



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 28th May 2026

Sunday 31st May, Trinity Sunday

Attached are the MC Worship Plans for **MAY & JUNE 2026** (as of 28th May)

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 31st May at 11am Launde Minster Community Online Church

Leader & Reflection: Mary Twidell

To join, click on this zoom link:

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

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Contact Us:

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Launde Deanery & Minster Community Service

Trinity Sunday, 31st May at St Nicholas Church, Shangton at 6pm

Our next Launde Deanery & Minster Community Service will be held at Shangton on Sunday 31st May at 6pm.

We hope you can join us.

Collects for Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the
Unity:

keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday

One God – three persons? How can that be explained?
Jesus himself spoke of his Father and promised the
coming of the Holy Spirit to his followers. So what did
Jesus mean?

The idea of one God in three persons is fertile ground for
sceptics and rationalists, but we don't have to believe

that reason explains everything. How can we use reason to explain love, for example?

There have been many attempts over the centuries to convey this difficult trinitarian concept of God. Some of the most striking convey the threesome of Father, son and Holy Ghost through imagery. We all know St Patrick's three leaved shamrock on one stem. Another example would be the easily understandable image of the three forms of water, ice, steam and water all come from one source. On a more fanciful level, there is the Jaffa cake 'theology'; three delicious elements tasted together as one sweet treat! Irresistible? Illusions abound in the natural and in the manufactured world. But do these convince us? What can we learn from our own experience?

Most people will have felt moved at times when presented with the wonderful vista of an endless sky filled with stars, or a mountain top panorama. Perhaps we are amazed at the wonder of creation seen through the work of David Attenborough. We sense, rather than understand, the presence of an amazing creative force which, as Christians, we are not ashamed to call God.

But it is in the faith scriptures that the understanding of God as three persons is ultimately revealed. The stories and parables of the New Testament help us to recognise Jesus as an expression of God's love in human form. Through the person of Jesus we are shown God's way and this revelation to humankind is an invitation to us all to recognise His love as it becomes manifest in those around us. God's Word made flesh in an infinite number of ways. Human love in its various forms reflects the love of the Creator for us; unconditional acceptance, correction, forgiveness.

Then there is the mystery of the indefinable; when we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives, He animates and changes us with an invisible power whose effects can be seen through the lens of faith.

Thus, there are three perceptions of the same power which is at work for good in the world. Three united in one. A trinity of purpose.

God in three persons. Blessed Trinity!

Revd John Taylor

Bible Readings:

Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales

and the hills in a balance?

13 Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

14 Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

15 Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

16 Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

17 All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

30 Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

2 Corinthians 13.11-end

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28.16-end

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

17 When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

Psalm 8

- 1 O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your
fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What is man, that you should be mindful of him;
the son of man, that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him little lower than the angels
and crown him with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given him dominion over the works of your
hands
and put all things under his feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!

Praying Pilgrims in Launde Minster Community June & July 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 June & July is:

June 3: Loddington

June 10: Tugby

June 17: Owston

June 24: Billesdon

July 01: Goadby

July 08: Tur Langton

July 15: Horninghold

July 22: Stanton Wyville

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

Rev David Palmer and Rev Crystal McAllister

Philip Norwood - Celebrating 60 years as a Priest

**6.30pm on Sunday 7th June, Choral Evensong at
St. James the Greater Church, London Road,
Leicester**

Philip Norwood is marking 60 years as a priest at a service of Choral Evensong at 6.30pm at St. James the Greater in London Road, Leicester. ***Please feel welcome to attend. Parking is possible in nearby streets or in Victoria Park.***

Tilton Church:

Loughborough Concert Band

Saturday 30 May at 7pm

Tickets £10 from:

Kathy 07917 168565, Brenda 07766 203051

In aid of roof repairs



Loughborough Concert Band

St Peter's Church, Tilton

Saturday 30 May, 7pm



In aid of Roof Repairs
Tickets £10 including refreshments available
from
Kathy – 07917 168565
Brenda – 07766 203051

Gaulby Church:

Tea & Cake Sale in aid of LOROS

Sunday 7th June 2-4pm



Horninghold Witch Trials

The Horninghold Witch Trials took place in June 1709.

The trials were not formal court proceedings but rather a series of public swimming tests.

Buy a copy of the 40-page booklet and read the full story. Bargain price £5

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A story of superstition, popular justice & entertainment in early eighteenth century Leicestershire

The Horninghold witch trials story is from a 17th-century Leicestershire village during the Williamite period - a period of local celebration and entertainment.

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The main source for these events is the diary of Reverend Humphrey Michel, Rector of Bealton and Horninghold.

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**St Peter's Church, Horninghold
Spodo Komodo in Concert
Folk & Early Music Re-imagined
Wednesday 10th June 7pm Entry £15
In aid of Church Fabric Fund**

Email: horningholdpcc@gmail.com with name and address and number of tickets required
Payment to: SPIRE
Sort code: 30-95-47 Account: 00648658



**Food for Thought
An evening with Bishop Saju 'Christ, Cricket & Counter-formation
Launde Abbey on Tuesday 23rd June 6.45 for 7.15pm start**

Bookings (by Wednesday 17th June)
mary.twidell@gmail.com 01858 555204, 07464 309966



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About the speaker: Bishop Saju (Bishop of Loughborough) was born in Kerala, South India. He came to the UK in 2005 where he worked for 10 years. He is passionate about cricket and cooking, and in his free time runs marathons and plays the guitar.

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

**Gaulby Church:
Home-made cakes and Cream Teas
Every Saturday 2.30-4.30pm**



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Every Saturday
(A dementia friendly place)

**Hungarton Open Gardens
13 and 14 June 11am to 5pm on both days**
Admission is £6 with free parking.
Lots to see: open gardens, stalls, refreshments and our beautiful Church of St John the Baptist will be open.
The event raises money for our village charities including our Church.



**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:** Tinned Custard, Tinned fruit, Tinned beans (kidney, chickpeas,

etc), Pot Noodle, Breakfast cereal, Jars of Pasta sauce, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned peas, 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, Microwave puddings, Jam, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Rice Pudding.

Other suggested donations: Jars of Coffee (100grams), Tinned vegetarian meals, Teabags (80), Corned Beef, Dried Potato (Smash), Dried Packet Rice, Baked Beans, Strong clean 'bags for life', Porridge Oats, Sugar (500g), Tinned Baked beans with sausages, Crackers, Dried potatoes (Smash), Tinned red meat, Tinned meatballs, chicken in sauce, Biscuits, Sweets, Snacks and Crisps, Tinned tomatoes, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), Cordial, Marmalade, Tinned potatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Tinned ham, Crackers, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), Snacks and cereal bars, Fruit squash/ juice, Microwave puddings, 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, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shower gel or soap, 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>



Diomail – There was no Diomail this week

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