



Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 21st August 2025

Sunday 24th August, Trinity 10, Bartholomew

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

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

11am **Cold Overton** (with Knossington) Holy Communion (Rev'd Philip Norwood)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

Saturday 30th August

5.30pm **Hallaton** Harvest Supper following Flower & Produce Show (Rev'd Crystal McAllister)

Sunday 31st August, Trinity 11

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

11am **Gaulby Launde Deanery Service** (Rev'd Crystal McAllister) *This service will be livestreamed on Zoom*

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 6th September

PM **Slawston** Wedding

Sunday 7th September, Trinity 12, Harvest Thanksgiving

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

10.30am **Tilton** Holy Communion (Rev'd Crystal McAllister)

11am **Loddington** Holy Communion (Rev'd Alison Myers)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

5pm **Owston** Evening Prayer (Churchwarden led)

Sunday 14th September, Trinity 13, Harvest Thanksgiving

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

10am **Hallaton** Holy Communion (Rev'd David Palmer)

11am **Knossington** Holy Communion (Rev'd Philip Norwood)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

Sunday 21st September, Trinity 14, Harvest Thanksgiving

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

10am **Owston** Holy Communion (Rev'd Michael Wilson)

11am **Tugby** Holy Communion (Rev'd David Palmer)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

4pm **Horninghold** Harvest Festival (Rev'd David Palmer)

Sunday 28th September, Trinity 15, Harvest Thanksgiving

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

11am **Knossington** Holy Communion (Rev'd Philip Norwood)

11am **Slawston** Harvest Festival (tbc)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

5pm **Tugby** Harvest Festival (Congregation led)

Saturday Mornings

Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

All welcome. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89820297969?pwd=HD1LgaGamMFBN2y1m7p226w0h2KVkj.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969. Passcode: 470000

Sunday 24th August 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader and Reflection: Madeleine Wang

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKI91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

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Collect for Sunday 24th August

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Bartholomew the Apostle

Almighty and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace
truly to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church may love that word which he
believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
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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Reflection: Sunday 24th August 2025

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Luke 13: 10-17

Have you ever talked to someone and realised they just haven't 'got it'? My wife says she often feels like that when she's talking to me! This is what this story is about, a religious leader so engrossed in being outwardly religious that he'd forgotten that being religious means 'being' something rather than just 'doing' something. Jesus saw right through him, grumbling that his perceived perception of religiosity was violated, while the woman who'd been wretched with back problems for 18 years, was healed, and immediately began to praise God. Note how the woman followed the true

reason for the sabbath by praising God when she was healed, while the religious leader just grumbled that healing the sick was a Monday to Saturday job. Jesus exposes the ridiculous nature of this argument by reminding him that watering animals on the sabbath was work yet they did it to save their livestock, how much more important was the healing of this woman. No wonder Luke tells us that the synagogue leaders were embarrassed, while the ordinary people rejoiced. The challenge of this reading to us is to remember that there is more to being Christian than going to church and being seen to do the right things.

Mike Hammond

Bible Readings:

Sunday 24th August

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Bartholomew the Apostle

Isaiah 43.8-13

8 Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
who are deaf, yet have ears!
9 Let all the nations gather together,
and let the peoples assemble. Who among them
declared this,
and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring
their witnesses to justify them,
and let them hear and say, 'It is true.'
10 You are my witnesses, says the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may
know and believe me
and understand that I am he. Before me no god was
formed,
nor shall there be any after me.
11 I, I am the Lord,
and besides me there is no saviour.
12 I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;
and you are my witnesses, says the Lord.
13 I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work and who can hinder it?

Or:

Acts 5.12-16

12 Now many signs and wonders were done among the
people through the apostles. And they were all together
in Solomon's Portico.
13 None of the rest dared to join them, but the people
held them in high esteem.
14 Yet more than ever believers were added to the
Lord, great numbers of both men and women,
15 so that they even carried out the sick into the
streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that
Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came
by.
16 A great number of people would also gather from the
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tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

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Or:

1 Corinthians 4.9-15

9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of
all, as though sentenced to death, because we have
become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to
mortals.

10 We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise
in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held
in honour, but we in disrepute.

11 To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we
are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless,

12 and we grow weary from the work of our own hands.
When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure;

13 when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become
like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to
this very day.

14 I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to
admonish you as my beloved children.

15 For though you might have ten thousand guardians
in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ
Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

Luke 22.24-30

24 A dispute also arose among them as to which one of
them was to be regarded as the greatest.

25 But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it
over them; and those in authority over them are called
benefactors.

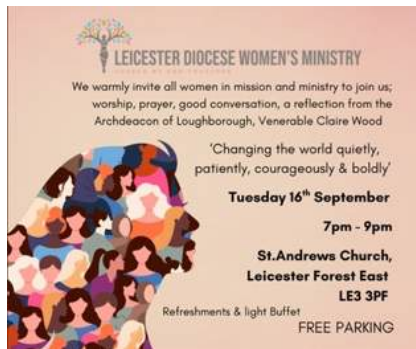
26 But not so with you; rather the greatest among you
must become like the youngest, and the leader like one
who serves.

27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the
one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am
among you as one who serves.

28 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials;

29 and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred
on me, a kingdom,

30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my
kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve
tribes of Israel.



Leicester Diocese Women's Ministry

Meeting Tuesday 16th September 7-9pm

Message from Revd Crystal McAllister

Dear Friends,

Some of you may not know that I am part of the Diocesan Women's Ministry Group. As a group, we are committed to creating a space for the women in our diocese, whether authorised, licensed, ordained, or lay, to meet, make connections and encourage one another.

Our next in-person gathering is on **Tuesday, 16th September at 7pm. At St Andrews Church, Leicester Forest East.**

The Venerable Archdeacon Claire Wood will be sharing a reflection entitled **'Changing the world quietly, patiently, courageously and boldly'**.

Bishop Martyn and Bishop Saju will be there too. If you would like to come, please book your place by 2nd September and state any dietary requirements you have.

Please RSVP to dwmg@leicestercofe.org if you wish to attend.

This is a FREE event. As part of the evening, a finger buffet is being provided.

I do hope to see some people from Launde Minster Community there.

Reflection by Emily Owen, 'Open Ears'

On Sunday 17th August, we were delighted to welcome Emily Owen from the charity 'Open Ears' to provide the Reflection at our Minster Community Zoom Service.

'Open Ears' is a Christian Charity which supports anyone affected by impaired hearing. See this link to their website: <https://www.openeears.org.uk>

Emily, who lost her hearing at aged 21, is inspirational. This is her website: <https://www.emily-owen.com>

With Emily's permission, we recorded her Reflection on Sunday. You can listen to it here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Q6Afz34WXvWV1YAtz>

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Coffee Morning at Loddington

Saturday 23rd August 10am to 12noon

at Churchill Cottage Loddington. LE7 9XE



Teas in Gaulby Church

Saturdays 2-30-4.30pm

Join us every Saturday until mid-September in Gaulby church for a cream tea, homemade cake, or just a cup of tea or coffee.

Teas are served between 2:30pm and 4:30pm, with optional seating outside when weather permits.

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.

The Foodbank has **MOST URGENT NEED of:**

Microwave rice, Corned beef, Tinned peas, Tinned ham, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned vegetarian meals, such as veggie chilli, Marmalade.

They also need:

Meals that do not need cooking e.g. John West Fish and rice meals, Biscuits, Snacks and cereal bars, Coffee (small jars), Custard, Fruit squash/ juice, Hot dogs (tins or jars), Red meat: mince, stew, Bolognese, chilli, Pasta sauce, Microwave puddings, Pasta sauce, Peanut butter, Chicken in sauce, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Tinned carrots, Tinned pasta, Dried potatoes (Smash), Crackers, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned tomatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Sandwich paste, Teabags, Cup of Soup, Tinned potatoes, Tuna, Sugar (500g), Cup of soup, 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)

Friends of Launde Cream Tea

Sunday 31st August from 3pm at Launde Abbey

Booking essential Contact: Patrick Rendall

patrickandfrances@btinternet.com

FRIENDS OF LAUNDE Annual Cream Tea

Launde Abbey

On Sunday, 31st August, from 3pm

Booking essential:

contact Patrick Rendall at
patrickandfrances@btinternet.com or
018644 24240 (leave a message) or
madeleine.v.wong@gmail.com

(raising funds for Launde Abbey)
Friends of Launde Charity number: 519042



Food for Thought

Wednesday 24th September 6.30 for 7.15pm start

***Policing is not what you think* with Uel Sandford**



Food for thought

An evening with
Uel Sandford

Policing - it's not what you think

Meal and talk £15.00

Wednesday 24th September
Meal 6.30pm for 7.15pm start
Launde Abbey

Bookings by Thursday 18th September
mary.burke@gmail.com 01858 355204 / 01454 200965

About the speakers: Uel, second of the Royal Ulster Constabulary for 22 years and at one time Chief Inspector for the Royal Ulster Constabulary, heads of state and a police officer, he has recently moved to County...

Meal Fund for King's College, talks about the talk and accompanying music, arranged by a local group of musicians, including support from Launde Abbey's choir.

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

Discover Horninghold's Heritage

Sunday 21st September 2-4pm



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



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-community.webador.co.uk>

Launde Minster Community August and September Services

You can now find the services throughout the Launde Deanery/ Minster Community on the website: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk> under the Tabs: 'AUGUST or SEPTEMBER SERVICE TIMES'

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 Gaulby and Coplow, and the Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletters?

Back copies can be downloaded from the Launde Minster Community website at: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/newsletters>



Revd Chris Webb

After 11 brilliant years at Launde Abbey, some of them also so as Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, the Revd Chris Webb (Deputy Warden) will be leaving in mid-September to be Priest-in-Charge of St Cuthbert's Church, Blyth, in the Diocese of Newcastle, and to be nearer to his family in the north.

Revd Alison Myers, Warden of the Abbey, writes: "He, and his ministry here, have been loved by many and we are very sad to see him go. I have valued, personally, his companionship and his deep prayerfulness as we have led the Abbey together over the last four years. We know that he will be equally loved and valued in his new post, and he and Sally have our support and prayers for the transition."

There will be an informal opportunity to pop-in to the Abbey to say farewell to Chris between 2pm and 5pm on Thursday 18 September.

Please let the Abbey know via info@launde.org.uk if you intend to drop by that afternoon, and you are welcome to stay to Evening Prayer at 5pm.

If you would like to contribute to a thank you gift for Chris then please contact accounts@launde.org.uk for details of how to do so.

Ride+Stride - Church and Chapel List Now Available

The list of 310 churches that will be open for Ride+Stride (so far) on Saturday 13 September is now live.

Visit the website: <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

If you have not yet registered, there's still time. Use the form half way down the same web page.

The Trust is very grateful to all local church organisers for their help and support!

The Ride+Stride fundraising platform is in full swing at www.goodhub.com.

Everything is gearing up for a very successful Ride+Stride – opening churches and chapels for the day and raising funds for repairs and improvements.

A Call to Prayer for Upcoming Tanzania Trip

The purpose of life is found in little moments and opportunities given to us by God, and what greater joy can we have than when the opportunity is about advancing his Kingdom?

This September, a team from the Diocese of Leicester, led by Revd Dave Rollett, will be travelling to Tanzania to visit our link partner dioceses of Kilimanjaro and Kiteto.

They will be heading out for approximately two weeks on Thursday 4 September, to accomplish a mission in faith, friendships and purpose, and discover the daily lives of

Save the Date: Safeguarding Sunday 2025

On Sunday 16 November 2025 and over the following weeks, thousands of churches and worshipping communities from diverse backgrounds and traditions will join together to shout about safeguarding and help protect vulnerable people.

This initiative, spearheaded by Thirtyone:eight, invites communities to come together to reflect on their safeguarding journey, and highlight all the good work that is being done to create safer places. **Find out more:**

<https://safeguardingsunday.org>

'Stepping Into the Bible' Retreat

Monday 20 to Thursday 23 October – Launde Abbey

For many people, including Christians, the Bible is a bit of a closed book; this retreat opens it up.

Step into the world of the Bible and discover an evolving story in which people struggle with the same questions as we do, and where old ideas are discarded and are replaced by new.

The retreat will be led by Canon Dr Peter Sills, an experienced and engaging spiritual teacher and pilgrimage guide. **See full details here:**

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/event/steppingintothebible/>

Heartedge Conference: Living God's Future Now

Tuesday 28 October, 10.00am-19:30pm – St Martins House

Led by a team from St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, discover practical tools and fresh perspectives to invigorate your parishes' mission and ministry in both rural and urban contexts. Through workshops, theological insights, and moments of worship, this day aims to equip your church to flourish in compassion, creativity, and community engagement.

Tickets are £25 including lunch. Bring friends for an additional £10 each.

Followed by an Evening Concert by St Martin's Choral Scholars at St Nicholas Church – 6.30pm-7.30pm. (Can be booked separately.)

See full details and book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/living-gods-future-now-making-your-churchs-heart-sing-tickets-1425700060259>

NEW - Getting Started With Contactless Giving

Monday 15 September, 12pm-1pm – Online

Interested in offering contactless giving in your church but not sure where to start? This webinar will guide you through things to consider, the different devices currently available via Parish Buying, what the next steps are and where to find more information and support. **Register here:** https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hbINcCTfQXSqNix2hbclPA#/registration

NEW: Getting the Most Out of Contactless Giving

Tuesday 10 October, 10-11am – Online

Explore the ways to get the most out of your contactless device: top tips from successful churches, advice on reporting and Gift Aid, and more. **Register here:** https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CmLyGfErT62jh-ikoiqaeA#/registration

Church Wardens and Church Officers Training Day

Saturday 20 September, 9am-1.30pm – St

Andrew's Church, Leicester Forest East

With the support of diocesan staff, the Registry, a DAC Architect and Ecclesiastical Insurance, the Archdeacons' Office invite you to the annual Churchwardens and Church Officers Training Day.

Further details will be sent to Churchwardens at the beginning of September.

Music and Faith Intercultural Celebration

Saturday 30 August 5-7pm – St Mary's Church, Humberstone

This evening will be an intercultural celebration of the spiritual connection between music and faith. Music inspires and unites us, deepening our shared faith experience.

While rooted in the Christian tradition, this event will be a welcoming space allowing people of all cultures and beliefs to come together and experience community, creativity, and conversation through music, storytelling, and food. All are welcome. **View the poster:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Music-Faith-poster.jpg>

For more information, email Roy Kirk at roy.kirk90@yahoo.com

CPAS Training in September

CPAS run a range of training events to support churches and church leaders.

Training available in the coming weeks includes:

- Leading Evangelism Learning Hub
- Exploring the Quiet Revival
- Improving Spaces
- Maintaining Healthy Boundaries

See their latest e-newsletter:

[https://mailchi.mp/cpas/cpasevents030725-](https://mailchi.mp/cpas/cpasevents030725-8758426?e=626d7a5430)

[8758426?e=626d7a5430](https://mailchi.mp/cpas/cpasevents030725-8758426?e=626d7a5430) or their website:

<https://www.cpas.org.uk> for more information.

Opening Churches & Church Security Webinar

Wednesday 3 Sept, 7.30-8.30pm – Zoom

Are you wanting to open your church building more to the community, occasional visitor or tourist but worried about the safety and security implications of this or how to manage it? Heather Ford, Church Support Manager with Ecclesiastical will lead this session and take you through the steps and measures you can undertake to protect the building and its contents. Busting the myths and sharing positive examples of opening churches.

This is part of a series of free webinars from the Church Buildings Team in partnership with Ecclesiastical Insurance.

The final webinar will be taking place at 7.30-8.30pm on Zoom:

Climate Change & Net Carbon Zero – 1 Oct

Paul and Antisemitism Seminars

Tuesday, 9 September, 10am – St Philip's Centre, Leicester

A series of seminars on Apostle Paul and Antisemitism with Rev Dr. Tom Wilson and a Jewish colleague.

The sessions will be held on the following dates:

- Did Paul stop “being a Jew” Tuesday 9 September, 10am
- Did Paul lie when evangelising? Tuesday 14 October, 10am
- Did Paul call Jewish people dogs? Tuesday 11 November, 10am
- Who were the weak and the strong in Corinth? Tuesday 9 December, 10am

All are welcome to attend.

Journey in Faith Course - Introduction

Saturday 13 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House

A day to launch the Journey in Faith course.

A 3 term course that provides the time and space for people to:

- Grow in knowledge of the Christian faith
- Deepen their relationship with God
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life

If you would like more information before joining please feel free to contact Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

Enrol on our learning hub:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/journey-in-faith-jif-25-26-introduction-saturday-13th-september-2025/>

Ven Richard Worsfold, Archdeacon of Leicester

We are holding a collection towards a gift for Richard which will be presented to him at his farewell service on 15 September to thank him for

30 years of ministry in this Diocese.

If you would like to contribute, you can do so by bank transfer, using the reference 'RW Gift' as follows:

- Sort code: 20-49-37
 - Account number: 90577103
 - Account name: Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance
- Alternatively, you can send a cheque payable to 'Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance' to:

Sonal Pankhania, Finance Office, **St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ.**

Please write 'RW Gift' on the back of the cheque.

Farewell Service for The Venerable Richard Worsfold

Monday 15 September, 5.30pm – Leicester Cathedral

All are invited to attend this service of thanks for Richard's 30 years of ministry in Leicestershire as he moves to be Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester.

Update to National Safeguarding Resources

The following documents have now been officially withdrawn from the Church of England website, as they have been superseded by updated guidance and codes of practice:

- Parish Safeguarding Handbook
- Protecting All God's Children
- Promoting a Safe Church (2006)

These documents are no longer in use, so please ensure that any printed copies are removed and securely disposed of. All current safeguarding guidance is now available in the **Church of England's Safeguarding e-manual** which should be your first point of reference for policy and practice. **Read more:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/notices/important-update-regarding-national-safeguarding-resources.php>

Generosity Week is a celebration of God's generosity that is lived out in our churches and parishes. It gives us an opportunity to engage with and support the wider community as we celebrate the generosity found. This isn't a celebration of 'our' generosity but God's, which is found within the church and outside it.

To start planning and promoting Generosity Week, take these three steps:

1. **Pick a week – the national week runs from Sunday 28 September to Sunday 5 October** but if another time works better for you, do it then.
2. Choose what to do – think what your church needs and look through the resources available (see below).
3. Plan your Sundays – two Sundays works well as it gives

you one chance to explore gratitude and one to consider generosity. To get you started, there are service outlines, sermon starters and prayers – all generosity themed.

If you would like to find out more or would like support in planning a Generosity Week in your church, contact our Parish Giving Officer at Laura.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org or 07897003488. **Find resources and more information:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/generosity-resources/generosity-week/generosity-week-resources-churches>

Bishop's Lecture 2025: Professor Lord Tarassenko

Thursday 30 October, 5.30pm-7.00pm – Loughborough University

The lecture will be given by the Professor Lord Tarassenko entitled ***'Will we still need God when we reach Artificial General Intelligence?'***

Professor Lord (Lionel) Tarassenko CBE FREng FMedSci is the first president of Reuben College. He is a world-leading expert in the application of signal processing and machine learning to healthcare, with a strong track record in translation to clinical medicine. He was appointed as a non-party-political peer in the House of Lords in May 2024.

Further information and booking details:

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/chaplaincy/chaplaincy-events/2025/bishops-lecture-2025/>

Part of the 'Chaplaincy Lectures', a joint initiative between the Bishop of Leicester and universities in Leicester and Loughborough.

Video Explores Focal Ministry

Focal Ministry is emerging in the diocese as a way to recognise those who are called to love and serve their local church and community

Focal ministers are people who are:

- Rooted, embedded in their communities.
- Visible, seen as the face of the local church.
- Fruitful, enable others to grow in faith.

In this new video, Liz Rawlings speaks to Associate Minister, Hilary Painter, who explains her sense of calling to Focal Ministry.

Some people who serve as Focal Ministers will, like Hilary, be existing licensed Associate Ministers; but others may not and the diocese is committed to enabling them to be recognised, authorised and supported as spiritual leaders in their parishes.

If you would like more information on Focal Ministry, **visit our website:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/info-for-leaders/vocations/focal-ministry/> or

contact Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

Watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quK7NK4S6wc>
