Launde Minster Community Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 22nd October 2026

Sunday 25th October, Last after Trinity, Dedication Festival

Attached are the MC Worship Plans for **OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2026** (as of 22nd October)

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: l.jones2k@btointernet.com 07851163712

You can also find the **Launde Minster Community Worship Plans, 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 25th October at 11am
Launde Minster Community Online Church

Leader: Linda Jones

Reflection: John Bartlett

To join, click on this zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE: T. 0203 481 5240 Enter the **Meeting ID**: **836 7967 6342** followed by # Enter the **Passcode**: **079282** followed by #

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Collects for Sunday 25th October
Last after Trinity

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Reflection: Sunday 25th October
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Matthew 22:34-46

What is the Greatest Commandment?

Jesus gets straight to the answer and quotes directly from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), expressing commandments that should have been familiar to his audience:

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbour as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

Jesus simplifies a complex religious system into a single word: Love. He reminds us that religious rituals, knowledge, and rules mean nothing if they aren't driven by genuine love for God and active care for the people around us. Neighbourly love is non-negotiable. Jesus places love for neighbour right alongside love for God.

We cannot claim to love God if we are indifferent to the struggles, hurts, or needs of the people we encounter every day.

The Pharisees then asked, *"What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"* Answering them, Jesus challenges their limited views of Him. He isn't just a good teacher or a helper we call on when things go wrong. He is King and Lord, deserving of our leadership and trust.

Let's avoid getting caught up in the "rules" of life or trivial arguments. This passage invites us to pause and ask ourselves a simple question today: How well am I loving God, and how well am I loving the person right in front of me?

These two rules of love are the ultimate master key to the entire Bible and the absolute foundation of how we live as Christians. We will never love our neighbour as ourselves if we do not first love God with all our heart, mind, and soul. If we miss love, we miss everything.

Madeleine Wang

Bible Readings:
Sunday 25th October
Last after Trinity

Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18

1 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
2 Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

15 You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour.
16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.
17 You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself.
18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain,
2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.
3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery,
4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.
5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed;
6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,
7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.
8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22.34-end

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,
35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.
36 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'
37 He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."
38 This is the greatest and first commandment.
39 And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."
40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'
41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:
42 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.'
43 He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
44 "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet'"?
45 If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?'
46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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Psalm 1

1 Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Praying Pilgrims

Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Do you desire to be in God's presence, experience His Holy Spirit? This is only a short conversation away, with Our Father in heaven.
"Prayer doesn't change God, it changes me." CS Lewis.

Sometimes we can't find the words and all we can do is sigh in His presence (Romans 8:26-27). Other times, we sit quietly and wait for Him. At times, it is the words of the Lord's Prayer, as we acknowledge God alone is holy. At other times, it is the words of a Psalm that become our prayer.

Are you seeking forgiveness? (Psalm 51)
Asking for healing, mercy, relief from deep sickness. (Psalm 6)
Seeking God's shelter. (Psalm 91)
Staying calm and taking refuge in a time of trouble. (Psalm 46)
Asking God to show unfailing love. (Psalm 86)
Looking for God's presence. (Psalm 63)
A prayer of comfort for every season in life. (Psalm 23)

Every week in the Launde Minster Community, we have a time of prayer together. We are visiting every church in the community. Please join us on a Friday, venues and dates are published in the Worship Plan.

We are praying pilgrims on a pilgrimage (journey) and to talk with God. We meet at 11am on a Friday and at 7pm every third Friday in the month, it would be lovely if you would join us.

We have a short, very informal reflection, followed by a time of prayer. So do join us, pray a psalm, pray in silence, just sigh and God will hear!



OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:

Wellham
23rd of October 11am Stonton Wyville
30th of October 11am Cranoe

Gaulby
6th of November 11am Illston
13th of November 11am Kings Norton (pray for Little Stratton)
20th of November 7pm Gaulby (3rd Friday)

Coplow
27th of November 11am Skeffington
4th of December 11am Keyham
11th of December 11am Hungarton

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Revd Crystal McAllister Uel Sandford

Parent/ Toddler Sessions at St Peter's Church, Tilton

Tuesday 20 October 10-11.30am
Wednesday 21st October 10-11.30am



Food for Thought

Thursday 29th October 6.45 for 7.15pm
An evening with Revd. Hilary Lomax
'Home, Hospital and Holistic Health - a Collaborative Exploration'
Meal and talk £17 Bookings (by Friday 23rd October): mary.twidell@gmail.com / 01858 555204 / 07464 309966



In Brass & Voice

Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm
Methodist Church, Market Harborough
Tickets £15 and £5 from: www.harboroughsingers.com www.harboroughband.co.uk Mistry's Pharmacy, Market Harborough. Box Office: dl.evans@sky.com
Phone Julia on: 07661 729558



Flowers of the Season – an afternoon of tea, entertainment & a flower demonstration in aid of St Andrew's Church, Welham

At Glooston Village Hall
Saturday 14th November at 3pm £30
For tickets contact Wendy Rhodes 01858 565804



Buy your Christmas Card Stamps and support humanitarian work in Sudan and South Sudan

The war in Sudan has been described as 'The Forgotten War'. Did you know that:
* Half of Sudan's population – more than 24.8 million people, almost 13.6 million of whom are children – are in need of urgent assistance.
* Sudan now has the world's largest number of internally displaced people, with more than 11 million people uprooted by the conflict which began in April 2023; 2 million more have left Sudan in search of safety.

The churches in Sudan and South Sudan are in a desperate situation as they provide humanitarian aid to both the general population and their members.
By buying new UK stamps through the CASSS (the Church Association of Sudan and South Sudan) you provide financial aid within standard prices. CASSS is a registered charity that buys the stamps legally through a stamp dealer at retail value. This allows CASSS to sell the stamps to you at normal wholesale prices. The difference in price provides funds for food and security to internal refugees sheltered by the churches.
Stamps are available in all denominations. These include 'Special edition' stamps not commonly available.
Please give your orders to John and Mary Twidell by Friday 6th November. Your stamps will then be delivered to you.
Mary.twidell@gmail.com 01858 555 204
Further details at https://www.casss.org.uk/mint-stamps/ .



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:** Jam, Cream Crackers, Dried mashed potato (like Smash), Tinned meat (chilli, meatballs, mince, bolognese, stew, curry), Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned carrots, Tinned fruit, Tea (small box, 80 tea bags), Rice pudding, Corned beef, Pasta sauce, Tinned ham, Cartons of custard, Small bags of sugar, Other beans (chickpeas, kidney beans, black-eyed beans), Toiletries: period products, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo.
The list of food always required is on the website:
https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk

Diomail – Monday 19th October

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 19th October:
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