



# Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletter

Edition Date: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024

## Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11

10am **Knossington** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

10am **Hallaton** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 12

10am **Owston** Holy Communion (Revd Michael Wilson)

11am **Tugby** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 13

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

10.30am **Horninghold** Holy Communion (Revd D Palmer)

10am **Cold Overton** (with **Knossington**) Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

### Saturday 31 August

5.30pm **Hallaton** Harvest Festival (tbc)

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 11.00am Zoom**

### **Launde Parishes Zoom Service**

**Leader & Reflection:** Hilary Painter

**To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:**

**PLEASE USE THIS LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGl8Q.1>

**Meeting ID:** 836 7967 6342

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## **Collect for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Eleventh Sunday After Trinity**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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**



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/>

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## **Additional Prayer for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August Eleventh Sunday After Trinity**

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## **Reflection for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Eleventh Sunday After Trinity**

In the Gospel reading today Jesus declares himself to be 'the bread of life' and attracts some grumbling from the Jewish leaders. How can this man, who they know to be the son of a local carpenter, claim to have come from God and be the source of all good things needed for people to draw close to God and have everything they need to do that? Of course, those who believed in him soon took up bread and wine as symbols of the body and blood of Christ and all that he did for us. Interestingly, there are some Christians who use what are their own staple foods rather than bread. This is helpful to make it clear that Jesus is the source of all we need to lead holy lives and come into the presence of God, our Father, as forgiven people and claim the promise of eternal life. But what about us now? Certainly when I was a child, although bread was bought rather than home baked as it would have been in the past, we were encouraged (if not ordered) to eat bread even with large meals and it was always available. I think now to try to come up with one staple food to use as a symbol for Jesus would be almost impossible and I think we should follow Paul's plea to the Ephesians that we ourselves must be Christlike as we seek to draw people in to find out about Jesus and come to know him as their Saviour. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you. Be imitators of God therefore as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant sacrifice and offering to God." (Ephesians 4:32 - 5:2). This is a big ask of us but we must remember that one of the worst things and the most likely to turn people away from Christ and his church is when Christians, any of us but especially those who are senior or well known, behave in a far from Christlike way. If we sincerely and faithfully seek God's help, as well as that of Christ himself and the Holy Spirit, even we can follow Paul's teaching and lovingly bring others to have the wonderful joy of having Christ as their 'bread of life' and all that they need to be forgiven and claim the promise of eternal life as their own.

**Revd Christine Blodwell**

## Bible Readings:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

1 Kings 19.4-8

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.'

5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.'

6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

7 The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.'

8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Ephesians 4.25-5.2

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another.

26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

27 and do not make room for the devil.

28 Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,

32 and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

5. 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2 and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6.35, 41-51

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.'

42 They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?'

43 Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves.

44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

48 I am the bread of life.

49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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## 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.

**Urgently needed items** are:

Tinned Fruit; Tinned Peas; Tinned Red Meat (e.g. Bolognese, mince, chilli, stew), Cartons of UHT Milk; Tinned Custard; Soap; Strong clean Carrier Bags; Cordial/ Long Life Fruit Juice; Tinned Sweetcorn; Tinned/ Jarred Hot Dogs; Tinned Ham /Corned Beef; Packet Rice; Teabags; Porridge Oats; Jam or Marmalade; Tinned Beans with Sausages; Sandwich Paste

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## Food for Thought

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 7pm for 7.30pm  
Fox & Hounds, Tugby



## Food for thought

An evening with  
Hylton Murray-Philipson

My Search For Meaning

From the headwaters of the Amazon to the hedgerows of  
Leicestershire

Meal and talk £15

Monday 2nd September

7pm meet for 7:30pm start

The Fox and Hounds, Tugby

Bookings (by Tuesday 27th August):  
mary.twidell@gmail.com / 01858 555204 / 07454 309966

About the speaker: Hylton is a local farmer and international environmentalist with a focus on forests and regenerative agriculture. He is co-chair of the trustees of Global Canopy, an Oxford-based think tank for tropical forests.

About Food for thought: Talks about life, faith and contemporary issues.

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## Pilgrimage Walks in the Launde Minster Community

After the popularity of our Palm Sunday Pilgrimage (this year and in 2023), we are pleased to announce a series of mini pilgrimages this spring and summer across the Minster community.

The schedule of Pilgrimage walks for this summer:

**CANCELLED 11<sup>th</sup> August: Welham to Hallaton (4 miles with a stop in Slawston)** Unfortunately, this walk has had to be cancelled as so many people are away.

**15<sup>th</sup> September: Goadby to Gaulby (5 miles with a stop in Illston)**

**So why not walk with us and perhaps invite others to share the journey.**

## 'The Work of Mercy Ships' – Reflection at Zoom Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 11am

At our Zoom Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, we welcome Ruth Croome who will give the Reflection on the subject of Mercy Ships. This talk will explain how the world's largest charity-run hospital ships take life-changing medical care to the world's poorest. It looks at why the charity is needed in the first place, how it started, and how it operates today. We see some of our patients and the type of surgeries that are performed on board ship. And finally, we hear how Mercy Ships leaves a lasting legacy in the countries it visits, and its ongoing need for volunteers. The content is inspirational, poignant and life-affirming. **All are welcome to join us.**



## 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



## Leicestershire Historic Churches Grants

It's the 60th anniversary year of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust (LHCT), for which Ride+Stride is the principal fundraising event.

Ride+Stride 2023 raised £37,253, which was shared between churches and chapels nominated by sponsored participants, and the LHCT.

The Trust's share of the funds, together with generous grants from other charitable trusts, means they have at least £36,000 available for grants in 2024. At a recent meeting they awarded 12 grants totalling £29,400.

Their next grants meeting will be in November. **Click here for more information and to apply for a grant:**

<https://www.lhct.org.uk/apply-for-grant/>



Did you know that 'Eco-Communities' is one of our five strategic mission priorities in the Diocese of Leicester? Caring for God's world is part of our everyday faith as Christians, and it's something we care deeply about in the diocese.

Many of our churches have already registered with A Rocha as Eco Churches and achieved status from bronze through to gold, but wherever you are on your Eco Church journey, we thought it would be good to come together to share, learn, and inspire our worshipping communities in their eco endeavours.

We are therefore holding an **Eco Church Conversations Day** on **Saturday, September 14, from 10am-2pm, at Holy Trinity Church in Leicester.**

It's open to anyone, of any age, and all denominations are welcome to join in the fun.

This is a great opportunity to be inspired about your church's Eco Church expedition. Whether you are just starting to think about how to work with the Eco Church award, or wondering how to achieve your next status, you'll be surrounded by inspiring speakers and be renewed in vision.

On the day, there will be time to think through each of the

five areas of the award and talk to key local people who might just have the answers to your questions, including:

- JRI (John Ray Initiative) in *Teaching and Worship*
- St Martins House in *Buildings*
- Care for God's Acre in *Land*
- Friends of the Earth in *Global and Local*
- Go Travel Solutions in *Lifestyle*

Come and network, gather resources and support, and be inspired as to how your community can care for God's creation.

There will be activities for children as well as the grown-ups.

*A voluntary donation of £5 per person is suggested (to cover contributors' expenses).*

**Book here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leicestershire-eco-church-conversations-tickets-929120332927>

**Find out more about Eco Church:**  
<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>

## New Everyday Faith App



Everyday

**Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England.**

The app aims to help individuals to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the whole of life by providing carefully curated daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme. **Find out more here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/everyday-faith-app-develop-a-daily-connection-with-god.php>

## Taking the Next Steps in Your Journey in Faith

The course is delivered over three terms and looks at: Exploring Faith, God's Call and Our Response, and The Development of the Church.

Revd Liz Rawlings, Diocesan Discipleship and Vocations Enabler, who co-ordinates JiF, says: "It doesn't matter if you are exploring faith, new to faith or have been in church for many years. You don't need to have done any learning before but come eager to learn and willing to share your own questions and experience."

There are five courses running on weekday evenings in venues around the diocese, starting with an **introductory session on Saturday 28 September.**

**For more information and to book your place:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/taking-the-next-steps-on-your-journey-in-faith.php>

## Ride+Stride

**Saturday 14 September – all across Leicestershire.**

Nearly 300 churches and chapels have registered to welcome visitors for this year's Ride+Stride.

There is still plenty of time to **Register on the website:**

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

If you have registered and your paperwork has not arrived, please contact the Ride+Stride Co-ordinator, Sean

Dudley: [sean.lhct@gmail.com](mailto:sean.lhct@gmail.com)

To raise funds by riding, striding or welcoming, you can download a sponsorship form on the website (above) or **set up a Just Giving page here:**

<https://www.justgiving.com/l-h-c-t>

## 'easyfundraising' Webinar

**Tuesday 24 September 2024, 12.30pm-1.30pm – Zoom**

ACAT are offering a free webinar on generating income for your church using easyfundraising. **Learn more and book your free place:** <https://www.acat.uk.com/product/meet-the-funder-easyfundraising-free-unrestricted-funding-for-your-church/>

## Mental Health and Wellbeing Day

**Saturday 21 September, 9am-2pm – St John's Church, Hinckley**

This training day is for all who want to know how to look after their own mental health better, and the mental health of others, particularly in a church setting.

Speakers will be Dr Emma Hayward and Sangita Jobanputra. *Please bring a packed lunch.*

The event is free, but please

email [Kim.Ford@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Kim.Ford@LeicesterCofE.org) if you would like to attend.

## Eco Church Conversations

**Saturday 14 September, 10am-2pm – Holy Trinity, Leicester**

You and your Eco Champions are invited to be inspired about your church's Eco Church journey.

Whether you are just starting to think about how to work with the Eco Church award, or wondering how to get to Gold, this is a chance to listen to inspiring speakers as well as have some of those conversations with key local people who might have the answer to your questions. Come and network, gather resources and support and be inspired as to how your community can care for God's creation.

**Book online here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leicestershire-eco-church-conversations-tickets-929120332927>

*A voluntary donation of £5 per person is suggested to cover contributors expenses.*

## Holy Listening Course at Launde Abbey

### Are you interested in helping people deepen their spiritual lives? Could God be calling you to be a spiritual director?

Spiritual direction is the practice of being with people as they attempt to deepen their relationship with God, a prayerful ministry by which one Christian accompanies another as they discern the place and work of God in their life.

*Holy Listening* is a Launde Abbey training course which will help you develop skills and reflective practice for this ministry. You'll explore core aspects of Christian spirituality, and how we create and hold spaces that enable other people to hear God speaking in their lives.

Launde Abbey is seeking interested applicants to form its cohort for 2025 and 2026. Applications must be submitted by Friday 27 September, with interviews to be held on 14 & 16 October.

**Find out more about the ministry of spiritual direction and about *Holy Listening*:**

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/holy-listening/>

## Outdoor Church Gathering – Let's go for a Walk

**Saturday 7 September, 9.30am-1.30pm, Launde Abbey.**

Whether you're a regular Forest Church leader or just interested in exploring worship outside for the first time, this day is for you. **Download the flyer for more information:** <https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/walk-flyer-aw-240524.pdf> The aims of the gathering are to:

- Celebrate and share Outdoor Worship which is already established
- Support and encourage leaders of all ages within Outdoor Worshipping communities
- Inspire and birth new Outdoor Worshipping communities

There will also be an opportunity for an informal retreat after lunch, finishing at 4pm. **Book Now**

Early Bird Tickets cost £10 (including lunch) and are available until 8 July (regular price £12). We are also looking to welcome Young Leaders (14-18) at £8 each. **Book your place:** <https://htl.churchsuite.com/events/t2as1ynm>

## Embrace the Difference - Unconscious Bias Training

**Saturday 14 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House, Leicester.**

This training workshop is a chance to examine our biases, understand how they become embedded, and explore God's design in diversity. During the training, you will learn about different biases that exist in our society and church and how

they influence our interactions with people who are different from us.

*This training is free to attend. A finger lunch will be provided afterwards. Sign up via the Hub:*

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/embrace-the-difference-unconscious-bias-training/> or by emailing the IWC project administrator at: [Dinta.Chaohan@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Dinta.Chaohan@LeicesterCofE.org)

## Renew Wellbeing Cafés - Information Sessions

The Diocese of Leicester has been selected to join a pilot scheme offering parishes training and support from *Renew Wellbeing* to launch simple, welcoming, café-style spaces to improve mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. **This video explains the project:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhm6nPKM\\_Z4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhm6nPKM_Z4)

Find out more at one of two (repeated) introductory sessions:

**Tuesday 17 September, 2-3pm and Thursday 19 September, 11am-12pm on Zoom.**

Email Sharon Andrews to

register: [Revdsandrews13@gmail.com](mailto:Revdsandrews13@gmail.com)

*Following these sessions there will be a training event for those wanting to take things further at St Martins House on Thursday 31 October, 10am-12pm.*

## Reconciling Habits Workshop using the Difference Course

**Saturday 28 September, 9am-12.30pm – St Martins House, Leicester.**

**Monday 4 November, 7pm-8.30pm – a 'regathering' follow-up session on Zoom.**

A two-session course where you'll hear and share insights into the ways reconciliation is at the heart of the Christian faith and how it has a practical impact on our everyday lives and leadership as we serve through discipleship, pastoral work, and mission.

There'll be the opportunity to practice using the habits personally and explore how to offer it to your communities by developing the three 'reconciling habits' – Be Curious, Be Present, and Reimagine. These habits are grounded in Biblical principles and seen in the life of Christ.

The course will be facilitated by Sharon March, Associate Minister and Lay Training Tutor, and Emma Crick de Boom, Reconciliation Enabler for Coventry Diocese.

*Please make sure you can attend both sessions before registering. For more information & sign up here:*

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/the-reconciling-habits-workshop/>

