



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 9th April 2026

Sunday 12th April, Easter 2

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **APRIL 2026** (as of 9th April)

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 12th April at 11am

Launde Minster Community

Online Church

Easter 2

Leader & Reflection: Codra Spencer

To join, click on this zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

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Collects for Sunday 12th April

Easter 2

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and
wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 12th April

Easter 2

In **1 Peter 1:8** we hear the term 'indescribable and glorious joy'. How can we describe 'indescribable joy'? The joy Peter tries to describe in the letter is all the more remarkable when we understand it is joy ascribed to a collection of churches spread out in exile. Their exile might be better understood as being 'resident aliens', living in persecution, at odds with the dominant culture. Peter stated clearly that the churches he was writing to knew Jesus and this was a result of their faith: 'Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls' (vv.8-9). Though they were suffering, their trust in Christ was giving them hope and joy.

Is our situation similar? Living a life centred around Jesus, we could, and perhaps should, be at odds with the dominant culture that very often is the opposite of life-giving. This passage gives us encouragement that we can know God, even, or especially, in challenging times.

Peter was an apostle who knew Jesus first-hand, but the churches he wrote to had not known Jesus. But their joy was through their faith in an invisible, but tangible God. There is a feeling that hope is in short supply in our era, with inequality, war, and impending climate catastrophe hanging over us. Can we, like the churches Peter writes to, see beyond the earthly and celebrate our faith, our knowing Jesus, with joy so great it is akin to tail-wagging huskies at feeding time?

Extract from *Roots on the Web*

Bible Readings: Sunday 12th April Easter 2

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

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.

22 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—
23 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

25 For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

29 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

1 Peter 1.3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,
5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,

7 so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20.19-end

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.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sunday 12th April

Easter 2

Psalm 16

1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'

- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart.
- 3 Though the idols are legion
that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- 8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; •
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, •
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 10 You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy •
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Praying Pilgrims in Launde Minster Community April & May 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 April and May is:

April 15: **Hallaton**

April 22: **Welham**

April 29: **Thorpe Langton**

May 6: **Gaulby**

May 13: **East Norton**

May 20: **Tilton on the Hill**

May 27: **Skeffington**

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

Rev David Palmer and Rev Crystal McAllister

Food for Thought

Launde Abbey Monday 13th April 6.45 for 7.15

An evening with Lord Donald Curry: *Farming, Faith and Politics*

Bookings by Tuesday 7th April

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Food for thought

An evening with
Lord Donald Curry CBE

Farming, Faith & Politics

Meal and talk £15.95

Monday 13th April
Meet 6.45pm for 7.15pm start
Launde Abbey

Bookings by Tuesday 7th April:
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About the speaker: Donald has been a Crossbench Peer in the House of Lords since 2011. He is a trustee of Anglian International Development plc, a charity which leads a range of development projects in South Sudan. He is also Chair of Food and Farming Futures and a founder and chair of The Rural Design Centre in the North East of England.

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

Kindertransport – A concert documentary

**Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel, 45 Bond Street,
Leicester LE1 4SX**

Saturday 11th April at 7.30pm

Tickets: Adult £10/ Under 16s £5

Bookings: wegottickets.com/event/690813

Enquiries: 07944 907051



The Kinder Transport Documentary performed by Lincoln Klezmer band Simcha offers a highly effective way into this topic by bringing to life the story of Jewish children saved from death by the famous initiative of Nicholas Winton. The documentary also traces the background rise of Nazism through contemporary reports, journalism and literature with accompanying specially composed music and audio-visual material. We hear the voices of political leaders, eyewitnesses and ordinary men, women and children of that era, while seeing the scenes that accompanied these unfolding dramatic events.

A special and unique strength of the show is the way it follows the real-life story of the family of one band member, Close friend of Caroline Beardsmore, bringing history vividly to life and making it particularly approachable.

This moving and revealing show lasts for approximately 45 minutes and after an interval is followed by a concert of exciting klezmer music and songs from that time, performed by an experienced and accomplished 8-piece band.

The venue is the beautiful and welcoming Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel in central Leicester.

Church Langton 'The Choral'

Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm

**Langton Community Hall, Church Langton
LE16 7SZ**

Written by Alan Bennet, directed by Nicholas Hytner and starring Ralph Fiennes, this film comes with very good reviews. £8 cash on the door.



In the Evening Light - Choral Reflections at the Close of Day by Harborough Singers

Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm

Methodist Church, Market Harborough

Tickets: £10

To book: online: harboroughsingers.com

Email: adelerogers59@gmail.com

Box office: 07581 341957



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:** Deodorant, Teabags (80), Toothpaste, Shower gel or soap, Jam, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Jars of Coffee (100grams), Tinned vegetarian meals, Jam, Tinned Rice Pudding.

Other suggested donations: Corned Beef, Tinned peas, Custard, Tinned fruit, Jars of Pasta sauce, Dried Potato (Smash), Dried Packet Rice, Baked Beans, Strong clean 'bags for life', Porridge Oats, Sugar (500g), Tinned Baked beans with sausages, Cereal, Crackers, Tinned sweetcorn, Dried potatoes (Smash), Tinned red meat, Tinned meatballs, chicken in sauce, Biscuits, Sweets, Snacks and Crisps, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned chickpeas, mixed chilli beans, lentils, Tinned rice pudding, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), 'No Cook' meals for the homeless, Cordial, Marmalade, Tinned potatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Tinned ham, Crackers, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), such as veggie chilli, Meals that do not need cooking e.g. John West Fish and rice meals, Snacks and cereal bars, Fruit squash/ juice, Microwave puddings, Pasta sauce, Peanut butter, Tinned pasta, Sandwich paste, Tuna, 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), Mayonnaise, Angel Delight, Small sachets of herbs, 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>



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