

Launde Minster Community Newsletter



Edition Date: Thursday 16th October 2025

Sunday 19th October, Trinity 18, Harvest

Thanksgiving

Attached is the list of church services and events for OCTOBER 2025 (as of 16th October)

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:

I.jones2k@btconnect.com 07851163712

You can also find the services throughout the Launde Minster Community on the website: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk> under the Tab: 'OCTOBER SERVICE TIMES'

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>

💻 Saturday Mornings

Zoom Prayer Meeting ***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 19th October 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service ***All are welcome***

Leader: Hilary Painter

Reflection: Sophie Holder, Director of Racial Equality, Diocese of Leicester

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQK191dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

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 Information about the Zoom services (***including the Link***), and **other information**, can be found on
The Launde Deanery and Minster Community Website at: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk>

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Collects for Sunday 19th October

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Prisons Week

This week we pray for all those in prison throughout the world. Especially those who are held hostage or prisoners of war.

As I write this the sun is shining and the sky is blue. It's June and the UK is experiencing a mini heat wave. By the time you read this in October it will be Autumn and considerably cooler.

The cells are extremely hot especially at night when everyone is locked up. Sleep is difficult, the prisoners talk to each other through the walls while others try to sleep and become cross at the noisy chatter. This causes tempers to raise and verbal fights. Lack of sleep is not a good start to anyone's day. Prison life must continue, the regime adhered to.

It is not just weather that affects the prisons. They have lost their liberty many have lost their families and friends. They have lost direction and some have lost their faith.

Chaplains of many faiths bring that much needed help and prayer to all prisoners. The hope that they need. Most prisoners just want to off load their troubles without being judged. Always asking for prayer and guidance and hope.

In many countries prisoners have no access to a Chaplain they rely on local missionaries and priests. These visits will be very infrequent, we pray for comfort, for listening and for hope for prisoners in these situations.

Our world is troubled with wars. There are hostages, prisoners of war and many innocent people trapped in places where they cannot escape. Please pray for them. As you pray reflect on your life and how very different it is to those imprisoned. Pray for the difficulties they endure everyday and ask God to be with them guiding them with His grace.

Julia Bradshaw
Chaplain, HMP Gartree

Bible Readings:
Sunday 19th October2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 32.22-31

22 The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

24 Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

26 Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.'

27 So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.'

28 Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.'

29 Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him.

30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.'

31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:

2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will

accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,

4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18.1-8

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

2 He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent."

4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,

5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."

6 And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says.

7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?

8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Psalm for Sunday 19th October
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Psalm121

1

I lift up my eyes to the hills; •
from where is my help to come?

2

My help comes from the Lord, •
the maker of heaven and earth.

3

He will not suffer your foot to stumble; •
he who watches over you will not sleep.

4

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel •
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5

The Lord himself watches over you; •
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, •
neither the moon by night.

7

The Lord shall keep you from all evil; •
it is he who shall keep your soul.

8

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in, •
from this time forth for evermore.

Harvest Thanksgiving 2025

To be used for all Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Bible Readings:

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

1 When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it,

2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.'

4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God,

5 you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us,

7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;

9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.

11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Philippians 4.4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Or

Revelation 14.14-18

14 Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand!

15 Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.'

16 So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.

18 Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

John 6.25-35

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

26 Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

28 Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?'

29 Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'

30 So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?'

31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

32 Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

34 They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Harvest Thanksgiving 2025

Collects

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

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

All Souls Day In loving memory...

St Peter's Church, Gaulby

Monday 3rd November at 6.30pm



The Gaulby Group
St Peter's, Gaulby
St Michael and All Angels, Ilston
St John the Baptist, Kings Norton
St John the Baptist, Little Stretton

All Souls' Day In loving memory...

You and your family are warmly invited to an informal service of music, readings, prayers and quiet time to remember and give thanks for the lives of departed loved ones.

St Peter's church, Gaulby

Monday 3 November
at 6.30pm



A warm welcome for all

Appointment of Revd Crystal McAllister



We are pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd Crystal McAllister as Oversight Minister of the Launde Deanery Minister Community. Crystal will be legally licensed as Rector of the Coplow Benefice and Priest in Charge of The Gaulby Group; The Whatborough Group; Hallaton and Allexton with Horninghold, Slawston, Tugby and East Norton; The Langtons and Shangton; and Welham, Glooston, Cranoe and Stanton Wyville, and then commissioned as Oversight Minister.

Crystal's licensing service will be conducted by the Bishop of Loughborough, on Monday 1st December 2025, at 7.30pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton.

Reflecting on her new role, Crystal says: "I long for a church where the next generation inherits not exhaustion but hope — a community rooted and grounded in prayer, learning to dwell, discern, and explore together. I am excited about moving forward, together with those in the

Launde Minster Community, as we seek to form communities of hope, where we travel together in faith, waiting, stopping, and listening for the Spirit's guidance. Jesus always said, 'Follow me'; he didn't ask, 'What can I do for you today?' In that obedience, my heart has always been to connect those outside the church walls with those within, asking not only how to fix or reform and encourage the 'new', but how to live and sing the Lord's song in this place."

Praying Pilgrims

Launde Minster Community

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 October is:

October 01: Ilston on the hill

October 08: Hallaton

October 15: Glooston

October 22: Cold Overton

October 29: Lowesby

We would greatly welcome and encourage anyone to join us, if they can.

Rev David Palmer and Rev Crystal McAllister



Guitar Recital by James Woodrow

All Saints, Slawston

Saturday 1st November at 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00, 12 and under free, refreshments.

Proceeds to church funds, All welcome!

Wendy Edmond: 07746 018444

Food for Thought

Monday 10th November, Launde Abbey

6.30 for 7.30pm start

Respond & Relieve: Delivering Humanitarian Aid

By Kim Melville

Meal & Talk £16.50 Bookings (by 4th November):

mary.twidell@gmail.com or 01858 555204/ 07464 309966



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About the speaker: Kim is Vice President of Humanitarian Affairs at DHL Express, a logistics company.

About Food for Thought: Talks about life, faith and contemporary issues, arranged by a local group of Christians, including support from Launde C of E Deanery.

Church Langton Parish Harvest Lunch

A Celebration of food and community

Sunday 19th October from 12.30pm

Community Hall, Church Langton

To book your table email: r.folwell@btinternet.com
or call 01858 545160



Music for Reflection

Leicester Cathedral

Saturday 1st November 7.30pm

Tickets £18/ Students £5

Box Office: 01858 467463

Email: j.r.balme@btinternet.com



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

Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks.

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:**

Hot Dogs (Tins or jars,) Tinned ham, Tinned carrots, Corned beef, Tinned red meat, Tinned meatballs, Chicken in sauce, Dried potatoes (Smash).

They also need:

Marmalade, Jam, Biscuits, Tinned potatoes, Crisps, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned chickpeas, mixed chilli beans, lentils, Custard, Tinned rice pudding, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), 'No Cook' meals for the homeless, Cordial. Coffee (), small jars Fray Bentos pies, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Pasta sauce, Crackers, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), Tinned sausages with beans, Tinned peas, Tinned fruit, Tinned vegetarian meals, such as veggie chilli, Meals that do not need cooking e.g. John West Fish and rice meals, Snacks and cereal bars, Fruit squash/ juice, Microwave puddings, Pasta sauce, Peanut butter, Tinned pasta, Tinned sweetcorn, Sandwich paste, Teabags, Tuna, ALPRO yoghurts (long-life, for the shelf not fridge), Long-life meals, Robinsons minis or similar for families (small squash concentrates), Small cartons of long life milk (for homeless people or someone without a fridge)

The list of food always required is on the website:

<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>

Where possible and available, consider giving tins with a ring-pull as these can also be used for homeless people where the food is appropriate (e.g. fish, tinned fruit, etc)

The Chair of the Jubilee Foodbank has asked me to pass on their thanks to all of our churches who have sent donations from their Harvest Festivals, including Horninhold, Slawston, East Norton, Hallaton CofE Primary School, Knossington and Blaston. *Thank you.*



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



Buy your Christmas Card Stamps and support humanitarian work in Sudan and South Sudan

The war in Sudan has been described as 'The Forgotten War'. Did you know that:

- * Half of Sudan's population – more than 24.8 million people, almost 13.6 million of whom are children – are in need of urgent assistance.
- * Sudan now has the world's largest number of internally displaced people, with more than 11 million people uprooted by the conflict which began in April 2023; 2 million more have left Sudan in search of safety.

The churches in Sudan and South Sudan are in a desperate situation as they provide humanitarian aid to both the general population and their members.

By buying new UK stamps through the CASSS (the Church Association of Sudan and South Sudan) you provide financial aid within standard prices. CASSS is a registered charity that buys the stamps legally through a stamp dealer at retail value. This allows CASSS to sell the stamps to you at normal wholesale prices. *The difference in price provides funds for food and security to internal refugees sheltered by the churches.*

Stamps are available in all denominations. These include 'special edition' stamps not commonly available.

Please give your orders to John and Mary Twidell by Friday, October 31st. Your stamps will then be delivered to you.

Mary.twidell@gmail.com 01858 555 204

Further details at <https://www.casss.org.uk/mint-stamps/>

Prayer Desks

Billesdon Church have 2 spare Prayer Desks

If any church would like one, contact Keith Evans:

Keith Evans, Church Warden 01162596438/ 07754395006
keith.evans6@btinternet.com

NOTE: Back copies of Newsletters available on Launde Minster Community website
Do you want to have a look for something in previous editions of the Newsletters?

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Extracts from Diomail 13th October

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 13th October:

https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-13-october-2025/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com

You can subscribe to receive the weekly Diomail here:

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

Leicester Diocese - Events and Training:

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

NEW: Service - Revd James Pickersgill, Bishop's Chaplain

We recently held a service in celebration of the vital ministry of chaplains who serve faithfully across our hospitals, schools, prisons, universities, and many other community spaces. The Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral came together to recognise the ongoing commitment of current chaplains, who play an important role at the heart of our communities.

To highlight this vocation, we invite you into Revd James Pickersgill's world as Bishop's Chaplain and loving servant to the diocese.

James' work is very much embedded in the episcopal heart of the diocese, supporting with matters, sensitive and otherwise, from the safeguarding of the local parish to the liturgy of the church and Cathedral. At home in Bishop's Lodge, his visible special powers are his hospitality, having cared for people as part of his previous role within this industry.

James narrates how he serves Bishops Martyn and Saju - prayerfully, pastorally, and organisationally - with hospitality, care and support.

We ask you to pray for all those serving as chaplains throughout the diocese, so they are able to continue and grow in their roles. Watch the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihnH8wOI31E>

NEW: Prisons Week 2025

Beginning yesterday, Prisons Week runs until 18 October. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the event, which aims to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners, their families, victims of crime, and all those who care. **Find out more on the Prisons Week Website:**

<https://www.prisonsweek.org>

