

Launde Minster Community



Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 1st October 2026

Sunday 4th October, Trinity 18, Harvest Festival

Attached are the MC Worship Plan for **OCTOBER 2026** (as of 1st 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.

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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 4th October at 11am

Launde Minster Community

Online Church

Leader: Linda Jones

Reflection: Andrew Smith

To join, click on this zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGi8Q.1>

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Collects for Sunday 4th October Trinity 18

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

Reflection: Sunday 4th October Trinity 18

Is it not depressing to see people constantly studying their phones while walking the streets or while travelling on transport? There is so much we could relate to in what we can see around us, and what we see around us can shape our thinking and our decisions.

Isaiah was a wonderful preacher who used the world around him to teach the people things of great importance. He sings a song of love for his people reminding them of what God has done in bring them to a fertile land, giving them all they needed to live happy fruitful lives. But they were blind to the prosperity provided, and it was all wasted like a vineyard gone to wrack and ruin.

Jesus too describes a vineyard, again an image for God's people, in which the abuse and selfishness of its husbandry causes the murder of the owner's son "outside the vineyard" (or "without a city wall" in the hymn).

These teachers want us to see that there are lessons to be learned and truths to be taught by what we see around us. Francis of Assisi, who died aged 44 on 3rd October exactly 800 years ago this weekend, saw in the

creation of animals and nature signs of a real relationship with God. He spoke of 'brother sun' and 'sister water', 'mother earth', and 'brother wind' "through which you give sustenance to all your creatures". He was not just a trendy poet – he travelled fearlessly to Egypt to meet the Sultan of the Moslem forces to bring peace in the 4th Crusade. And he created the Christmas Crib scene to draw people to experience the birth of the Saviour of the world.

Like Paul, Frances saw possessions as worthless in the light of knowing Christ. Seeing God in all things can inspire us all.

Revd Philip Norwood

Bible Readings:

Sunday 4th October

Trinity 18

Isaiah 5.1-7

- 1 Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
- 3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah, judge between me
and my vineyard.
- 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
- 5 And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
- 6 I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
- 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting; he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed; righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Philippians 3.4b-14

- 4 even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
- 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
- 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,

11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21.33-end

33 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son."

38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance."

39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?

41 They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

42 Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sunday 4th October

Trinity 18

Psalm 80.8-16

8 Turn us again, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
9 You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
10 You made room around it,
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
11 The hills were covered with its shadow
and the cedars of God by its boughs.
12 It stretched out its branches to the Sea
and its tendrils to the River.
13 Why then have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
14 The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,
and all the insects of the field devour it.
15 Turn again, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven and behold;
16 Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.

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.

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:

Langtons and Shangton

2nd of October 11am Shangton

Wellham

9th of October 11am Gloosten

16th of October 7pm Wellham (3rd Friday)

23rd of October 11am Stanton Wyville

30th of October 11am Cranoe

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Revd Crystal McAllister Uel Sandford

'Sandwich'

On Zoom, Wednesday evenings 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:

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

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



In Brass & Voice

Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm

Welland Park Octagonal Hall, 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

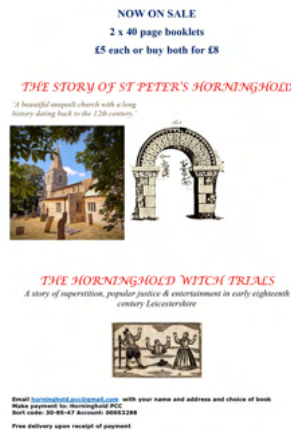


Stories about St Peter's, Horninghold

'The Story of St Peter's Horninghold' and

'The Horninghold ~Witch Trials'

To purchase, email: horninghold.ppc@gmail.com



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 fruit, Rice pudding, Corned beef, Pasta sauce, Tinned ham, 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>



Diomail – Monday 28th September

For more information and other events use this link for **Diomail 28th September:**

[https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-28-september-](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-28-september-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

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Eco Church: Simple Steps to Start Your Journey



Caring for God's world is part of our everyday faith as Christians, and it's something we care deeply about in the diocese.

Many of our churches have already registered with A Rocha as Eco Churches and achieved status from bronze

through to gold, but we thought it might be helpful for those churches who haven't yet begun their Eco Church journey, to see how easy it is to get started.

Eco Church is a free environmental award scheme run by A Rocha UK that helps churches put care for God's creation at the heart of their worship, mission, and daily life.

It provides a framework for churches to assess and improve their environmental impact across five key areas: worship and teaching, buildings and energy, land and nature, community and global engagement, and the lifestyle of the congregation.

Learn more on our website:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/eco-church-simple-steps-to-start-your-journey.php>

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>

Monday 26 October, 6pm-7:30pm – Online

In recent years the flag of St George has too often been claimed by those who want to draw lines between people rather than bring them together, which can leave churches unsure whether to mark the day at all.

Join this free webinar for church leaders on marking St George's Day as a moment of belonging, shared pride, and faith.

Book on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-st-georges-day-can-bring-us-together-tickets-2000151240202>