



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 20th November 2025

Sunday 23rd November Sunday next before Advent, Christ the King

Attached are the MC Worship Plans for
NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2025 (as of 20th
November)

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 **Minster Community
Worship Plans**, and the links for online services,
on the website: [https://launde-minster-
community.webador.co.uk](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](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.*

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=VtUdahsUf34
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Meeting ID: 817 5122 7280 Passcode: 419620

Sunday 23rd November 11am Zoom

Launde MC Zoom Church All are welcome

Leader & Reflection: Madeleine Wang

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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Collects for Sunday 23rd November Sunday next before Advent, Christ the King

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of
heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 23rd November Sunday next before Advent, Christ the King

Luke 23: 33-43

The gospel reading takes us to the heart of the Christian story of the Crucifixion, the taunting of Jesus by the Pharisees and soldiers and the story of the penitent criminal. In only eleven verses Luke condenses a lot of information. The taunting of the religious leaders and the Roman Soldiers were about Jesus's claims to Messiahship, and their misunderstanding that the cross was the fulfilment of Jesus's role as the saviour of the world. Even one of the criminals crucified with Jesus from a fatalistic desire to escape death, called on Jesus save himself and them too. But amid all this taunting, the other criminal gets it, he acknowledges that he deserves the punishment given to him, but through a spiritual insight, he gets that Jesus's kingdom is initially a spiritual one, and he asked to be remembered when Jesus begins his rule. Jesus then as King and High Priest pronounces absolution, and the penitent criminal is promised a place in paradise. God calls many people to himself, including many who have prior to conversion lived dissolute lives. Jesus makes the same offer today to all who would follow him as he made to the dying criminal on the cross, how we respond is up to us.

Mike Hammond

Bible Readings:
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Jeremiah 23.1-6

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.
2 Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord.
3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.
4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.
5 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Colossians 1.11-20

11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.
17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23.33-43

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[
34 Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.
35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!'
36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,
37 and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'
38 There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'
39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'
40 But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?
41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'
42 Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'
43 He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Psalm for Sunday 23rd November
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Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
3 Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.
6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
8 Come and behold the works of the Lord,
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
9 He makes wars to cease in all the world;
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
10 'Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The next Launde Deanery Minster Community Service

Sunday 30th November at **10am** at St Thomas
Becket Church, Skeffington



The service will be led by Revd Crystal McAllister

Carols in the Chapel & Christmas Lunch at Launde Abbey

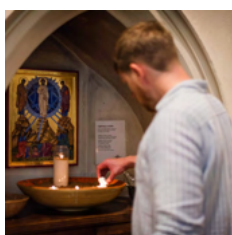
Monday 15th December at 12noon

Some of the congregation of the Zoom Church are joining together to enjoy Carols in the Chapel, followed by lunch, at Launde Abbey.

There are still a few places available for others in the Minster Community, if you would like to join them.

The cost is £32 per person.

Please let Mary Twidell know: mary.twidell@gmail.com



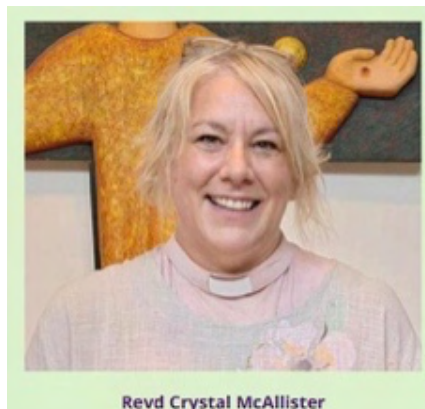
Dear friends,

With news from the Diocese:

With grateful thanks, the Diocese of Leicester has announced that **Revd David Palmer has been granted the Bishop's Permission to Officiate (PTO).**

We continue to be very thankful for David's ministry within our Deanery Minster Community

Revd Crystal McAllister: Licensing & Commissioning, 'NEW BEGINNINGS'



Revd Crystal's Licensing and Commissioning will now take place in 2 parts. Here is a communication from her:

Dear Friends,

The weather may be changing, but the celebrations are still on their way!

Following a few days of legal adjustments, the licensing and commissioning have now been separated across two days. The updated announcement was made on Monday of this week.

Further to our announcement of the 10th October 2025, we can now confirm:

*Crystal will be legally licensed as Rector of the Coplow Benefice and Priest in Charge of The Gaulby Group; The Whatborough Group; Hallaton and Allexton with Horninghold, Slawston, Tugby and East Norton; The Langtons and Shangton; and Welham, Glooston, Cranoe and Stonton Wyville, at the **Launde Deanery Minster Community Service on Sunday 30th November 2025 at 10am at St Thomas a Becket, Skeffington.***

*Crystal will then be commissioned as Oversight Minister by the Bishop of Loughborough, on **Monday 1st December 2025, at 7.30pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton.***

All are welcome at both services.

The service on the Sunday at Skeffington Church, LE7 9YD, Archdeacon Richard will be preaching, and I will be presiding. It is a Holy Communion service; all are most welcome.

Please do car share wherever possible, being mindful of local residents and leave plenty of time to park for both services.

We look forward to welcoming you.

With every blessing,

Crystal

All are welcome at both services.

The service at Hallaton on Monday 1st December will be livestreamed on Zoom

Joyous Music and Christmas Carols
Sunday 7th December at 3pm in Gaulby Church
Tickets £15 Phone 079707
hilarypainter@rocketmail.com



GOOD NEWS STORY: Remembrance Sunday at Hallaton

On Sunday the 9th of November 2025, approximately 40 people attended a Remembrance Service at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Hallaton. The service was led by the Reverend David Palmer and the Reverend Crystal McAllister.

The service was both poignant and beautiful, it centred around flowers. Firstly, the historical meaning of various flowers, then some of the reasons why flowers are given. To say I love you, to say thank you, as a gift when visiting, to say sorry, or in remembrance.

Then onto the poppy, its significance and presence on the Western Front in Flanders, Belgium, and France during World War One, where the poppy grew in abundance on the churned-up soil.

At the end of the service, the congregation was led, on foot, the short distance to the war memorial, where we were joined by over 80 more people.

As the list of the fallen from Hallaton was read out, an individual poppy cross with the name on it was placed on the war memorial, then three wreaths were placed to remember all the fallen.

After prayers, readings and a poem, the last post was sounded. At the exact moment this ended, the church bells rang out.

When you go home, tell them of us and say, 'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.' (From the Kohina epitaph).

Uel Sandford



GOOD NEWS STORY: Joint All Souls Service at Goadby, with Billesdon

**Saturday 1st November at St John the Baptist
Church, Goadby**

A joint All Souls service, with Billesdon, was held at St John the Baptist, Goadby, on Saturday 1 November 2025.

The Rev David Palmer officiated, assisted by Jane Andrews, and accompanied by Kevin Holdaway playing the organ. It was a service to remember our loved ones no longer with us.

Prior to the service, 21 personal invitations were given to the next of kin of those who had lost a loved one in the past 24 months. An invitation to add additional names was placed in the church in Billesdon. In Goadby, an invitation was given to each home in our village, asking for names of those to be remembered.

After an uplifting reflection and thanksgiving service, the names of 55 people were read out. The first name read out was that of Juliet Blyth, the last person committed at the cemetery in Goadby, this was a young woman tragically killed in an accident, aged 21.

When walking through our graveyard, "God's acre", I pass this grave and reflect that our times are in His hands.

As the lights dimmed in the church, the members of the congregation were invited to light a candle. As one member of the congregation, Charles Stewart, commented, he felt a serenity that the photos somehow did not capture.

We then shared refreshments, in celebration and thanksgiving.

Uel Sandford
Church Secretary
St John the Baptist, Goadby



Prayer Desks

Billesdon Church have 2 spare Prayer Desks

If any church would like one, contact Keith Evans:

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keithevans6@btinternet.com

A date for your diary: Friday 6th March 2026
World Day of Prayer 'I will give you rest, come' at St Thomas Beckett Church, Tugby

The service in March 2026 has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria.



Janet Doughty (Tugby), Mary Twidell (Horninghold), Valerie Chouler and Sarah Holland (Skeffington), Carol Johnson (East Norton), Katherine Hammond (Great Easton) and Linda Jones (Hallaton) met for a preliminary look at the Order of Service and what is needed. There were several apologies from those who could not make the meeting. **We would love others to join with us from other churches across the Minster Community.** It is a team effort, so it is not too time-consuming. The next meeting of the Planning Group is on Friday 16th January at 10.30am in Tugby Church. Let Linda Jones know if you would like to attend: L.jones2k@btinternet.com

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

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.

The Foodbank has **MOST URGENT NEED of:**

Tinned Fruit, Tinned Sweetcorn, Baked Beans with Sausages, Cereal, Tinned Ham, Crackers.

They also need:

UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Tinned chicken, Hot Dogs (Tins or jars), Tinned red meat, Tinned Carrots, Corned Beef, Tinned meatballs, Chicken in sauce, Dried potatoes (Smash), Marmalade, Jam, Biscuits, Tinned potatoes, Crisps, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned chickpeas, mixed chilli beans, lentils, Custard, Tinned rice pudding, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), 'No Cook' meals for the

homeless, Cordial, Coffee (small jars) Fray Bentos pies, Pasta sauce, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), Tinned peas, Tinned vegetarian meals, 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, Teabags, 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)

The list of food always required is on the website:

<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>

Where possible and available, consider giving tins with a ring-pull as these can also be used for homeless people where the food is appropriate (e.g. fish, tinned fruit, etc)



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



Christmas Carols at Gaulby Lodge farm

Sunday 21st December 6.30 for 7pm start



Easyfundraising – How to get free donations for your church

Sign up your church to easyfundraising, encourage your congregation and friends to sign up too and get free donations to help your church

easyfundraising turns your everyday shopping into money for your organisation. Over 8,000 retailers are available to shop with including: Amazon, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Sainsbury's, Trainline, Boots and many more. It's completely free to use!

Check out the helpful guidance:

<https://easyfundraisingemail.s3.amazonaws.com/2025/CRT/StarterPackMarch25.pdf>



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Extracts from Diomail

17TH November

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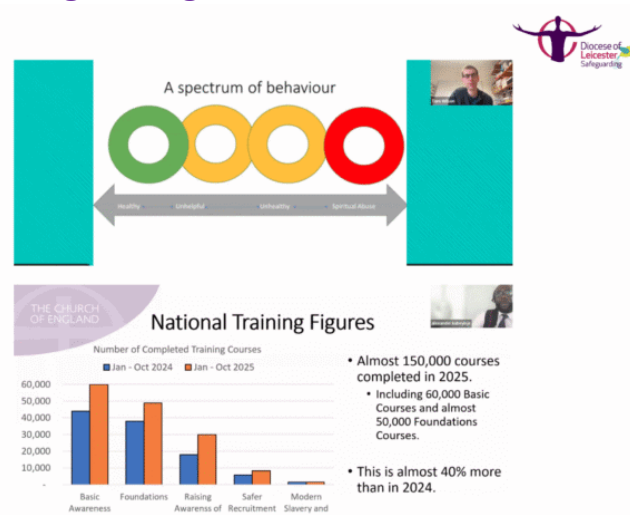
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Supported in Safeguarding: Diocesan Safeguarding Conference



Around 55 Parish Safeguarding Coordinators (PSCs), Churchwardens, members of Clergy and Lay Ministers came together with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and Adrienne Plunkett, Independent Chair of Safeguarding, for the annual online Diocese of Leicester Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 8 November.

Bishop Martyn opened the conference with prayer and a reflection on John 15:9-17, considering how the work of our PSCs is a practical demonstration of what it means to love our neighbour and a practical expression of care for those within our churches and the communities around them.

The conference was addressed by three guest speakers. Alex Kubeyinje, National Director of Safeguarding for the Church of England, The Revd Dr Tom Wilson, Director of the St Philip's Centre, and Matt Long, Diocesan Youth Engagement and Intergenerational Communities Enabler.

Read the full story:

<https://leicester.anglican.org/news/supported-in-safeguarding-diocesan-safeguarding-conference.php>

National Churches Survey Results

The results of the National Churches Survey have been published. According to the report, churches are more vulnerable than ever but are still playing a vital role at the heart of local communities. One in ten churches need urgent repairs to their roofs and guttering in the next 12 months, and two-thirds believe their church will 'definitely' be open in five years' time. Over half are involved with distributing food to the community, and 82% now have fully accessible entrances, up from 63% in 2010. **You can read the full results here:** https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey?mc_cid=2597984dc0&mc_eid=c8a2cd8514