



# Launde Minster Community

## Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 2nd July 2026

### Sunday 5th July, Trinity 5

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **JULY 2026** (as of 2nd July)

**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) 07851163712

You can also find the **Launde Minster Community Worship Plan**, and the links for online services, on the website: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk>

### Our Churches Online:

All of our churches have web pages on **'A Church Near You'** – This link takes you to the Launde Minster Community page, where you can access each of the churches: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/our-churches-on-acny>



### Every Sunday at 8am Launde Abbey Chapel

**Holy Communion** - *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat. See Worship Plan for details*

### Saturday Morning Prayer on Zoom

***Everyone is welcome***

**Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.55am)**

**All welcome. Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81751227280?pwd=VtUdahsUf34Vc7Bbr5gVFoeiobrOO8.1>

Meeting ID: 817 5122 7280 Passcode: 419620

### Sunday 5th July at 11am

### Launde Minster Community Online Church

**Leader & Reflection:** John Bartlett

**To join, click on this zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

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### Contact Us:

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### Collects for Sunday 5th July - Trinity 5

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Reflection: Sunday 5th July Trinity 5

“Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven”, says Jesus (Matthew 18.3). Words such as these are, or should be, a challenge to all who attend Baptisms. Jesus does not mean that we have to be childish. We have to be child-like, and therefore ready to grow up to be what we are created to be – sons and daughters of God. No pressure on Godparents then!

People were being very childish in Jesus’ day. They had flocked to hear John the Baptist, but they had wanted to be complimented as loyal and pious Jews, not to be described as ‘a brood of vipers’. They wanted to see in Jesus someone to drive out the Romans, not someone who rejected religious tradition to mix with sinners. It’s easy to be childish and distracted as St. Paul found when he was tempted to want his own way against all those who opposed him. But he was raised above all the bickering and controversy to find through Jesus his true higher nature in God.

In desperation at the childishness Jesus finds amongst the people, he turns to his Father for reassurance that despite all the opposition and pettiness he encounters, he is on the right track as a preacher of love, compassion and hope – convictions that led him to choose a donkey on which to ride into Jerusalem as 'King', demonstrating a fulfilment of Zechariah's prophecy.

Jesus knew so well the rejection of all the Prophets of old, but he can still lift his heart in praise to the Father, that to the child-like, the Father's will is made known, and that he alone is able to convey that truth to every generation for ever: including our own.

Revd Philip Norwood

## Bible Readings: Sunday 5th July Trinity 5

### Zechariah 9.9-12

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

### Romans 7.15-25a

15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

17 But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

18 For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,

23 but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

### Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

16 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

17 "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon";

19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

25 At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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### Psalm 145.8-15

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, •  
long-suffering and of great goodness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone •  
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, •  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom •  
and speak of your mighty power,

12 To make known to all peoples your mighty acts •  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; •  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is sure in all his words •  
and faithful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall •  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

## Praying Pilgrims in Launde Minster Community July 2026

As part of our ongoing support to all the parishes across the LMC, a group of us, *Praying Pilgrims*, will join together at the churches listed, to reflect and pray for the needs of the church and community.

**Every Wednesday for a 9.00am start.**

**The rota for July is:**

July 08: Tur Langton

July 15: Goadby

July 22: Stonton Wyville

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

*Rev David Palmer and Rev Crystal McAllister*

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## IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT REVD JONATHAN DOWMAN

**We are sure you will want to hold Jonathan and his family in your prayers**



### Prayers for Jonathan

Thank you for the care and support you have given to Jonathan and his family since he has been unwell.

Jonathan has asked me to let you know that he has been diagnosed with cancer of the colon which has spread to the stomach lining. He has experienced very few symptoms, and the diagnosis was as a result of a GP referral. Surgery is planned for 24<sup>th</sup> July. The consultants will work to remove all signs of cancer. The surgery and treatment is significant, and the consultants have recommended a recovery period of up to 6 months.

I know you will want to pray for Jonathan as he undergoes surgery and pray that Jonathan's body responds well.

Please also pray for Emma, and for Amber, Ethan and Hugo.

Jonathan will be taking some time away with his family in the next few weeks.

Cover for services will be arranged with support from David, your Rural Dean.

David and I plan to meet with the ministry team and churchwardens in the coming weeks.

A further update will follow in due course.

**The Venerable Catherine Dobson**

**Archdeacon of Lynn, Diocese of Norwich**

## St Thomas a Becket Church, Tugby Visit by Bishop Martyn

**Sunday 5th July at 6pm**

Bishop Martyn will be visiting Tugby Church to lead their Evening Holy Communion on Sunday 5th July.

Wine and refreshments will be served after the service.

*Everyone is invited to join them.*



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## Fundraiser at Church Langton Saturday and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Frocks and Flowers in St. Peter's Church

Open Gardens in the village 1.00 – 5.00pm

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

**For more information Contact Sue Atton 07971 680231  
or email [sue.atton@outlook.com](mailto:sue.atton@outlook.com)**



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## Cream Teas at St. Peter's, Church Langton



**Cream Teas at Church Langton every Sunday  
until the end of September 3.00pm - 5.00pm**

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## St Peter's Church, Tilton Fundraiser

Teas in Church Sundays in July 3-5pm



## Hallaton Festival of Archaeology St Michael & All Angels Church and Hallaton Museum

Sunday 12th July to Sunday 2 August

The Hallaton Festival of Archaeology returns for the 5th year. Once again, there are a range of activities including guided walks to the Motte and Bailey Castle, Village Trails, an exhibition in the Church, extended opening hours in the Museum, a talk and snacks, lunches and teas in the Church on Sunday afternoons.

The talk by Chris Close 'Finding Collyweston's Lost Tudor Palace' takes place in the Church on Saturday 25th July at 7pm.

For more information contact Linda Jones  
[l.jones2k@btinternet.com](mailto:l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

To book for guided castle walks on each Sunday and the talk by Chris Close click here: <https://hallaton-museum.co.uk/festival-of-archaeology/>



## Calling all Pilgrims

Sunday 12th July 12.30pm, meeting at St Thomas Becket, Main Street, Tugby LE7 9WD

A family friendly walk from Tugby to Goadby telling the story of Pilgrims Progress from the 'City of Destruction' to find the 'Celestial City'.

The walk will be at a leisurely pace and is approximately 2.5 miles long.

If you can't make the walk, please join us at 1.15pm for a BBQ with music at St John the Baptist, Church Lane, Goadby, LE7 9EE

The walk will begin on the field paths, we then cross Palmer's Lane; the last 0.25 mile is along the Tugby Road into Goadby Village.

Uel Sandford will be able to transport drivers from Goadby to Tugby to collect their cars.

Enquiries to Uel:

on 07449337081 or email [sandfordsp@gmail.com](mailto:sandfordsp@gmail.com)

**All are welcome**

Uel Sandford



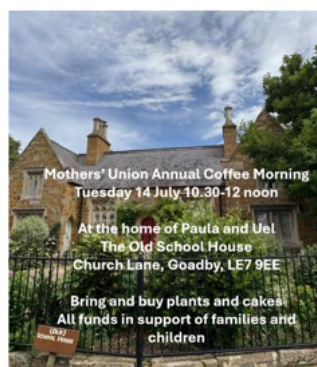
## Mothers' Union Annual Coffee Morning

Tuesday 14th July 10.30-12noon

At the home of Paula and Uel: The Old School House, Church lane, Goadby, LE7 9EE

Bring and buy plants and cakes.

All funds in support of families and children





### St Peter's Church, Tilton:

**Friday Mornings 'Coffee and Chat'**

**Between 10.30 – 12.00noon**

### Café Morrell

**St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton**

**Tuesday Mornings Coffee, Cake and Chat**

**Between 10.00 to 12.30pm**

### Gaulby Church:

**Home-made cakes and Cream Teas**

**Every Saturday 2.30-4.30pm**



## **Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks:**

### **Food Bank Appeal: The Well**

Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks. All donations welcome, which may be left in any of our Church porches, or you can donate online.

**To make a donation to The Well's Food bank fund,** by bank transfer to *The Well Kibworth*

**Sort Code:** 40-32-04 **Acc:** 41666959 **Ref:** 'Foodbank'

Gift Aid Forms can be downloaded from the website:

<https://www.thewellkibworth.org/support-us>

### **Food Bank Appeal:**

#### **Jubilee Foodbank, Market Harborough**

You can drop off donations at **Hallaton Church** or to Linda Jones at **25, Eastgate, Hallaton** at any time. Please note that all food collected is non-perishable, long-life or tinned.

The Foodbank has **MOST URGENT NEED of:** UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Tinned tomatoes, Long-life fruit juice, Cordial or squash, Dried mashed potato (Smash), Hot Dogs (tins or jars), Tinned chicken, Tinned red meat, Tinned Custard, Tinned fruit, Tinned beans (kidney, chickpeas, etc), Cereals, Cream Crackers, Jars of Pasta sauce, Bottled water.

**Other suggested donations:** Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned peas, Tinned carrots, Peanut butter, 'No Cook' products, long life e.g. John West Fish and pasta meals, Kettle only products e.g. noodles, couscous, soups, Microwave

puddings, Jam, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Rice Pudding, Pot Noodle, Jars of Coffee (100grams), Tinned vegetarian meals, Teabags (80), Corned Beef, Dried Packet Rice, Baked Beans, Strong clean 'bags for life', Porridge Oats, Sugar (500g), Tinned Baked beans with sausages, Tinned meatballs, chicken in sauce, Biscuits, Sweets, Snacks and Crisps, , Sachet meals (pan or microwave), Marmalade, Tinned potatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Tinned ham, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), Snacks and cereal bars, Microwave puddings, Tinned pasta, Sandwich paste, Tuna, ALPRO yoghurts (long-life, for the shelf not fridge), Robinsons minis or similar for families (small squash concentrates), Small cartons of long life milk (for homeless people or someone without a fridge), Mayonnaise, Angel Delight, Small sachets of herbs, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shower gel or soap, Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Sunscreen (for homeless people in the summer), Feminine products – sanitary towels, tampons

**The list of food always required is on the website:**

<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>



## **Diomail – Monday 29th June**

**For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 29th June:**

[https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-29-june-](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-29-june-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

[2026/?newsletter\\_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-29-june-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

**You can subscribe to receive the weekly Diomail here:**

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

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

## **Homelessness Charter Expands Directory to Support County**

**The Homelessness Charter has expanded its website directory to include organisations working in the County as well as the City.**

It is a very useful directory, not just of those organisations working with people who are street homeless, sofa surfing or vulnerably housed, but organisations providing support upstream to people who are at risk of homelessness.

You'll see it includes housing, food and many other activities as well.

Please check it out and if you can suggest other organisations which might be included please do email the Charter: [gray.duguid@leicestercofe.org](mailto:gray.duguid@leicestercofe.org)

Visit the Homelessness Charter website:

<https://leicesterhomelessnesscharter.co.uk>

## A Vocation of Devotion: Fay's Life Vow for the Single Consecrated Life



**In an expression of the deepest commitment someone can give to God, Fay Holdom recently made her Life Vow for the Single Consecrated Life (SCL)**

The special service was held on 6 June at St John the Baptist Church in Hungarton, and was led by the Bishop of Loughborough, Rt Revd Saju Muthalaly, alongside the Revd Crystal McAllister and the Revd Canon Philip Norwood.

This vow and lifelong “yes” will shape the rhythm of Fay’s days to come, but was a journey that started unexpectedly in a conversation with God, she explains: “Two and a half years after my life-long partner died, I was still asking God, ‘What now, Lord?’” she says. “One morning a tsunami of understanding gave me the answer. God wanted my undivided devotion – for life! I was shocked but willing and said, ‘Yes.’ “I thought that was it. I’d given my promise in the privacy of my own bedroom... “Within 48 hours of that, he brought me (no doubt whatsoever!) the story of a local lady making her life vow as a Single Consecrated Life. I didn’t normally receive Diomail, at that time, but this one came to me. I’d never heard of SCL but I was curious and investigated. It’s impossible to describe the conviction but I knew that’s what was being asked of me.”

**Read the full story:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/a-vocation-of-devotion-fays-life-vow-for-the-single-consecrated-life.php>

## Diocesan Synod – June Meeting Summary

Diocesan Synod met on 6 June 2026 for wide-ranging discussions focusing on emerging technologies, financial sustainability, and the Church’s mission in diverse communities.

**Read the full summary here:**

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/synod-summary-june-2026.pdf>

## Centenary Photo Deadline – 10 July



**As part of our diocesan centenary celebrations, we would love to feature a photo of every single parish, worshipping community, chaplaincy, church school and diocesan-affiliated organisation, in a special picture slideshow that will be on display at events throughout the centenary period.**

So, send us your smiling group photographs. We want to see our diocesan people, gathered together in God’s glory, where you worship. Please email your images to [David.Stevens@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:David.Stevens@LeicesterCofE.org)

**Church schools, please submit your photos by 3 July. All other diocesan groups, by 10 July.**

*Please remember to ask permission from everyone included in the photo.*

*Each picture will be labelled with who you are, as a collective – e.g. All Saints Church, Wigston – and will be on rolling display at the Cathedral, during our events in September, and on the centenary pages of our diocesan website.*