

# Launde Minster Community



## Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 21st May 2026

### Sunday 24th May, Pentecost

Attached are the MC Worship Plans for **MAY & JUNE 2026** (as of 21st May)

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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[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 24th May at 11am Launde Minster Community Online Church

**Leader:** Linda Jones **Reflection:** Fay Holdom

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

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

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### Collects for Sunday 24th May Pentecost

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Reflection: Sunday 24th May Pentecost

Pentecost doesn't arrive with the quiet familiarity of Christmas or Easter. It's more like a sudden breeze through an open window—unexpected, a little unsettling, and yet refreshing in a way you didn't realise you needed. The story itself is vivid: wind, fire, voices crossing language barriers. But beneath all that energy, there's something deeply gentle going on. It's about presence—God not distant or abstract, but close, alive, moving within ordinary people.

In 2026, that can feel especially relevant. Life often feels crowded with noise—notifications, opinions, pressures to keep up. Pentecost offers a different kind of movement: not louder, but deeper. Not more information, but more meaning.

There's something quietly reassuring in the idea that the Spirit meets people where they are. The disciples weren't polished or perfectly prepared; they were uncertain, even afraid. And yet, that was enough. The transformation didn't come from having everything sorted—it came from being open.

Maybe that's the invitation of Pentecost today:  
to pause,  
to breathe,  
to notice what's already stirring within.  
Not every experience of the Spirit is dramatic. Sometimes  
it's a nudge toward kindness, a moment of clarity, or the  
courage to begin something small but important.  
Sometimes it's simply the sense that you're not alone.  
Pentecost reminds us that faith isn't just about  
remembering something that happened long ago. It's about  
something still happening—quietly, persistently—within  
and around us.  
And perhaps the most comforting thought of all:  
you don't have to chase the wind.  
Just make space for it.

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## **Bible Readings:**

### **Sunday 24th May**

### **Pentecost**

#### **Acts 2.1-21**

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.  
2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.  
3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.  
4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.  
5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.  
6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.  
7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?  
8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?  
9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,  
11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'  
12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'  
13 But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'  
14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.  
15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.  
16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
20 The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

#### **1 Corinthians 12.3b-13**

3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.  
4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;  
6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.  
7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.  
8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,  
9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,  
10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.  
11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.  
12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.  
13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

#### **John 20.19-23**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'  
22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

### Alternative Reading to John 20.19-23

#### John 7.37-39

37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,

38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."'

39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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## Sunday 24th May

### Pentecost

#### Psalm 104.26-36, 37b

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.

29 All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

36 So shall my song please him  
while I rejoice in the Lord.

37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth  
and the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Alleluia.

## Praying Pilgrims in Launde Minster Community May & June 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 May & June is:**

May 27: Skeffington

June 3: Loddington

June 10: Tugby

June 17: Owston

June 24: Billesdon

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

*Rev David Palmer and Rev Crystal McAllister*

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## Launde Deanery & Minster Community Service

**Trinity Sunday, 31st May at St Nicholas Church,  
Shangton at 6pm**

Our next Launde Deanery & Minster Community Service will be held at Shangton on Sunday 31st May at 6pm.

*We hope you can join us.*

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## Philip Norwood - Celebrating 60 years as a Priest

**6.30pm on Sunday 7th June, Choral Evensong at  
St. James the Greater Church, London Road,  
Leicester**

Philip Norwood is marking 60 years as a priest at a service of Choral Evensong at 6.30pm at St. James the Greater in London Road, Leicester. *Please feel welcome to attend. Parking is possible in nearby streets or in Victoria Park.*

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## Tilton Church: Loughborough Concert Band

**Saturday 30 May at 7pm**

Tickets £10 from:

Kathy 07917 168565, Brenda 07766 203051

*In aid of roof repairs*



**Loughborough Concert Band**

St Peter's Church, Tilton

Saturday 30 May, 7pm



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Tickets £10 including refreshments available  
from  
Kathy - 07917 168565  
Brenda - 07766 203051

**Gaulby Church:  
Tea & Cake Sale in aid of LOROS  
Sunday 7th June 2-4pm**



**Horninghold Witch Trials**

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**THE HORNINGHOLD WITCH TRIALS**

*A story of repression, popular justice & entertainment in early eighteenth century Leicestershire*

The Horninghold witch trials took place in June 1709 in Leicestershire, during the Whitten festivities – a period of local celebration and entertainment.

The trials were not formal court proceedings but rather a series of public swimming tests reflecting popular justice and superstition of the time.

The main source for these events is the diary of Reverend Humphrey Michel, Rector of Boston and Horninghold.

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**St Peter's Church, Horninghold  
Spodo Komodo in Concert  
Folk & Early Music Re-imagined  
Wednesday 10th June 7pm Entry £15  
In aid of Church Fabric Fund**

Email: [horningholdpcc@gmail.com](mailto:horningholdpcc@gmail.com) with name and address and number of tickets required  
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**Food for Thought  
An evening with Bishop Saju 'Christ, Cricket & Counter-formation  
Launde Abbey on Tuesday 23rd June 6.45 for 7.15pm start  
Bookings (by Wednesday 17th June)  
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About the speaker: Bishop Saju (Bishop of Loughborough) was born in Kerala, South India. He came to the UK in 2001 where he served for 10 years. He is passionate about cricket and looking and in his free time runs marathons and plays the guitar.

About Food for Thought: Talks about life, faith and contemporary issues, arranged by a local group of Christians.

**Gaulby Church:  
Home-made cakes and Cream Teas  
Every Saturday 2.30-4.30pm**



**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:** Tinned Custard, Tinned fruit, Tinned beans (kidney, chickpeas, etc), Pot Noodle, Breakfast cereal, Jars of Pasta sauce, 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.

**Other suggested donations:** Jars of Coffee (100grams), Tinned vegetarian meals, Teabags (80), Corned Beef, Dried Potato (Smash), Dried Packet Rice, Baked Beans, Strong clean 'bags for life', Porridge Oats, Sugar (500g), Tinned Baked beans with sausages, Crackers, Dried potatoes (Smash), Tinned red meat, Tinned meatballs, chicken in sauce, Biscuits, Sweets, Snacks and Crisps, Tinned tomatoes, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), Cordial, Marmalade, Tinned potatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Tinned ham, Crackers, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), Snacks and cereal bars, Fruit squash/ juice, 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 18th May

**For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 18th May:**

[https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-18-may-](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-18-may-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

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## Introducing the INEQE Safeguarding Audit 2026

\*The following article references safeguarding\*



Introducing the INEQE Safeguarding Audit 2026

A webpage has been created including everything you may need to know about the forthcoming INEQE Safeguarding Audit of the Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral, beginning next month (June). It will be updated as more information becomes available and is a point of reference for the audit period, which includes an onsite visit to the diocese and cathedral in October 2026.

Bishop Martyn has made a video introducing the audit and encouraging participation in the online safeguarding surveys, which go live in June and will be open for up to eight weeks.

Please watch and share with those in your parish who may not receive Diomail or have online access.

**Watch the video here:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grtLpU0B9XI>

*Thank you for supporting this important work*

## A Prayer for Unity in Our Nation

**Published on Friday, the Church of England has shared a prayer from the Bishops' Working Group for Promoting Unity in our Nation, chaired by Bishop Martyn, inviting Christians to pray for unity, wisdom, and love in the life of our nation.**

You may wish to use this prayer personally or in your church/worshipping community:

*Almighty God, source of all wisdom, love and power, we pray for the nations of this United Kingdom, and give thanks for all who work for peace and build up our common life.*

*Give us wisdom as we seek to protect the most vulnerable among us.*

*Help us to love all who call these islands their home; and, in your power, protect us from the perils of division and hatred.*

*We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross that we might be reconciled with you and with our neighbour.*

**Amen.**

**Do take a moment to read the full article and reflect on how we can each play our part in building unity and peace:** <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/news-and-press-releases/protect-us-perils-division-and-hatred-bishops-prayer-nation>