

Launde Minster Community



Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 27th August 2026

Sunday 30th August, Trinity 13

Attached are the MC Worship Plans for **AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2026** (as of 27th 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>

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Sunday 30th August at 11am

Launde Minster Community Online Church

Deanery/ MC Service **Livestream**

To join, click on this zoom link:

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Collects for Sunday 30th August

Trinity 13

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 30th August

Trinity 13

We frequently hear the quip 'We all have our cross to bear!', usually offered with a wry smile at some trivial difficulty or setback. How far that is removed from the origin of the phrase, namely the words said by Jesus to his disciples. 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me'

Jesus says this having just been recognised by Peter as God's Messiah at Caesarea Philippi and having told the disciples that this Messiah is to be killed but will rise again. The disciples have much to learn of the nature of this soon-to-be crucified Messiah.

'God so loved the world that he gave his only son to save us from our sins'

How often we say these words as the introduction to confession. Indeed we say them so often that perhaps their impact is lost on us. God gives in love for an undeserving world. Jesus the Son, God's Messiah goes to the cross and beyond because of the same love for the world, that is, for blindly wilful people.

In 'Notes from underground', Dostoyevsky wrote 'To love is to suffer and there can be no love otherwise?' More recently C S Lewis, in 'The Four Loves' wrote 'to love at all is to be vulnerable.'

Most parents would probably agree, loving their children through the hurts of waywardness, self-inflicted hurt and disobedience.

Such is God's love, a sacrificial love by which Jesus calls us to live. On the night before the cross, he says to his disciples 'Love one another as I have loved you'. (John 13)

Love for the other, open to risk and hurt, that may indeed be our cross. This is a cross that is not imposed by chance, circumstances or misfortune, but one that we choose to take.

Revd John Taylor

Bible Readings: **Sunday 30th August** **Trinity 13**

Jeremiah 15.15-21

- 15 O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
- 16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your
name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
- 17 I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat
alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
- 18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a
deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
- 19 Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will
take you back,
and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is
precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to
you,
not you who will turn to them.
- 20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you
to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.
- 21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Romans 12.9-end

- 9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what
is good;
- 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one
another in showing honour.
- 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.
- 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in
prayer.
- 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend
hospitality to strangers.
- 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not
curse them.
- 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who
weep.
- 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be
haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be
wiser than you are.
- 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought
for what is noble in the sight of all.
- 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live
peaceably with all.
- 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room
for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is
mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'
- 20 No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they
are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing
this you will heap burning coals on their heads.'
- 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with
good.

Matthew 16.21-end

- 21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great
suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and
scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
- 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him,
saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to
you.'
- 23 But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me,
Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are
setting your mind not on divine things but on human
things.'
- 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become
my followers, let them deny themselves and take up
their cross and follow me.
- 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and
those who lose their life for my sake will find it.
- 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole
world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in
return for their life?
- 27 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the
glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for
what has been done.
- 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who
will not taste death before they see the Son of Man
coming in his kingdom.'

Sunday 30th August

Trinity 13

Psalm 26.1-8

- 1 Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity; •
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; •
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; •
I have walked in your truth.
- 4 I have not joined the company of the false, •
nor consorted with the deceitful.
- 5 I hate the gathering of evildoers •
and I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, •
that I may go about your altar,
- 7 To make heard the voice of thanksgiving •
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house of your habitation •
and the place where your glory abides.

Launde Deanery/ M Community Service

Sunday 30th August at 11am at Glooston

We hope to see you there.

***If you cannot attend in person, you can join the
livestream on this link:***

Deanery/ MC Service Livestream

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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

Tuesday 1st September 6.45 for 7.15pm

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.

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!



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

Langtons and Shangton

11th of September 11am Thorpe Langton

18th of September 7pm Church Langton (3rd Friday)

25th of September 11am Tur Langton (Uel on college
residential)

2nd of October 11am Shangton

Wellham

9th of October 11am Glooston

16th of October 7pm Wellham (3rd Friday)

23rd of October 11am Stanton Wyville

30th of October 11am Cranoe

For information contact: Uel Sandford:

sandfordsp@gmail.com

Revd Crystal McAllister & Uel Sandford

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

Skeffington Church - Cream Teas

Saturday 5th September 2.30 – 4.30pm

Donation of Raffle prizes and cakes welcome

Contact Jude: 07961 249442



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@boathouse1td.co.uk



Stanton 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



Gaulby Church:

Home-made cakes and Cream Teas

Every Saturday 2.30-4.30pm



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:

Friday Mornings 'Coffee and Chat'

Between 10.30 – 12.00noon

Café Morrell

St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton

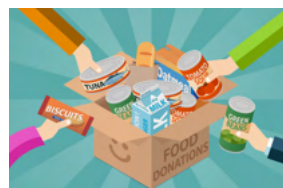
Tuesday Mornings Coffee, Cake and Chat

Between 10.00 to 12.30pm

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Website: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk>



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 24th August

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 24th August:

https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/dioma-il-24-august-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com

You can subscribe to receive the weekly Diomail here:

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

Celebrating God's Creation and Our Calling to Care for It



Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, is the period in the Church's annual calendar from 1 September to 4 October dedicated to celebrating God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

It is a time to give thanks for the gift of creation and to renew our commitment to care for God's world through prayer, worship, learning, and practical action.

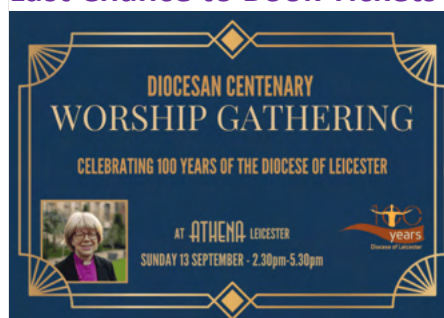
This year's theme is "Living Water", inspired by Ezekiel 47:1-12. In Ezekiel's vision, God's life-giving water flows from the temple, bringing renewal to a desolate land, restoring damaged waters, and transforming everything it touches. The theme invites us to reflect on God's power to bring healing and hope to creation today.

Throughout September, we will be sharing stories, reflections, and resources to help us explore what it means to be faithful stewards of God's creation.

Find resources and more information:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/celebrating-gods-creation-and-our-calling-to-care-for-it.php>

Last Chance to Book Tickets



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.

The event is open to all ages, although children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

If you have any questions, please contact Bishops.Office@LeicesterCofE.org

Following the ticket booking deadline on 3 September, all enquiries should be directed to this email address.

Tickets can be booked [through Eventbrite](#). FAQs on the booking page include parking and group booking information.

Book your free tickets here:

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

Social Action Mapping Across Leicestershire

Gather Movement, commissioned by Leicestershire County Council Family Hubs, is currently undertaking a county-wide mapping project to better understand the social action being delivered by churches and Christian organisations across Leicestershire.

The mapping focuses on four key areas: Children & Families, Food Poverty, Mental Health and Housing & Homelessness.

As part of this work, members of Gather Movement's local mapping team will be contacting churches and organisations by telephone to gather information about existing projects and services. Please look out for communication from them and consider taking part.

The purpose of this mapping is to strengthen unity, collaboration and partnership across the county by connecting faith-based organisations with civic, health and community services.

The long-term vision is to support the social, cultural and spiritual transformation of Leicestershire.

Gather Movement is currently conducting this work in all boroughs except Harborough and Blaby. They are also seeking individuals who may be interested in part-time paid work assisting with the mapping project.

If you would like further information, have questions, or know someone who may be interested in supporting the project, please contact the Gather Team

on corbanwood@gathermovement.org or markcowling@gathermovement.org

Ride+Stride

Saturday 12 September, 10am-6pm – Across the diocese

Ride+Stride is a sponsored event for cyclists, walkers, joggers, runners, and mobility scooter drivers.

Hundreds of churches across the diocese will be open and welcoming visitors as they raise money.

Find out more, register your church, and learn about sponsorship on the [Ride+Stride webpage](#):

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

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>

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.

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>