



Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletter

Edition Date: 10th October 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 13th October Trinity 20, Harvest Thanksgiving

10am **Knossington** Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

Sunday 20th October, Trinity 21, Harvest Thanksgiving

11am **Tugby** Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Owston** Harvest Service (Churchwarden led)

Sunday 27th October, Last Sunday After Trinity,

All Saints Day, Bible Sunday

10am **Tugby** Morning Praise Café Style (Congregation led)

10am **Knossington** (with Cold Overton) Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

10.30 **Horninghold** Breakfast Club in Church (Revd David Palmer)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

Saturday Mornings

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.45am)

If you would like to join our Zoom Prayers, please email

Hilary Painter: hilarypainter@icloud.com

Sunday 13th October 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader: Mary Twidell **Reflection:** John Bartlett

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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Collect for Sunday 13th October Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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

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Information about the Zoom services (including the Link), and **other information**, can be found on

The Launde Deanery and Minster Community

Website at: [https://launde-minster-](https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk)

[community.webador.co.uk](https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk)

Reflection: 13th October 2024

Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

Mark gives us a great challenge through his account of Jesus's encounter with a rich man who asks Jesus what he needs to do to inherit eternal life. I get the feeling that Jesus already knows that this man needs a challenge but Jesus starts off referring to what the man already thinks is needed that is his obedience to the ten commandments. Jesus summarises them and the man states that he has obeyed them all his life. Jesus then looks upon him with love, knowing that something much more is needed and also knowing that the something is going to be very difficult and painful for this man. And indeed the call to give all away to the poor causes the man to turn and walk sadly away because he has great wealth. When the disciples show surprise at Jesus's statement that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven and Peter points out that they have left everything behind to follow Jesus, he answers that while nothing is impossible with God, it is certain that those who have given their all will inherit great heavenly treasure in the form of forgiveness and eternal life. Like most societies that which Jesus had come to live in revered and even worshipped great wealth and assumed that just as rich people could have everything they wanted on earth, that would also apply in heaven. This is something we are seeing more and more in our own society today and the challenge for us is not to be part of that but to remember Jesus's teaching about where our wealth really lies and also to remember that Jesus led a very humble life right from its beginning. Born in a stable, laid in a manger by humble parents then he resisted Satan's temptation to worship him instead of God and if he did this he would be given the power and riches of the world. As well as thanking God for what we do have, we must willingly seek his advice as to what we can give and share with those who are in need. We must help our society to get rid of the modern equivalent of that image of a golden calf and put Jesus, our Lord and King, back on the throne. That will not be an easy or painless thing to do and is indeed a great challenge but we must think of all that Jesus has done for us, giving up his heavenly throne to come to live among us and sacrificing his life to give us forgiveness and the certainty of true wealth when we spend eternity with him.

Revd Christine Blodwell

Bible Readings:
Sunday 13th October 2024
Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

Amos 5.6-7, 10-15

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

6 Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like
fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
7 Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!
10 They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
11 Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain, you have built
houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them; you have planted
pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
12 For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins- you who afflict the
righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
13 Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a
time;
for it is an evil time.
14 Seek good and not evil,
that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be with you,
just as you have said.
15 Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the
Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Hebrews 4.12-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper
than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul
from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the
thoughts and intentions of the heart.
13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are
naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we
must render an account.
14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has
passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let
us hold fast to our confession.
15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to
sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who
in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without
sin.
16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with
boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace
to help in time of need.

Mark 10.17-31

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up
and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher,
what must I do to inherit eternal life?'
18 Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one
is good but God alone.
19 You know the commandments: "You shall not
murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not
steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not
defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' '
20 He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since
my youth.'
21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack
one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to
the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then
come, follow me.'
22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away
grieving, for he had many possessions.
23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,
'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter
the kingdom of God!'
24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But
Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to
enter the kingdom of God!
25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a
needle than for someone who is rich to enter the
kingdom of God.'
26 They were greatly astounded and said to one
another, 'Then who can be saved?'
27 Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is
impossible, but not for God; for God all things are
possible.'
28 Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left
everything and followed you.'
29 Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has
left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or
children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the
good news,
30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age-
houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and
fields, with persecutions-and in the age to come eternal
life.
31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will
be first.'

Additional Prayer for Sunday 13th October
Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen

Collects, Readings and Reflection for Harvest Thanksgiving

Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

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**

Reflection for Harvest Thanksgiving

Extract from 'Roots on the Web'

"...In a 2019 poll, 67 per cent of parents, from all faiths and none, expressed warm memories of taking part in Christian harvest festivals, saying that they wanted their children to do the same. The perceived benefits were: giving thanks for the good things in our lives, teaching children where their food comes from and showing generosity to people in need.

Harvest is one of our farming village's best-attended services. Even the smallest child can understand. The church is lovingly decorated with flowers and fruit. I organise a choir, to belt out well-loved hymns: *We Plough the Fields and Scatter, All Things Bright And Beautiful* and *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*. The children bring up harvest gifts to the altar, destined for our local food bank.

Harvest is more than a nostalgia trip for traditionalists. Certainly, older people revisit happy childhood memories and there is the aroma of apples stored for the winter and smoke from the post-harvest burning of the fields, and people make a corn dolly to take to church. However, recognising the cyclical nature of human existence — "for everything there is a season" (Ecclesiastes, iii, 1) — has what feels like a renewed modern resonance. After 18 months dominated by the Pandemic, our human vulnerability to challenges such as disease, weather problems and disruptions to the supply chain feels more relevant than ever.

Our food bank's stock is running low. News reports of empty supermarket shelves add a poignancy to realising our interdependence, reliance on others and the need for connection, for the supply of our most basic human needs.

Farmers' reports at harvest suppers offer insight into lives lived on the land. The TV series *Clarkson's Farm* has recently engendered a wider respect for farmers and a more sympathetic understanding of the problems that they face every year. Their livelihood is dependent almost entirely on the weather and other factors beyond their control. No prayer is perhaps more heartfelt than a farmer's prayer for rain — or for it to stop raining.

Small rural churches often seem rather marginalised, treated in diocesan league tables like "failed" urban churches...Yet harvest allows countryside communities a big moment of celebration.

Harvest conveys a feeling of handing on the baton to the next generation. I have so far failed to pass on my Christian faith to my own children, who accept the common social attitude that religion is the cause of war. However, in my own life, Christianity has been nothing but a source of comfort and joy. The author John Buchan said that an atheist was a man who had "no invisible means of support". I hope that small rural churches will stay open long enough for my children to return to them if they ever want to do so.

Harvest suppers showcase the glories of nature, coming to terms with not being in control, looking after the hungry and needy and the wonderful reading from St Matthew about the lilies of the field, advising against worrying about what to wear. They add up to a message that the nation's mental health problems could be addressed if we looked not inwards but upwards and outwards, with gratitude at all the good gifts around us."

Emma Thompson is a freelance writer and a member of Save the Parish

Additional Prayer for Harvest

Thanksgiving

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 Thanksgiving

Joel 2.21-27

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 21 Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
- 22 Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
- 23 O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
- 24 The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- 25 I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

1 Timothy 2.1-7

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone,

2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,

4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

6 who gave himself a ransom for all-this was attested at the right time.

7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Alternative Reading to Joel Timothy 2.1-7

1 Timothy 6.6-10

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;

7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;

8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Matthew 6.25-33

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

25 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,

29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?"

32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Food Bank Appeal:

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. **Urgently needed items** are:

Tinned Fruit; Tinned Peas; Tinned Red Meat (e.g. Bolognese, mince, chilli, stew), Cartons of UHT Milk; Tinned Custard; Soap; Strong clean Carrier Bags; Cordial/ Long Life Fruit Juice; Tinned Sweetcorn; Tinned/ Jarred Hot Dogs; Tinned Ham /Corned Beef; Packet Rice; Teabags; Porridge Oats; Jam or Marmalade; Tinned Beans with Sausages; Sandwich Paste; Tinned Rice Pudding; Tinned chickpeas, mixed chilli beans, red kidney beans, lentils; Dried Potato/ Smash

Open Doors

Saturday 12th October



Revd David Palmer, Pioneer Priest

Coffee Concert at Billesdon Church

Saturday 12th October

Philip and Shona Millward (piano/ organ and violin)

Coffee served from 10.30am followed by a 40 min recital at 11. Admission free; retiring collection to a good cause.

All welcome

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

Referring to the Household Support Fund

Leicestershire County Council have made it possible for churches to become referring bodies for the Household Support Fund.

Both clergy and lay leaders can refer people in need who live in the county to receive support with cost-of-living pressures – particularly in the form of food and fuel vouchers.

If you would like your church to become a referring

organisation, you can register by

emailing householdsupportfund@leics.gov.uk.

To find out more about the scheme, who is eligible for

support, and what help they can get **Visit the Leicestershire**

County Council website:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/assessment-and-eligibility-for-care-and-support/household-support-fund>



It's Black History Month during October. This year's theme, 'Reclaiming Narratives', emphasises the importance of acknowledging people's identity in Christ and in their culture, as well as recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

Our Intercultural Worship team would like to encourage you and your church to engage with Black History Month:

"It's crucial to retell the stories of African Caribbeans who contributed to the building of this country and our churches, especially in the Diocese of Leicester. This history doesn't just belong to Black people; it's the history of the United Kingdom as a whole."

Visit our website to watch a video exploring the theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives' along with details of local events marking Black History Month.

Visit our website:

<https://leicester.anglican.org/news/reclaiming-narratives-during-black-history-month.php>

Looking to the future in the Diocese of Leicester

Our Diocesan Strategy was approved by Diocesan Synod on 3 September 2024. It is a discernment of what God is saying and doing in Leicester and Leicestershire and how we should respond in the coming years.

The Bishop of Leicester, the Rt Revd Martyn Snow, describes the strategy as "a living document in a rapidly changing world" and so it will change and evolve over time, and will be used to guide our decision making and allocation of resources.

A simple 'Strategy on a Page' document has been created, together with an outline of the **3 Key Questions** for churches and ministers, and **5 Strategic Priorities** for our bishops and diocesan support.

These documents are available on our website:

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

Learning to live well together - Blog

The Revd Dr Tom Wilson, Director of the St Philip's Centre in Leicester, is currently guest author on the *Difference* blog.

He believes living harmoniously with people of different beliefs is a learnable skill, like riding a bike. Revd Tom says by fostering meaningful encounters, understanding, trust, and cooperation, we can bridge divides. He also emphasises open-minded dialogue, respectful disagreement, and collaboration as key to overcoming societal challenges and building a peaceful society. Read Tom's blog here:

<https://difference.rln.global/blog/learning-to-live-well-together/>

Everybody Conference

Saturday 12 October, 10am-3.30pm – St John the Baptist, Clarendon Park

This one-day conference is dedicated to empowering Christians to live for Jesus in their everyday lives. Bishop Saju Muthalaly will be the keynote speaker. **Further details and booking:**

<https://stjohnthebaptist.churchsuite.com/events/2lg6lhxt>

Anti Racism Training: Embrace the Diversity

Saturday 2 November, 9.30am-3.30pm – St Martin's House, Leicester

'Embrace the Diversity' is a chance to enhance your awareness of contemporary, systemic, and interpersonal racial discrimination. Its aim is to delve into the challenges that may impede the development of healthy intercultural relationships and work towards promoting one of the diocesan strategic priorities: fostering Intercultural worshipping communities.

In this training programme, you will learn: some of the language used to discuss racism and anti-racism, to make the distinction between being 'not racist' and anti-racist, the roots of racist ideologies and their impact on the Church & society today, about practical actions aimed at promoting racial unity in the church community. This training is free of cost and open to all. Lunch will be provided.

To book your space

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