



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 20th August 2026

Sunday 23rd August, Trinity 12

Attached are the MC Worship Plan for **AUGUST 2026** (as of 20th August)

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 23rd August at 11am

Launde Minster Community Online Church

Leader: Linda Jones

Reflection: Joanna de Graaf

To join, click on this zoom link:

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

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Collects for Sunday 23rd August

Trinity 12

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy
to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 23rd August

Trinity 12

Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven-Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus had asked His disciples who people thought He was. Like an enthusiastic classroom of boys, hands shot up. Peter, strong-willed, impulsive, and, at times, brash, responded for the twelve, acknowledging Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

We can learn so much from Peter. A fisherman from Galilee, he was willing to leave all he had to follow Jesus. As the saying goes, "To err is to be human. In the Gospels, it seems that when Peter opens his mouth, he's putting his foot in it. Perhaps his most famous blunder was denying Jesus three times during the night before Jesus' death.

Yet after Jesus' death and resurrection, being with Jesus had made all the difference. In less than two months after Jesus' death, he completely changed. Peter

witnessed the power of God, and it moved through him to speak, act, and lead in conviction and confidence. This disciple who stumbled at every turn became a pillar of the early church. Just because he messed up and took a long while to get there did not disqualify him from serving Christ.

Today:

In order to use the keys of the Kingdom of God, we must comprehend that our Father has called us to partner with Him to enforce His will on earth.

Heaven is not a distant place behind the clouds, nor does its key open a church door. Heaven is a state of love built by daily action, and our obedient action, taken in response to hearing God's voice, will give us access into the future God has for us. The keys of heaven unlock the heavy burden of human choices, empowering us to forgive, heal division, and open our hearts today.

And when we personally feel locked out? That closed door could be a heavenly redirection. Like Peter, we won't always get things right; we'll trip and stumble on our way, but the more we seek the truth and glory of Christ, the closer the Spirit will grow to us. *"I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut."* (Rev 3:8)

Madeleine Wang

Bible Readings:

Sunday 16th August

Trinity 12

Isaiah 51.1-6

- 1 Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which
you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- 2 Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I
called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
- 3 For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her
wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and
gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- 4 Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go
out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- 5 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait
for me,
and for my arm they hope.
- 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will
vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,

and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my
salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Romans 12.1-8

- 1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the
mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your
spiritual worship.
- 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you
may discern what is the will of God-what is good and
acceptable and perfect.
- 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among
you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought
to think, but to think with sober judgement, each
according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.
- 4 For as in one body we have many members, and not
all the members have the same function,
- 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and
individually we are members one of another.
- 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given
to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;
7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;
8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity;
the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in
cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13-20

- 13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea
Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that
the Son of Man is?'
- 14 And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others
Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'
- 15 He asked them, 'Who do you say I am?'
- 16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son
of the living God.'
- 17 And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son
of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to
you, but my Father in heaven.
- 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will
build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail
against it.
- 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed
in heaven.'
- 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell
anyone that he was the Messiah.

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Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise
your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies;
your right hand will save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

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

Skeffington Church - Cream Teas

Saturday 5th September 2.30 – 4.30pm

Donation of Raffle prizes and cakes welcome

Contact Jude: 07961 249442



Food for Thought at Launde Abbey

An evening with Revd Ben Read

*'The Revolving Door, Sheer Panic and Trust Jesus
at Welford Road Prison'*

Meal and Talk

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Bookings (by Wednesday 26th August)

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About the speaker: Ben grew up in a small Welsh village near Aberystwyth. He is now the Anglican
Chaplain at HMP Leicester

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



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

Stephanie: stephanie@boathouseltd.co.uk



Stonton Wyville Harvest Supper & Quiz

Wednesday 16th September from 7pm

Glooston Village Hall

Homemade hot meal, fun quiz & licensed bar

£20 per person To book: Camilla Newton 07919 098114

camillanewton@gmail.com



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

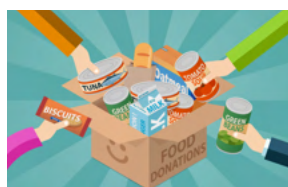
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Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks:

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 sweetcorn, Tinned peas, 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, Tinned meat meals e.g. chilli, meatballs, mince, bolognese.

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 Custard, 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, 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 17th August

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 3rd August:

[https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-17-august-](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-17-august-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

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You can subscribe to receive the weekly Diomail here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/diomail/>

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Diocese Deepens its Environmental Commitment



Over the coming years we want to develop and deliver a more holistic environmental programme within our diocese.

We are therefore delighted to have been awarded a Capacity Building Grant from the Church of England's national Net Zero Carbon fund.

The grant will enable us to employ a part-time **Diocesan Environmental Officer** who will work with parishes, particularly to develop the **Eco Church Awards** scheme, and a full-time **Net Zero Carbon Programme Officer** who will support parishes to make progress in their journey towards decarbonisation.

These new posts, which are fully grant-funded until the end of June 2029, will be advertised shortly and will support the delivery of our Diocesan Environmental Programme (2026-29), which has three main aims:

- A commitment to achieve Eco Diocese Silver award by the end of 2029

- A commitment to reduce our diocesan carbon footprint in line with the national target
- To establish & maintain a flourishing network of Eco-Communities

In a related move, Gill Elliott, leader of our Church Buildings Team, will additionally take on management oversight of our environmental programme, including these two new roles.

You can read more about how we are supporting the diocese's Eco Communities strategic priority **on our website**: <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/about-us/our-strategic-priorities/eco-diocese/>

Read the whole story here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/diocese-deepens-its-environmental-commitment.php>

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](#). FAQs on the booking page include parking and group booking information.

For further questions, please

contact bishops.office@leicestercofe.org

Book your free tickets here:

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

Save the Date: 15 November 2026 - Safeguarding Sunday



Registration is now open for Safeguarding Sunday which will take place on 15th November 2026

This year's theme is [Love Protects](#), helping churches explore safeguarding as an expression of care, protection and love.

Resources, including service-planning materials and ready-to-use content, are available when you register. Safeguarding Sunday is an annual awareness campaign led by Thirtyone:eight, the UK's leading Christian, independent safeguarding charity.

Register for Safeguarding Sunday:

<https://safeguardingsunday.org>