



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 11th June 2026

Sunday 14th June, Trinity 2

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **JUNE 2026** (as of 11th June)

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-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 14th June 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=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGl8Q.1>

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Collects for Sunday 14th June - Trinity 2

Lord, you have taught us

that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit

and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before
you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Faithful Creator,

whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 14th June Trinity 2

Comfort zones. It seems to be quite a new phrase, and yet one we can relate to. What does your 'comfort zone' look or feel like? Is it being on the sofa with a steaming mug of hot chocolate? Is it in your room with the music turned up loud, or out in nature walking and listening to the birds (or the rain!)? For each of us, our comfort zone will be different, a safe space where we feel most at home and most truly ourselves.

I also wonder if your comfort zone has moved or changed recently? If so, why?

Sometimes, we go to an unfamiliar place or start something new, and everything feels unnatural and agitating. It could even be a familiar place, but it's different for some reason. You may feel quite at home in the school sports hall when you're playing basketball, but not when there are rows of desks and exams are in progress. But then, gradually, as you spend more time there, the atmosphere changes. It no longer feels like a threatening environment. Even your little corner of the exam room can feel like home after about 20 GCSE exams!

Life is full of challenges and new experiences. That's just normal. But sometimes we are called upon to do something special, something different, something that God wants us to do. When Jesus lived in Galilee, he knew that he had come to usher in the kingdom of heaven, God's new way of being, where people learnt to relate to him as Father and friend. For Jesus, this meant stepping out of heaven and entering all the mess, joy and pains of living on earth. I wonder if he felt out of his comfort zone as a child or young man?

But Jesus had a mission to accomplish, and so he set about it with passion. He went and chose others to join that mission with him, proclaiming: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Then he told them to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and cast out demons. We don't know how they felt about this, but I reckon there must have been some butterflies in their stomachs, even though Jesus gave them his authority. And there is no greater power and authority than that of God. Jesus didn't ask them to do anything he hadn't equipped them for. He trusted them to follow his instructions and go in his name.

It can be tempting to think that this message was just for them and not for us. But surely we have the same authority to go and tell our friends, our families, our colleagues, the bus driver, the postman... that the kingdom of God is near? And it is for them, just as it is for you and me.

Thought for the Week, Roots on the Web

Bible Readings:

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Exodus 19.2-8a

2 They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

3 Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites:

4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

5 Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine,

6 but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

7 So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him.

8 The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.' Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Romans 5.1-8

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9.35-10.8 [9-23]

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

37 Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;

38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans,

6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

[9 Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts,

10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food.

11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave.

12 As you enter the house, greet it.

13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

15 Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

16 'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

17 Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues;

18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.

19 When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time;

20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

21 Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death;

22 and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.]

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Psalm 100

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Horninghold Witch Trials

The Horninghold Witch Trials took place in June 1709. The trials were not formal court proceedings but rather a series of public swimming tests.

Buy a copy of the 40-page booklet and read the full story. Bargain price £5

Email: horninghold.pcc@gmail.com with your name and address. Make payment to: Horninghold PCC Sort code 30-95-47, Account: 00053298

Praying Pilgrims in Launde Minster Community June & 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 June & July is:

June 17: **Owston**

June 24: Billesdon

July 01: Goadby

July 08: Tur Langton

July 15: Horninghold

July 22: Stanton Wyville

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

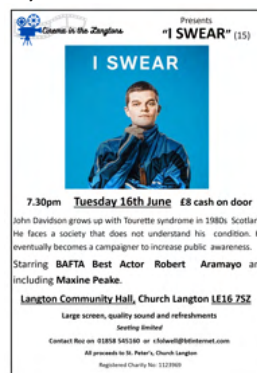
Rev David Palmer and Rev Crystal McAllister

Cinema in the Langtons presents 'I SWEAR'

**Tuesday 16th June at 7.30pm £8 on the door
Langton Community Hall**

Profit goes to St Peter's Church Langton

Mark Kermode gave the film a glowing review, calling it a 'fabulous', moving and profound film. He described it as a beautiful, three-dimensional look at a disabled individual's life that will make audiences both laugh and cry.



Fundraiser at Church Langton Saturday and Sunday 4th & 5th July.

Frocks and Flowers in St. Peter's Church

Open Gardens in the village 1.00 – 5.00pm

Also, tombola, raffle, plants, books Cake stall and Cream Teas.

**For more information Contact Sue Atton 07971 680231
or email sue.atton@outlook.com**



Hungarton Open Gardens

13 and 14 June 11am to 5pm on both days

Admission is £6 with free parking.

Lots to see: open gardens, stalls, refreshments and our beautiful Church of St John the Baptist will be open.

The event raises money for our village charities including our Church.



St Peter's, Knossington Special Patronal Evensong with Melton Church Choir

Sunday 28th June at 6pm



This will also be a **celebration of Revd Philip Norwood's 60 years as a Priest.**

Refreshments follow the service.

All are welcome

Food for Thought An evening with Bishop Saju 'Christ, Cricket & Counter-formation Launde Abbey on Tuesday 23rd June 6.45 for 7.15pm start

Bookings (by Wednesday 17th June)

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About the speaker: Bishop Saju (Bishop of Loughborough) was born in Kerala, South India. He came to the UK in 2007 where he worked for education. Saju is passionate about cricket and coaching and in his free time runs marathons and plays the guitar.

About Food for thought: Talks about life, faith and contemporary issues, arranged by a local group of Christians.



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



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.

The list of food always required is on the website:

<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>



Diomail – Monday 8th June

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 8th June:

[https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/dioma-il-8-june-](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/dioma-il-8-june-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

[2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/dioma-il-8-june-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

You can subscribe to receive the weekly Diomail here:

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

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

Should Clergy use AI?

On Friday 4 June, Bishop Martyn spoke in a House of Lords debate on AI (artificial intelligence), led by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Over the weekend, he also gave several media interviews where he reflected on the rapid rise of AI, the ethical questions it raises, and the importance of maintaining human responsibility in how it is used – especially in matters relating to faith, truth, and public life.

He expressed concern that AI could deepen divisions in society, spread misinformation, and add to increasing polarisation across the country. At the same time, he acknowledged that, used well, it has the potential to enhance creativity and improve communication. Speaking about its place in ministry, Bishop Martyn added that while AI can be a helpful tool for research or drafting, sermons should remain grounded in the Bible, prayer, and genuine pastoral understanding, rather than relying solely on generated content.

Read his statement, speech and associated articles here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/should-clergy-use-ai.php>

The INEQE safeguarding surveys are now live and will remain open until Wednesday 5 August 2026.

Everyone is invited to take part in the independent INEQE safeguarding audit, designed to strengthen and support best practice in safeguarding in the Church of England.

The surveys provide an opportunity to share your experiences and perspectives of safeguarding across the Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral, including what's working well and where things could be better.

There are different surveys for:

- Diocesan workforce,
- Parish workforce,
- Parish community members,
- Cathedral workforce,
- Cathedral worshippers,
- Children and young people and Survivors

The feedback gathered by INEQE will help build a clearer picture of current safeguarding culture, highlighting areas of strength while identifying where further improvements can be made.

Participation is completely confidential, ensuring that all voices can be heard safely and honestly. Everyone is encouraged to take a few minutes to complete the relevant survey(s) and contribute to making our churches safer and more welcoming spaces for all.

You can access the survey here:

<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/leicester/>

or look out for the pink posters and postcards, which include a QR code link to the surveys, in your church buildings and on our diocesan and cathedral social media channels.

You can find further information about the INEQE safeguarding audit, the surveys and how to support your church community to fill out the surveys on our audit website.

Thank you for helping support this important work.

'Goal of Life' World Cup Resources

This summer, 2 in 3 people in the UK will be watching the Men's Football World Cup, and that's a remarkable opportunity.

'Goal of Life', a football-themed Gospel from Hope Together, offers a simple, natural way to share Jesus right in the middle of it.

Combining real-life football stories and short punchy articles about prominent footballers and their faith with the Gospel of Mark, it's designed to connect with people beyond the church walls.

Whether you're hosting watch parties, gathering with friends, or simply having everyday conversations, Goal of Life helps turn one of the world's biggest shared moments into a meaningful opportunity to share hope.

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Find out more here: <https://www.hopetogether.org.uk>