



# Launde Minster Community

## Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 30th July 2026

### Sunday 2nd August, Trinity 9

Attached are the MC Worship Plan for **AUGUST 2026** (as of 30th 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:

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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 2nd August at 11am

### Launde Minster Community Online Church

**Leader:** Linda Jones

**Reflection:** Uel Sandford

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

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

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**Passcode:** 079282

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### Collects for Sunday 2nd August - Trinity 9

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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**

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Reflection: Sunday 2nd August Trinity 9

When we are caring for a child or a sick or frail person, we sometimes become very anxious when the one we are caring for does not eat. We try to do everything we can to provide something nourishing and tasty. Our readings today tell us that God is very anxious that we should accept and enjoy the nourishment He gives to us. 'God is like a trader in the market place', Isaiah tells people, 'and He is offering wine and milk and all sorts of things for free!' What Isaiah is really saying is, 'You people who read this have got work to do to tell everyone about the love of God, and when people get the message they will feel they've had the most nourishing meal ever'.

Paul is longing for people to get the message and he says so in the letter he wrote to people in Rome. Paul is a Jew, and all his Jewish family and friends are being offered the best nourishment possible in the person of Jesus, but they don't want to know. It makes him so distressed.

Jesus doesn't just talk about food; he distributes it. Matthew tells us that Jesus had just heard that his cousin John the Baptist had been beheaded - a situation that is so grotesque it is impossible for us to imagine how he must have felt. He goes to a quiet place to

grieve, but when he gets there, Jesus finds a crowd of thousands, and he is willing to put their needs first before his own. He gives them teaching, healing and the best nourishment they could ever have. Free food he gives – and almost as much left over as given out – given in sheer love and compassion for the people he is with. We are in that crowd with Jesus today.

**Revd Philip Norwood**

## **Bible Readings:**

### **Sunday 2nd August**

### **Trinity 9**

#### **Isaiah 55.1-5**

- 1 Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters; and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not  
bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen  
carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an  
everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

#### **Romans 9.1-5**

- 1 I am speaking the truth in Christ-I am not lying; my  
conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-
- 2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my  
heart.
- 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut  
off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my  
kindred according to the flesh.
- 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption,  
the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the  
worship, and the promises;
- 5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them,  
according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over  
all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

#### **Matthew 14.13-21**

- 13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there  
in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the  
crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the  
towns.
- 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he  
had compassion for them and cured their sick.
- 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and  
said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late;

send the crowds away so that they may go into the  
villages and buy food for themselves.'

16 Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give  
them something to eat.'

17 They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves  
and two fish.'

18 And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'

19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.  
Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to  
heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave  
them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the  
crowds.

20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what  
was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

21 And those who ate were about five thousand men,  
besides women and children.

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## **Sunday 2nd August**

### **Trinity 9**

#### **Psalms 145.8-9, 15-end**

- 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.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand  
and fill all things living with plenty.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.
- 21 The Lord watches over those who love him,  
but all the wicked shall he destroy.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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## **Mothers Union Service of Celebration at Leicester Cathedral**

**3.30pm on Sunday the 9th of August 2026**



Followed by light refreshments

**No RSVP Required, Members and non-members are all welcome**

**MothersUK Diocese of Leicester**

## St Morrell's Chapel is back at Hallaton and All Angels' Church



**500 years ago**

**King Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell in their "Reformation", closed and abolished Hallaton's seven chapels and St Morrell's pilgrim chapel on Hare Pie Bank.**

**NOW ITS BACK;** This chapel, which is a Shrine to St. Morrell, has been beautifully created in the south aisle of St. Michael & All Angels. **The 13<sup>th</sup> century wall paintings are a must see.**

Why is the magnificent Hallaton church so large and beautiful? Perhaps because 750 years ago it was the bustling centre of pilgrimage and commerce, with pilgrims coming to St Morrell's chapel on Stowe Close, now called Hare Pie Bank.

It is believed that Isabella la Blanche, half sister of the English King Henry III, may have commissioned the fabulous wall painting for the apse of the cathedral, illustrating St Morrell's great miracle. The huge painting was later concealed behind the choir stalls fitted in the apse. Because it was lost from sight, it survived the iconoclasts and the French Revolution.

*Bishop Saju was invited to visit the new Chapel*



It was only rediscovered in the late 1980s, during repairs, and by great good fortune, I was able to take a series of photos, of the wall paintings, while in Angers researching St. Morrell.

These very important paintings are some of the very best in the world for that period, but are now no longer able to be viewed as the choir stalls have been returned to the apse in the cathedral.

However, if you want to see a selection of these 13th century wall paintings, the only place where you can do so, is in Hallaton church in the Chapel of St. Morrell.

We are encouraging the growing number of pilgrims in Britain to make Hallaton and St. Morrell's shrine an important destination in their itinerary. Shortly we hope to reinter the bones of the twelve pilgrim

skeletons we lifted from the excavations of the medieval St. Morrell chapel on Hare Pie Bank [formerly Stowe Close] into the crypt, beneath the church. Such a uniquely dedicated shrine, would be of importance to the history of our church and to the ecclesiastical history of this area.



It is also especially significant as it is adjacent to the site of the 2000 year old Hallaton Treasure, both found in the hillside ridge known as Stowe.

Pop in and see us and we will be happy to guide you through the history of this important and historic shrine. Enjoy a moment of quiet, peace and prayer. Perhaps light a candle and wonder at the beautiful 500 year old French statue of St. Morrell.

*John Morison*



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

**Sunday 12th July to Sunday 2 August**

The Hallaton Festival of Archaeology has returned 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 12-4pm.**

**To book for the guided castle walks on Sunday:**

<https://hallaton-museum.co.uk/festival-of-archaeology/>



## Coffee Morning at Loddington

**Saturday 29th August**

**at Churchill Cottage, Loddington LE7 9XE**

**10am until 12 noon**

£3 for coffee and homemade biscuits, stalls etc

All are welcome. Cash only

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



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

## St Peter's Church Tilton on the Hill

### Parent/ Toddler Sessions

Monday 10, Tuesday 11 August 10-11.30am  
Monday 17, Tuesday 18 August 2-3.30pm

### St Peter's Church Tilton on the Hill

Parent/Toddler sessions  
Monday 10, Tuesday 11 August, 10 – 11.30  
Monday 17, Tuesday 18 August, 2 – 3.30



*There will be tea, coffee,  
squash and biscuits plus toys,  
books and crafts.*

Parents, grandparents, carers, come along  
with your toddlers to catch up with friends or  
meet other families.

School age siblings welcome.



## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: West End Stars perform at St Peter's Church Langton

Sunday 6th September 4.15 for 5pm

**For tickets and more information:**

Peter on 07770 607674 [peter@fmgdirect.co.uk](mailto:peter@fmgdirect.co.uk)

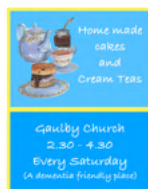
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**St Peter's Church, Tilton:**  
**Friday Mornings 'Coffee and Chat'**  
**Between 10.30 – 12.00noon**

**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 fruit, Toiletries: period products, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, small sun lotion bottles, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned corned beef, Snacks and Cereal bars, Small packets of nuts/ dried fruit, Tinned or long-life meals of any kind (including vegetarian), Biscuits, Microwave sponge puddings.

**Other suggested donations:** Tinned beans (kidney, chickpeas, etc), Cereals, Cream Crackers, Jars of Pasta sauce, Bottled water, 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 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, Jam, Pot Noodle, Jars of Coffee (100grams), Teabags (80), Dried Packet Rice, Baked Beans, Strong clean 'bags for life', Porridge Oats, Sugar (500g), Tinned Baked beans with sausages, Tinned meatballs, chicken in sauce, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), Marmalade, Tinned potatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Tinned ham, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, 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, Shower gel or soap, Toothbrushes.

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

<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>



## Diomail – Monday 27th July

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 27th July:

[https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-27-july-2026/?newsletter\\_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-27-july-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/>

## Local Steps, Global Heart: Church of the Martyrs' Net Zero Carbon Journey



**Church of the Martyrs in Leicester is at the beginning of their net zero journey – one that is shaped by hope, honesty, and a deep desire to make creation care part of everyday discipleship.**

“Our ecoMartyrs group has been running for around three years now,” explains Robin Pointon, a member of the team. “We’re still at the early stages of embedding creation care into church life. We don’t want it to be an add-on. Our aim is that one day we won’t need an Eco Group at all because caring for creation will simply be part of the norm, shaping every decision we make.”

The church has achieved its Bronze Eco Church award, and is using the A Rocha framework to guide the next steps toward Silver. The Eco Group meets every two months and shares a regular newsletter feature offering simple, practical actions: from food choices, travel habits to local initiatives church members can join.

**Read the full story:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/towards-net-zero-carbon-case-studies/local-steps-global-heart-church-martyrs-net-zero-carbon-journey>

## A Signpost to God – Launde Abbey’s New Resident Chaplain



**A special licencing service was recently held in the chapel at Launde Abbey for the Revd Debbie Smith, as she joined the Community and College of Chaplains at the Abbey as their new Resident Chaplain.**

The Venerable Richard Tretheway, Archdeacon of Leicester, presided over the act of licencing during worship attended by residential guests, Companions, Friends, Trustees, and the Launde Abbey Community and staff.

Revd Debbie has joined the Launde Community alongside her husband Andrew.

Talking about her understanding of her calling to be Resident Chaplain at Launde Abbey, Revd Debbie said: “Simply to be present as part of the Launde community and, where appropriate, to invest my gifts and experience.

“At the heart of my calling is building relationships, exploring life and spirituality in a way that models the life of Jesus and blesses others; accepting people wherever they are on life’s journey.”

She added: “My approach to ministry is living in ‘The Story’ and living out ‘The Story of the Gospel’. This involves connecting The Story of the Gospel with the story of individuals, their families, and communities, together with my own story, which enables and sustains people to encounter God through word, prayer, and sacrament.

“I seek to be a signpost to God and to make my own often-limited love the gateway for the unconditional love of God, often experienced as ‘holy ground’, where God is tangibly present in moments difficult to describe. I thrive when I am part of a team where there is shared vision and direction. It is a ‘gift’ to be at Launde and to be part of what God is doing here.”

**Read more here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/a-signpost-to-god--launde-abbey-new-resident-chaplain.php>