Launde Minster Community Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 8th October 2026

Sunday 11th October, Trinity 19, Harvest Festival

Attached are the MC Worship Plan for **OCTOBER 2026** (as of 8th 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:
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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 11th October at 11am Launde Minster Community Online Church

Leader: Hilary Painter
Reflection: John Twidell
To join, click on this zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKI91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1
Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342
Passcode: 079282
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Collects for Sunday 11th October Trinity 19

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

Reflection: Sunday 11th October Trinity 19

What incredible readings we have today.

In Matthew 22; 1-14 a wedding banquet and the 23rd Psalm, how can anyone do justice to this Sunday's readings in 300 words? If you know me, you will know I always wear shorts. I often joke that I only wear long trousers for weddings and funerals. I have to make a slight modification to this and include visits of Bishops.

In June this year, I attended my niece's wedding in Bangor, Northern Ireland. You will be glad to know that I wore, a suit, shirt and tie. I even went as far as wearing a button hole.

At the end of this parable, we encounter a man attending the king's wedding, not wearing a wedding robe, which results in him being bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness. On reflection I'm glad I wore my suit to the wedding.

Our Psalm is perhaps the best known passage in scripture. We often hear this passage read at funerals but it is much, much more than that. It makes a beautiful prayer at every stage of our life's journey.

It is interesting how David, the brave young shepherd boy, who would sleep at the pen entrance, prepared to protect his sheep with his life from lions and bears. He then sees himself as a sheep, loved by the Lord, his shepherd.
King David paints an image of heaven, lacking nothing, having green pastures and still waters. David also knew what is was like to fear for his life, when he was chosen by God to be king, and anointed with oil by the prophet Samuel to replace Saul.
The Psalm ends with one of the most comforting verses in the bible, a life lived full of goodness and mercy, dwelling our entire life in the house of the Lord.

Uel Sandford

Bible Readings:
Sunday 11th October
Trinity 19

Isaiah 25.1-9

1 O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
5 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Philippians 4.1-9

1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
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.

Matthew 22.1-14

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
2 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.
3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.
4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."
5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business,
6 while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them.
7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.
8 Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.
9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."
10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.
11 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe,
12 and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless.
13 Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
14 For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Sunday 11th October Trinity 19

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
3 He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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.

Associate Priest and Growing Faith Minister for the Launde Deanery Minster Community

Message from Revd Crystal McAllister

Dear friends,
I wanted to share some **good news** with you all.
The post of **Associate Priest and Growing Faith Minister for the Launde Deanery Minster Community** is now being advertised.

You can see the vacancy and full details here:
https://jobs.churchtimes.co.uk/jobs/Associate-Priest-and-Growing-Faith-Minister-in-East-Midlands-jn15248
This is an exciting and important next step for our Minster Community, particularly as we continue to develop our ministry with **children, young people, families and our church schools**, and explore new ways of growing faith across our churches and communities.
Please would you **pray for this appointment**: for the right person to see the advert and feel called to explore it; for wisdom and discernment throughout the recruitment process; and for the person God may be preparing to come and share in our ministry here.

Please also feel free to **share the vacancy widely** with anyone in your networks who may be interested or who may know someone for whom this could be the right calling.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the life and ministry of Launde Deanery Minster Community.
Every blessing,
Crystal

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:

Wellham
9th of October 11am Gloosten
16th of October 7pm Wellham (3rd Friday)
23rd of October 11am Stonton Wyville
30th of October 11am Cranoe
For *information contact:* Uel Sandford:
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Revd Crystal McAllister Uel Sandford

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‘Sandwich’ On Zoom

NOTE: Thursday evenings on 8th and 15th October 7-8pm

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

If you are interested contact Madeleine:
madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com **0116 2598277**



Glooston Harvest Roast, combined with Harvest Show

Sunday 11th October at 1pm

Glooston Village Hall Tickets: £15, children free
Tickets available from Brian: 07713 199946,
Ali: 07789 688485



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
For tickets and more information contact:
carolinejack@hotmail.com



Food for Thought

Thursday 29th October 6.45 for 7.15pm

An evening with Revd. Hilary Lomax

‘Home, Hospital and Holistic Health - a Collaborative Exploration’

Meal and talk £17 Bookings (by Friday 23rd October): mary.twidell@gmail.com / 01858 555204 / 07464 309966



In Brass & Voice

Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm

Methodist Church, Market Harborough

Tickets £15 and £5 from: www.harboroughsingers.com www.harboroughband.co.uk Mistry’s Pharmacy, Market Harborough. Box Office: dl.evans@sky.com
Phone Julia on: 07661 729558





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:** Jam, Cream Crackers, Dried mashed potato (like Smash), Tinned meat (chilli, meatballs, mince, bolognese, stew, curry), Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned carrots, Tinned fruit, Rice pudding, Corned beef, Pasta sauce, Tinned ham, Cartons of custard, Small bags of sugar, Other beans (chickpeas, kidney beans, black-eyed beans), Toiletries: period products, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo.

The list of food always required is on the website: https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk

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Diomail – Monday 5th October

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 5th October: https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-5-october-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/

Save the Date



Preaching Well: Finding Your Voice



As we mark Dyslexia Awareness Week (5–11 October), we are invited to recognise not only the challenges dyslexia can bring, but also the different perspectives, strengths and ways of communicating that people offer through their life and ministry.

In a special conversation for his *Preaching Well* podcast, Bishop Saju spoke with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, about her own experience of dyslexia and how it has shaped her approach to preaching.

Finding Your Voice: A Conversation with Archbishop Sarah Mullally

Few people know the hidden work behind public preaching. In this moving conversation, Archbishop Sarah shares the realities of preaching with dyslexia: the fear of reading aloud, the discipline of preparation, the challenge of comparison, and the joy of finding her own voice. Together, we explore how sermons are born, why accessibility matters, how confidence grows, and what happens when weakness becomes a gift for others. Warm, practical and profound, this episode will encourage preachers everywhere to trust that God can use their voice, exactly as it is.

A conversation about preaching, calling and becoming who God has made and called you to be.

Listen here: https://www.leicester.anglican.org/about-us/bishop-of-leicester-and-loughborough/preaching-well-podcast/

Black History Month: Resources to Inspire Lasting Change

October is Black History Month.

The Anglican Network of Intercultural Churches have compiled a list of liturgical and inspirational resources to help churches honour the faith, history, gifts and witness of Black Christians and to inspire deeper reflection and meaningful action.

See their e-newsletter for details: https://mailchi.mp/df0a7113020f/anglican-network-for-intercultural-churches-10260911?e=250df7c386