



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 23rd October 2025

Sunday 26th October

Last Sunday after Trinity,

Attached are the lists of church services and events for **OCTOBER and NOVEMBER 2025** (as of 23rd 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 07851163712

You can also find the **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.

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 26th October 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service *All are welcome*

Leader & Reflection: Madeleine Wang

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

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Collects for Sunday 26th October

Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 26th October 2025

Last Sunday after Trinity

Luke 18: 9-14

Here we return to a theme liberally peppered throughout the New Testament, the false piety of the Pharisee (the religious leader) versus the genuine repentance of the tax collector (the ordinary person). The parody Jesus gives us is so exaggerated that we can almost miss the point. The litany of virtues the Pharisee gives himself and the disparaging way that he dismisses the tax collector sound absurd to the ear, I mean can anyone be that bigoted and prejudiced. But that doesn't mean that in everyday life we cannot fall into the same trap as this pharisee. We live in a country where the narrative is becoming increasingly hostile towards those who are sick and disabled, the unemployed, refugees and asylum seekers. So how far away from this pharisee are British people who say or feel: "I thank you God that I am a net contributor to wealth in Britain, unlike this unemployed/ disabled/asylum seeker/refugee." Yet Jesus tells us that the tax collector was humble before God and confessed his faults and left God's presence forgiven and sanctified, whereas the Pharisee left the presence of God with just his empty boasting and slogans as his reward.

Mike Hammond

Bible Readings:
Sunday 26th October 2025
Last Sunday after Trinity

Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17

- 12 Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
13 For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.
14 Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;
15
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is
the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
16 He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
17 He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

OR:

Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-end

- 7 Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies
indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.
8 O hope of Israel,
its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a
stranger in the land,
like a traveller turning aside for the night?
9 Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O
Lord, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!
10 Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly
they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord
does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.
19 Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us
down
so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace,
but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.
20 We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.
21 Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonour your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.
22 Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord
our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

- 6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation,
and the time of my departure has come.
7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I
have kept the faith.
8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will
give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all
who have longed for his appearing.
16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but
all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!
17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so
that through me the message might be fully proclaimed
and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from
the lion's mouth.
18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and
save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18.9-14

- 9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in
themselves that they were righteous and regarded
others with contempt:
10 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a
Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.
11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus,
"God, I thank you that I am not like other people:
thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-
collector.
12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."
13 But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not
even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and
saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"
14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified
rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will
be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be
exalted.'

Psalm for Sunday 26th October
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Psalm 84

- 1
How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of
the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
2
The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
3
Blessed are they who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.
4
Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,
5

Who going through the barren valley find there a spring,

and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

6

They will go from strength to strength
and appear before God in Zion.

7

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
listen, O God of Jacob.

All Souls Day In loving memory...

St Peter's Church, Gaulby

Monday 3rd November at 6.30pm

This service will be livestreamed on Zoom



Launde Minster
Community

The Gaulby Group
St Peter's, Gaulby
St Michael and All Angels, Ilston
St John the Baptist, Kings Norton
St John the Baptist, Little Stretton

All Souls' Day In loving memory...

You and your family are warmly invited to
an informal service of music, readings,
prayers and quiet time to remember and
give thanks for the lives of departed loved
ones.

St Peter's church, Gaulby

Monday 3 November
at 6.30pm



A warm welcome for all

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 McAllister

Guitar Recital by James Woodrow



All Saints, Slawston

Saturday 1st November at 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00, 12 and under free, refreshments.

Proceeds to church funds, All welcome!

Wendy Edmond: 07746 018444

Food for Thought

Monday 10th November, Launde Abbey

6.30 for 7.30pm start

Respond & Relieve: Delivering Humanitarian Aid

By Kim Melville

Meal & Talk £16.50 Bookings (by 4th November):

mary.twidell@gmail.com or 01858 555204/ 07464 309966



Food for thought

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About the speaker: Kim is Vice President of Humanitarian Affairs at DHL Express, a logistics company.

About Food for thought: Talks about life, faith and contemporary issues, arranged by a local group of Christians, including support from Launde C of E Deanery.

Music for Reflection

Leicester Cathedral

Saturday 1st November 7.30pm

Tickets £18/ Students £5

Box Office: 01858 467463

Email: j.r.balme@btinternet.com



Remembrance Poppy Display

St Thomas Becket Church, Skeffington

Tuesday 11th November From 6.30 until 8.30pm



Safeguarding Sunday Thomas Becket Church, Tugby

16th November at 11am

Holy Communion with a focus on the Mothers
Union 'Rise Up' Campaign

Safeguarding Sunday 16th November

St Thomas Becket Church, Tugby

Invite you to



Organised by the Mothers Union Hallaton Group
Diocese of Leicester

Easyfundraising – How to get free donations for your church

Sign up your church to easyfundraising, encourage
your congregation and friends to sign up too and
get free donations to help your church

easyfundraising turns your everyday shopping into money
for your organisation. Over 8,000 retailers are available to
shop with including: Amazon, eBay, Argos, John Lewis,
Sainsbury's, Trainline, Boots and many more. It's
completely free to use!

Check out the helpful guidance:

<https://easyfundraisingemail.s3.amazonaws.com/2025/CRT/StarterPackMarch25.pdf>



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, Corned
Beef, Tinned red meat, Tinned meatballs, Chicken in sauce,
Dried potatoes (Smash).

They also need:

Marmalade, Jam, Biscuits, Tinned potatoes, 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 31st. Your stamps will then be delivered to you.

Mary.twidell@gmail.com 01858 555 204

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

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

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>



Extracts from Diomail 20th October

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 20th October:

https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-20-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/>

Racial Equity Implementation, the Diocese and You



"We are more than halfway through Black History Month and, from a racial equity perspective, I wanted to provide an update on how the department has been developing over the past year," writes Sophie Holder, Diocesan Director of Racial Equity.

"When my role began at the end of 2024, a Racial Equity Strategy had already been created in the Diocese a few years prior. This provided a solid foundation upon which to craft and guide implementation. I further distilled the strategy into seven focal points that will progress the Diocese towards becoming a racially equitable organisation and culture in the areas of **Governance, Recruitment, Training and Development, Raising Awareness, Education and Support, Local Parish and Worship, and Children and Young People / Schools.**"

Learn more about the Racial Equity Strategy and how you can be involved:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/racial-equity-implementation-the-diocese-and-you.php>