern seriously.

Faith, love and hope are central to this responsibility. Faith reminds us of the dignity and worth of every person. Love calls us to care for one another, particularly those who may be vulnerable or struggling. Hope encourages us to believe that our churches and communities can be places where everyone is welcomed and protected.

Safeguarding belongs to everyone. Each of us can help create an atmosphere where people feel able to speak, where concerns are heard and where kindness and respect are part of everyday life.

Paul's words, '*encourage one another and build up each other*' are words for us too. May our churches and villages be places of light, where everyone can feel safe, included and valued. **Hilary Painter**

Bible Readings: Sunday 15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

7 Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'
13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord 's wrath; in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.
2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;
7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25.14-30

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.
17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents."
21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

22 And the one with the two talents also came forward,
saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents;
see, I have made two more talents.”
23 His master said to him, “Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into
the joy of your master.”
24 Then the one who had received the one talent also
came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a
harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and
gathering where you did not scatter seed;
25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the
ground. Here you have what is yours.”
26 But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave!
You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and
gather where I did not scatter?
27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what
was my own with interest.
28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one
with the ten talents.
29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and
they will have an abundance; but from those who have
nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.”

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Psalm 90.1-8, [9-11] 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust and say:
‘Turn back, O children of earth.’
4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
8 You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
[9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
10 The days of our life are three score years and ten,
or if our strength endures, even four score;
yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,
for they soon pass away and we are gone.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath
and your indignation like those who fear you?]
12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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.

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!



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:
Gaulby
13th of November 11am Kings Norton (pray for Little Stratton)
20th of November 7pm Gaulby (3rd Friday)

Coplow
27th of November 11am Skeffington
4th of December 11am Keyham
11th of December 11am Hungarton
For *information contact:* Uel Sandford:
sandfordsp@gmail.com

Revd Crystal McAllister & Uel Sandford

Skeffington Village Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 14th November 10am-2pm
Skeffington Church Community Space



Flowers of the Season – an afternoon of tea, entertainment & a flower demonstration

in aid of St Andrew's Church, Welham
At Glooston Village Hall
Saturday 14th November at 3pm £30
For tickets contact Wendy Rhodes 01858 565804



Cinema in the Langtons: Song Sung Blue

Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm
Langton Community Hall £8 cash on door



All Saints Church Slawston

Saturday 28th November at 7pm

REGRETTABLY THIS PERFORMACE HAS HAD TO BE POSTPONED

***Guitar Recital* given by James Woodroe**
For tickets contact: Wendy Edmond 07746 018444



MUSICAL SHOWCASE AT DIONYSIUS CHURCH, MARKET HARBOROUGH

Thursday 26th November at 7pm Tickets: £15



Join us for a pre-Christmas Tree Festival Musical Showcase on Thursday 26th November, a chance to listen to music performed by over 50 amazing local artists from across the East Midlands, performed amongst this years Winter Wonderland themed Christmas Trees.

Tickets are only £15 and include an interval drink.

We look forward to welcoming you.

CHRISTMAS TREE *FESTIVAL*

St Dionysius Church, Market Harborough
Friday 27th November – Tuesday 1st December
Proceeds to the Church



Carols and Lunch at Launde Abbey

Monday 14 December
Carols in the Chapel at 12noon followed by a 3 course lunch (vegetarian options) in a private dining room. Cost £35 per person.
Each year, members of the congregation of the online church, who are able to do so, get togther at Launde for this special event.
If you would like to join us - whether or not you attend the online church - please let Mary Twidell know:
mary.twidell@gmail.com 01858 555 204



Celebrating Remembrance Sunday Across the Launde Minister Community

John Morrison, Focal Minister at Rosewood Manor, Market Harborough War Memorial





Hallaton Church and Memorial







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

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*
Sort Code: 40-32-04 **Acc:** 41666959 **Ref:** 'Foodbank'
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:** UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Tinned meat (chilli, meatballs, mince, bolognese, stew, curry, corned beef), Tinned fruit, Small bags of rice, Pasta, Microwave puddings: rice pudding, sponge puddings, mug cakes.
Christmas ideas: *Please do donate from our usual lists as we don't want to go short of essential foods. However, you may want to donate, small chocolate items such as chocolate coins, small bags of nuts, dried fruit, small microwavable puddings, dried stuffing, cereal bars, chocolate bars or biscuits.*
The list of food always required is on the website:
https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk

Diomail – Monday 9th November

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 9th November:
https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-9-november-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com

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Inspired by the symbolism of light across faiths and traditions, the theme reflects a shared belief that even in challenging times, communities can come together to build understanding, trust and friendships.
At a time when division, disinformation, and forms of religious prejudice are causing many people to feel isolated or pressured to hide who they are, interfaith offers a hopeful alternative towards a shared future in which we all belong, stand together against hate and narrow definitions of belonging, and build stronger, safer, and more united communities.
It offers a way forward rooted in solidarity, compassion, and shared action, creating space for people to connect across differences and work together for the common good. **Find out more here:**
https://www.interfaithweek.org