



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 9th July 2026

Sunday 12th July, Trinity 6

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **JULY 2026** (as of 9th July)

This is *your* newsletter so please use it to share your notices, events and 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:

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You can also find the **Launde Minster Community Worship Plan**, 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-](https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/our-churches-on-acny)

[community.webador.co.uk/our-churches-on-acny](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 12th July at 11am

Launde Minster Community Online Church

Leader: Hilary Painter

Reflection: Salma Rabat, One Roof Leicester

To join, click on this zoom link:

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

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Collects for Sunday 12th July - Trinity 6

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:

pour into our hearts such love toward you

that we, loving you in all things and above all things,

may obtain your promises,

which exceed all that we can desire;

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 us all in your image:

may we discern you in all that we see,

and serve you in all that we do;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 12th July

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Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

There's something very human about this story Jesus

tells. A farmer goes out to sow seed, and instead of

everything landing in neat, perfectly prepared rows, it

scatters everywhere—on paths, among rocks, into

thorns, and, thankfully, onto good soil. It feels messy, a

bit inefficient even. But maybe that's the point.

When Jesus explains the parable, it becomes less about

farming and more about the condition of the heart. The

same seed—the same message, the same truth—is given

to everyone. What changes is the soil it lands on.

Some of us hear things, even good and life-giving things,

but they barely register. Life is busy, noisy, distracted.

The "path" isn't bad soil—it's just hard, worn down,

compacted. Nothing really gets in. It's not always

rejection; sometimes it's just overload.

Then there's the rocky ground. Things start off well—

there's enthusiasm, maybe even joy—but there's no

depth. When life gets difficult or inconvenient, what

seemed strong fades quickly. It's a reminder that growth

takes time and roots, not just good intentions.

The thorns feel especially relatable. The message takes root, but so do worries, ambitions, pressures, and the constant pull of “more.” Nothing here is necessarily evil—it’s just crowded. And slowly, quietly, the important things get choked out. But then there’s the good soil. Not perfect soil—just receptive, open, willing. This is where the seed grows and multiplies beyond expectation. The focus isn’t on perfection, but on readiness. What’s striking is that the sower doesn’t seem to hold back. Seed is scattered everywhere, even where it might not grow. There’s a kind of generosity, even hopefulness, in that. It suggests that transformation is always possible—that soil can change. So maybe the question isn’t “Which type of soil am I?” as a fixed identity, but “What’s my soil like right now?” Some days we’re more open than others. Some seasons are crowded or dry or shallow. And that’s okay—because soil can be softened, cleared, deepened. This passage invites a gentle kind of self-awareness, not judgment. It’s less about getting it right instantly and more about staying open, making space, and letting something good take root over time.

Bible Readings:

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Isaiah 55.10-13

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
12 For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Romans 8.1-11

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.
3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot,

8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.

2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow.

4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

9 Let anyone with ears listen!’

18 ‘Hear then the parable of the sower.

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed

bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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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 in Launde Minster

Community July 2026

As part of our ongoing support to all the parishes across the LMC, a group of us, *Praying Pilgrims*, will join together at the churches listed, to reflect and pray for the needs of the church and community.

Every Wednesday for a 9.00am start.

The rota for July is:

July 15: Goadby

July 22: Stanton Wyville

We would encourage and greatly welcome others to join us for Morning Prayers.

Rev David Palmer and Rev Crystal McAllister

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT REVD JONATHAN DOWMAN

We are sure you will want to hold Jonathan and his family in your prayers



Prayers for Jonathan

Thank you for the care and support you have given to Jonathan and his family since he has been unwell.

Jonathan has asked me to let you know that he has been diagnosed with cancer of the colon which has spread to the stomach lining. He has experienced very few symptoms, and the diagnosis was as a result of a GP referral. Surgery is planned for 24th July. The consultants will work to remove all signs of cancer. The surgery and treatment is significant, and the consultants have recommended a recovery period of up to 6 months.

I know you will want to pray for Jonathan as he undergoes surgery and pray that Jonathan's body responds well.

Please also pray for Emma, and for Amber, Ethan and Hugo.

Jonathan will be taking some time away with his family in the next few weeks.

Cover for services will be arranged with support from David, your Rural Dean.

David and I plan to meet with the ministry team and churchwardens in the coming weeks.

A further update will follow in due course.

The Venerable Catherine Dobson

Archdeacon of Lynn, Diocese of Norwich

A Summer Lunch at Hill Farm, Launde LE7 9XB.

Sunday 19th July 12.30

Tickets £35

Contact Pippa Owen 07795182407

In aid of St. Michael and All Angels Church, Loddington



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 Fundraiser

Teas in Church Sundays in July 3-5pm



Hallaton Festival of Archaeology St Michael & All Angels Church and Hallaton Museum

Sunday 12th July to Sunday 2 August

The Hallaton Festival of Archaeology returns for the 5th year. Once again, there are a range of activities including guided walks to the Motte and Bailey Castle, Village Trails, an exhibition in the Church, extended opening hours in the Museum, a talk and snacks, lunches and teas in the Church on Sunday afternoons.

The talk by Chris Close 'Finding Collyweston's Lost Tudor Palace' takes place in the Church on Saturday 25th July at 7pm.

For more information contact Linda Jones

l.jones2k@btinternet.com

To book for guided castle walks on each Sunday and the talk by Chris Close click here: <https://hallaton-museum.co.uk/festival-of-archaeology/>



Calling all Pilgrims

Sunday 12th July 12.30pm, meeting at St Thomas Becket, Main Street, Tugby LE7 9WD

A family friendly walk from Tugby to Goadby telling the story of Pilgrims Progress from the 'City of Destruction' to find the 'Celestial City'.

The walk will be at a leisurely pace and is approximately 2.5 miles long.

If you can't make the walk, please join us at 1.15pm for a BBQ with music at St John the Baptist, Church Lane, Goadby, LE7 9EE

The walk will begin on the field paths, we then cross Palmer's Lane; the last 0.25 mile is along the Tugby Road into Goadby Village.

Uel Sandford will be able to transport drivers from Goadby to Tugby to collect their cars.

Enquiries to Uel:

on 07449337081 or email sandfordsp@gmail.com

All are welcome

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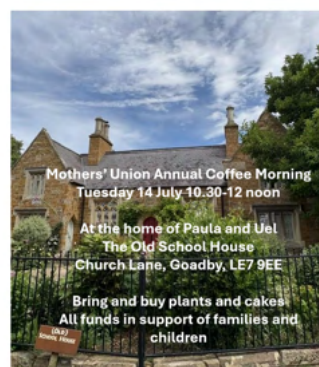
Mothers' Union Annual Coffee Morning

Tuesday 14th July 10.30-12noon

At the home of Paula and Uel: The Old School House, Church lane, Goadby, LE7 9EE

Bring and buy plants and cakes.

All funds in support of families and children





St Peter's Church, Tilton:

Friday Mornings 'Coffee and Chat'

Between 10.30 – 12.00noon

Café Morrell

St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton

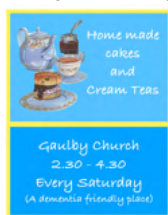
Tuesday Mornings Coffee, Cake and Chat

Between 10.00 to 12.30pm

Gaulby Church:

Home-made cakes and Cream Teas

Every Saturday 2.30-4.30pm



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Website: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk>



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 tomatoes, Long-life fruit juice, Cordial or squash, Dried mashed potato (Smash), Hot Dogs (tins or jars), Tinned chicken, Tinned red meat, Tinned Custard, Tinned fruit, Tinned beans (kidney, chickpeas, etc), Cereals, Cream Crackers, Jars of Pasta sauce, Bottled water.

Other suggested donations: Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned peas, Tinned carrots, Peanut butter, 'No Cook' products, long life e.g. John West Fish and pasta meals, Kettle only products e.g. noodles, couscous, soups, Microwave puddings, Jam, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Rice Pudding, Pot Noodle, Jars of Coffee (100grams), Tinned vegetarian meals, Teabags (80), Corned Beef, Dried Packet Rice, Baked Beans, Strong clean 'bags for life', Porridge Oats, Sugar (500g), Tinned Baked beans with sausages, Tinned meatballs, chicken in sauce, Biscuits, Sweets, Snacks and Crisps, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), Marmalade, Tinned potatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Tinned ham, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), Snacks and cereal bars, Microwave puddings, Tinned pasta, Sandwich paste, Tuna, ALPRO yoghurts (long-life, for the shelf not fridge), Robinsons minis or similar for families (small squash concentrates), Small cartons of long life milk (for homeless people or someone without a fridge), Mayonnaise, Angel Delight, Small sachets of herbs, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shower gel or soap, Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Sunscreen (for homeless people in the summer), Feminine products – sanitary towels, tampons

The list of food always required is on the website:

<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>



Diomail – Monday 6th July

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 6th July:

You can subscribe to receive the weekly Diomail here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/diomail/>

<https://leicester.anglican.org/calendar/>

GIVE TO GO GREEN

Give To Go Green is a match-funding project from the Church of England helping you double your locally raised donations for carbon-cutting projects.

Through a targeted digital fundraising campaign you will be able to engage your community in building a sustainable future for your church and the world around you.

The scheme will reopen to new applications across the country later in the year.

A **Give to Go Green webinar** for parishes wanting to find out more will be taking place on **Thursday 9 July 2026, 7pm–8pm on Zoom.**

Register for the webinar: <https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/join/register/phFEKROAQx-nbmsFOvE17w#/registration>

A Vocation of Devotion: Fay's Life Vow for the Single Consecrated Life



In an expression of the deepest commitment someone can give to God, Fay Holdom recently made her Life Vow for the Single Consecrated Life (SCL)

The special service was held on 6 June at St John the Baptist Church in Hungarton, and was led by the Bishop of Loughborough, Rt Revd Saju Muthalaly, alongside the Revd Crystal McAllister and the Revd Canon Philip Norwood.

This vow and lifelong “yes” will shape the rhythm of Fay’s days to come, but was a journey that started unexpectedly in a conversation with God, she explains: “Two and a half years after my life-long partner died, I was still asking God, ‘What now, Lord?’” she says. “One morning a tsunami of understanding gave me the answer. God wanted my undivided devotion – for life! I was shocked but willing and said, ‘Yes.’ “I thought that was it. I’d given my promise in the privacy of my own bedroom... “Within 48 hours of that, he brought me (no doubt whatsoever!) the story of a local lady making her life vow as a Single Consecrated Life. I didn’t normally receive Diomail, at that time, but this one came to me. I’d never heard of SCL but I was curious and investigated. It’s impossible to describe the conviction but I knew that’s what was being asked of me.”

Read the full story:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/a-vocation-of-devotion-fays-life-vow-for-the-single-consecrated-life.php>

Introduction to Fundraising

Wednesday 15 July, 7.30pm-8.30pm – Zoom

Do you have a church project in mind but don’t know where to start with fundraising? Ecclesiastical have developed a Church Fundraising Hub to help churches with this. Heather Ford, Church Support Manager with Ecclesiastical will lead the session and take you through their easy-to-follow resources to help you build a successful campaign.

If you are interested in attending this webinar, please email ChurchBuildings@LeicesterCofE.org

Centenary Photo Deadline – 10 July



As part of our diocesan centenary celebrations, we would love to feature a photo of every single parish, worshipping community, chaplaincy, church school and diocesan-affiliated organisation, in a special picture slideshow that will be on display at events throughout the centenary period.

So, send us your smiling group photographs. We want to see our diocesan people, gathered together in God’s glory, where you worship. Please email your images to David.Stevens@LeicesterCofE.org

Church schools, please submit your photos by 3 July. All other diocesan groups, by 10 July.

Please remember to ask permission from everyone included in the photo.

Each picture will be labelled with who you are, as a collective – e.g. All Saints Church, Wigston – and will be on rolling display at the Cathedral, during our events in September, and on the centenary pages of our diocesan website.