



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 23rd July 2026

Sunday 26th July, Trinity 8

Attached are the MC Worship Plans for **JULY and AUGUST 2026** (as of 23rd 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-](https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/our-churches-on-acny)

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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 26th July at 11am

Launde Minster Community

Online Church

Leader: Linda Jones

Reflection: Revd Anna Walker

To join, click on this zoom link:

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

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Collects for Sunday 26th July - Trinity 8

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies

in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;

that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,

we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Lord God,

your Son left the riches of heaven

and became poor for our sake:

when we prosper save us from pride,

when we are needy save us from despair,

that we may trust in you alone;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 26th July

Trinity 8

Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Matthew 13 is packed with parables and with a beautiful, quiet humility in the way Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven; he takes the completely ordinary, everyday pieces of human life and uses them to show us something eternal: a tiny mustard seed, a pinch of yeast, a buried treasure, a single pearl, and a regular fishing net.

We are offered valuable lessons for today that teach us *"The kingdom of heaven is like..."* a realm that begins incredibly small but grows to encompass everything and is of such surpassing worth that it is worth sacrificing all earthly possessions to obtain. We can use these teachings to remain relevant to us in our faith and actions, and to help us to understand God's plan for the world.

Small beginnings matter: we should not be discouraged if our positive impact, our faith, or our efforts to do good seem small or go unnoticed. Just as a pinch of yeast invisibly permeates a whole batch of dough, quiet acts of kindness, patience, and love can cause a profound, lasting ripple effect amongst our families, and our communities and workplaces over time.

We must value what matters most. When we discover something of supreme worth—such as our treasured faith- it changes our lives. These parables encourage us to be intentional, decisive, and joyful in re-evaluating our lives' priorities, encouraging us to be willing to let go of distractions or lesser things and to hold onto what is truly precious.

We must stay grounded and use wisdom. Life often mixes good and bad together. We are encouraged to build a life on enduring ethical principles, to focus on personal integrity rather than judging others. Like a wise householder, we must use our life experience and inner wisdom to navigate everyday challenges—holding onto the best of old traditions while remaining open to new understandings.

Enmeshed in God's all-encompassing grace, we are awakened to the treasure hidden in plain sight. The Kingdom of Heaven is not a distant, physical location, but an active, spiritual reality. Whenever we practice love, pursue justice, and live out our faith, we are revealing God's reign here and now.

Madeleine Wang

Bible Readings:

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Trinity 8

1 Kings 3.5-12

5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.'

6 And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

7 And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

11 God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

12 I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Romans 8.26-end

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

31 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

33 He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

44 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
47 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;
48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.
49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous
50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
51 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.'
52 And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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Psalm 119.129-136

129 Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
130 The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
131 I open my mouth and draw in my breath,
as I long for your commandments.
132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.
133 Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your commandments.
135 Show the light of your countenance upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
136 My eyes run down with streams of water,
because the wicked do not keep your law.

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Summer Concerts - Afternoon Concert St Peter's Church Langton

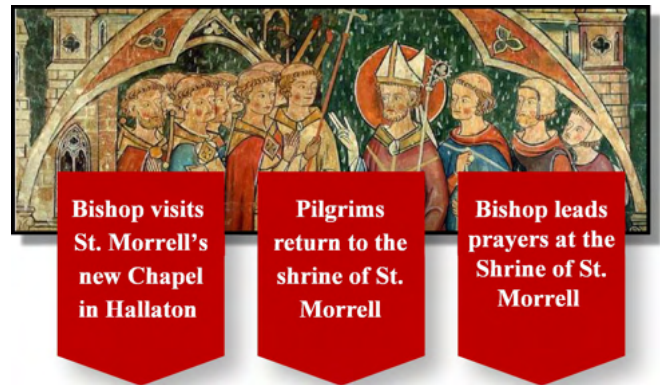
Sunday 25th June 2.00pm - 2.45pm

Edward Hayes on acoustic guitar

Singing iconic folk songs such as "Scarborough Fair" and "Blowin' in the Wind".

£5/£8 with coffee and cake.

St Morrell's Chapel is back at Hallaton and St Michael 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 13th 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 mediæval 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



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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.

The talk by Chris Close 'Finding Collyweston's Lost Tudor Palace' takes place in the Church on Saturday 25th July at 7pm.

For more information contact Linda Jones

l.jones2k@btinternet.com

To book for guided castle walks on each Sunday and the talk by Chris Close click here: <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 Fundraiser

Teas in Church Sundays in July 3-5pm



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 20th July

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

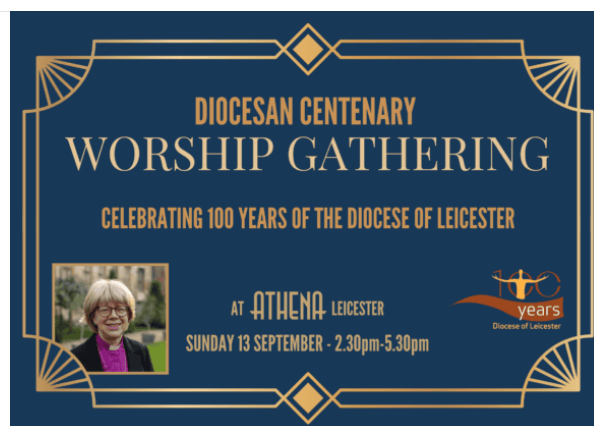
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Diocesan Centenary Worship Gathering



The Diocese of Leicester invites you to its Diocesan Centenary Celebration Worship Gathering with special guest, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Taking place on Sunday 13 September at the Athena in Leicester, the event will celebrate 100 years of the diocese and bring together parishes, church schools, the cathedral, chaplaincies and wider communities in worship and thanksgiving.

We hope many of you will join us for an afternoon of worship, prayer, music, liturgy, food and drink, presentations, and more. All ages are welcome, but children must be supervised by an adult.

We are honoured to be joined for the occasion by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally.

Tickets can be booked through Eventbrite (see below). FAQs on the booking page include parking and group booking information.

For further questions, please

contact bishops.office@leicestercofe.org

Book tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocesan-centenary-worship-gathering-tickets-1990950498536?aff=oddtcreator>