



## Launde Minster Community

### Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Trinity 17, Harvest Thanksgiving

Attached is the list of church services and events for **OCTOBER 2025** (as of 9<sup>th</sup> 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:

[l.jones2k@btinternet.com](mailto:l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

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 12<sup>th</sup> October 11.00am Zoom

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

**Leader & Reflection:** Hilary Painter

**To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGl8Q.1>

**Meeting ID:** 836 7967 6342

**Passcode:** 079282

**DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE: T. 0203 481**

**5240** Enter the **Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342** followed by #

Enter the **Passcode: 079282** followed by #



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 12<sup>th</sup> October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Reflection: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

#### Luke 18: 11-19

There once was a Bishop who always used this text for his sermon at Confirmation services across his diocese. So exasperated did his clergy become with this, that before one confirmation service that the bishop was travelling to on the train, an enterprising clergyman sent a telegram to the bishop's lodge with the following message "Two taxis will meet your Lordship at the station, one for you and one for your ten lepers". They got a different sermon. But why is the text so important? Healing from a disease that meant total isolation from society was a big deal, restoration and wholeness in the Jewish society. But in the joy of that healing the devout religious people forgot to give thanks to the healer and to God, only the despised Samaritan, the heretic remembered their duty to God. The message of this story is clear, as Christians living in Launde we have often enjoyed the good things in life in a desirable part of the world to live, and while it is right we share our abundance with the less fortunate, this passage is more about giving thanks to God is our prayer and spiritual life for all the good we have received.

**Mike Hammond**

## Bible Readings:

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

#### 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.

2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

3 She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.'

9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'

11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage.

13 But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?''

14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

#### 2 Timothy 2.8-15

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel,

9 for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

11 The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;

13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

14 Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

#### 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 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

#### Psalm 111

1

Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, •  
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

2

The works of the Lord are great, •  
sought out by all who delight in them.

3

His work is full of majesty and honour •  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4

He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; •  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5

He gave food to those who feared him; •  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6

He showed his people the power of his works •  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7

The works of his hands are truth and justice; •  
all his commandments are sure.

8

They stand fast for ever and ever; •  
they are done in truth and equity.

9

He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; •  
holy and awesome is his name.

10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
a good understanding have those who live by it; •  
his praise endures for ever.

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## 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.

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## 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**

## Appointment of Revd Crystal McAllister



Revd Crystal McAllister

Dear Friends,  
Please be advised that this announcement has just been received from the Diocese of Leicester:

### ***The 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 Stonton 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."*

I am very excited by this news as I am sure you will be too, and wish Revd Crystal well in her new role. Please remember her in your prayers. I look forward to seeing many of you this evening at Deanery Synod.

### ***Madeleine***

Madeleine Wang

Lay Chair, Launde Deanery      Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

## 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 McAlaister***

## Glooston Harvest Roast & Harvest Show

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1pm, Village Hall**

Contact: Brian - [briankw@btinternet.com](mailto:briankw@btinternet.com) 07713 199946

Ali - [amckemp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amckemp@yahoo.co.uk) 07789 688485

**Numbers required by 8<sup>th</sup> October**



## Fundraiser Guitar Recital at Knessington

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**

Contact: Sue Sills 01664 454 584, Deb Thomas 01664 454 970 or Liz Sanders 07956622054

**Pay at the door**





## Guitar Recital by James Woodrow



### All Saints, Slawston

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm**

Tickets £10.00, 12 and under free, refreshments.

*Proceeds to church funds, All welcome!*

Wendy Edmond: 07746 018444

### Cinema in the Langtons

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**

**Langton Community Hall £8 on the door**

**Church Langton Celebrates Richard Burton**

**With the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Richard Burton's birth coming up on 10<sup>th</sup> November it seemed appropriate to show the film "Mr. Burton".**

**MR. BURTON** tells the true story of the relationship between Welsh schoolmaster Philip Burton and a wild young schoolboy called Richard Jenkins. The latter dreamed of becoming an actor, but his ambitions were in danger of being derailed by a combination of family trouble, the pressure of war, and his own lack of discipline. Mr. Burton recognized the raw talent in his pupil, and made it his mission to fight for him, becoming his tutor, strict taskmaster and eventually his adoptive father. Actor Richard Burton would go on to be nominated for seven Oscars. *Severn Screen*



## Music for Reflection

**Leicester Cathedral**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm**

Tickets £18/ Students £5

Box Office: 01858 467463

Email: [j.r.balme@btinternet.com](mailto: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, Marmalade, Jam, Tinned potatoes, Corned beef, Tinned red meat, Tinned meatballs, Chicken in sauce, Dried potatoes (Smash). **They also need:**

Biscuits, 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)**



## 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 31<sup>st</sup>.** Your stamps will then be delivered to you.

[Mary.twidell@gmail.com](mailto:Mary.twidell@gmail.com) 01858 555 204

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

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## Prayer Desks

### Billesdon Church have 2 spare Prayer Desks

If any church would like one, contact Keith Evans:

Keith Evans, Church Warden 01162596438/ 07754395006  
[keithevans6@btinternet.com](mailto:keithevans6@btinternet.com)

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## 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?**

Back copies can be downloaded from the Launde Minster Community website at: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/newsletters>

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## Extracts from Diomail 6<sup>th</sup> October

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 6<sup>th</sup> October:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-6-october->

[2025/?newsletter\\_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-6-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: Collation and Installation – Welcoming the New Archdeacon of Leicester



**The collation and installation of the new Archdeacon of Leicester was held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October during Evensong at Leicester Cathedral.**

Speaking on his new role, the Venerable Richard Trethewey, Archdeacon of Leicester, said: "It's a great honour to be invited to take up the post of Archdeacon of Leicester, particularly knowing in whose footsteps I now tread.

"I hope that over the next few months I will get to know more of the people and churches of the eastern half of our diocese and that I will play my part in supporting the mission and ministry of the church as we pursue our vision of the kingdom of God. Please pray for me, as I pray for you."

**Read the full article:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/collation-and-installation--welcoming-the-new-archdeacon-of-leicester.php>

The aim of the conference is to inspire new worshipping communities, and encourage and support leaders – many of whom left feeling inspired with enthusiasm and practical ideas.

They ended their time together by sharing communion, led by the Revd Crystal McAllister.

Read the full story here:  
<https://leicester.anglican.org/news/encountering-gods-love-in-the-outdoors.php>

**His Majesty The King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.**

In recognition of the announcement, bishops in the Diocese of Leicester made the following statements: The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, The Lord Bishop of Leicester, said: *"We warmly welcome the appointment of Sarah Mullally as Archbishop of Canterbury and assure her of our prayers as she prepares to take up this hugely demanding position. May she have wisdom and grace in leading our church in this next season of our common life."*

said: "We welcome the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, with gratitude and hope. This calling is no small thing – it requires courage, prayer, and a heart wide enough to encompass the world. I thank God that Sarah said "yes."

**Read more about the appointment here:**

## NEW: Leicester Theological Society

Meetings take place on the second Friday of the month, 7.30pm, at the Frassati Centre (Holy Cross Priory), Wellington Street, Leicester.

Their next lecture, 'Theology and Transformation', is on **Friday 10 October**. Annual membership £15, lectures are £5 for non-members.

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/lts-2025-poster.pdf>

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm**



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sound-of-power-pride-tickets-1664683275489?aff=oddttdcreator>

## NEW - Silent Prayer: Experience and Reflection

**Three trial Monday evenings: 20 October, 17 November, 15 December, 7pm-8.15pm – Leicester Cathedral Heritage Learning Centre**

An opportunity to pray in silence with others, and, if desired, to reflect on and learn from our experience. Open to anyone who desires to pray in silence.

A new initiative led by Rev Canon Dr Nigel Rooms, Associate Priest at St. Margaret's, Leicester, in partnership with Leicester Cathedral Discipleship.

To find out more, email [nigel@praxisworks.uk](mailto:nigel@praxisworks.uk)

## Black History Month – Why do we celebrate?

The change of weather and the falling leaves inform us that summer has ended, and autumn is upon us, and as we turn the corner into October, we also have the privilege of welcoming Black History Month, *writes Sophie Holder, Diocesan Director of Racial Equity.*

Black History Month in the UK began in 1987 to share, celebrate and understand the impact of Black heritage and culture within society. In that endeavour, the UK is one of many Western countries that has instituted a Black History Month, including Ireland, Canada, Germany and the USA.

...Black History Month, to people of faith, should be a reminder that God has created all people equal. He sees us all as worthy, and created variety in His people, as in all His creations, because it pleased His heart and reflected His truest desire and image. We are held to a higher standard as His people, to ensure that where the world does not recognise, represent or honour His creations, we do.

**Read the full article:**

<https://leicester.anglican.org/news/black-history-month-why-do-we-celebrate.php>

## Bishop's Lecture Prof. Lord Tarassenko *Will we still need God when we reach Artificial General Intelligence?*

**Thursday 30 October 6-7pm**

**Loughborough University on Thursday 30th October 2025.**

The University Chaplaincy host the third Bishop's Lecture welcoming Professor Lord Tarassenko, President of Reuben College, University of Oxford.

The lecture will be given by the Professor Lord Tarassenko entitled '*Will we still need God when we reach Artificial General Intelligence?*'

**Full details and booking:**

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/chaplaincy/chaplaincy-events/2025/bishops-lecture-2025/>

## Sight Loss Sunday – 12 October 2025

Join worshipping communities across the UK in celebrating Sight Loss Sunday, an initiative by Torch Trust to support and include blind and partially sighted people in our congregations and communities; and to equip the church to achieve its aim of welcoming all of God's people.

This year's theme, "Who does God call?", explores vocation through the stories of Samuel, Eli, and Paul.

**Resources – including a full service plan, sermon, and video – are available at [www.torchtrust.org](http://www.torchtrust.org)**

## Report on the Diocese's Culture around Safeguarding

**Earlier this year, to better understand our culture around safeguarding as a diocese, the Bishops'**

**Leadership Team commissioned an independent facilitator, Margaret Gildea, to run a series of focus groups and online survey with clergy, lay ministers and parish safeguarding co-ordinators.**

In total, about 150 people from across the Diocese of Leicester took part, answering questions about the approachability of the bishops and senior leaders in the diocese on safeguarding, the ease of challenging them, whether they felt heard and confident action would be taken when a concern was raised, and how safeguarding across the diocese could be improved.

The recommendations which emerged from the report will be translated into an action plan and taken forward by the Bishops' Leadership Team and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

**Read the Summary Report here:**

<https://leicester.anglican.org/news/report-on-the-dioceses-culture-around-safeguarding.php>

## Save the Date: Safeguarding Sunday 2025

**On Sunday 16 November 2025**

This initiative, spearheaded by Thirtyone:eight, invites communities to come together to reflect on their safeguarding journey, and highlight all the good work that is being done to create safer places. **Find out more:**

<https://safeguardingsunday.org>

## Digital Giving at Christmas

**Tuesday 14 October, 12-1pm – Online**

Join us in this webinar to learn about how to maximise your digital giving during the advent period, the Church of England's Christmas theme for 2025 and be inspired by some Christmassy campaign ideas. **Register here:**

[https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0mUGOPPtTdCe3WCkyIOKnw#/registration](https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0mUGOPPtTdCe3WCkyIOKnw#/registration)



