



# Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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7pm **Gaulby** Service of Thanksgiving for VJ Day (Hilary Painter)

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August, Trinity 9

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

11am **Owston** Holy Communion (Revd Michael Wilson)

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6.30pm **Shangton** Songs of Praise (outdoor, weather permitting), followed by a bring and share finger supper (Revd Brian Davies)

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## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August, Trinity 10, Bartholomew

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

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

11am **Cold Overton** (with Knossington) Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August

5.30pm **Hallaton** Harvest Supper following Flower & Produce Show (Revd Crystal McAllister)

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Trinity 11

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

11am **Gaulby Launde Deanery Service** (Revd Crystal McAllister)

## Saturday Mornings

### Zoom Prayer Meeting

Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.55am)

**All welcome. Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89820297969?pwd=HD1LgaqamMFBN2y1m7p226w0h2KVkj.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969. Passcode: 470000

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 11.00am Zoom

### Launde Parishes Zoom Service

**Leader and Reflection:** Hilary Painter

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

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

**Meeting ID:** 836 7967 6342

**Passcode:** 079282

**DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE: T. 0203 481**

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## Collect for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

### Nineth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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**

## Reflection: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### Nineth Sunday after Trinity

We sometimes think of faith as being a quiet activity, but in this week's passage from Hebrews faith looks far more active. Walking into the Red Sea when the water hasn't yet parted takes courage!

We hear of men and women who risked, endured, fought, wandered, suffered and died because of their faith in God's promises, even when they didn't live to see the outcome.

Their stories are inspiring, but they also challenge us: can we hold on to faith as they did, through thick and thin? Can we still follow Jesus in hard times?

These stories also remind us that we are not the first to walk this road. Their faith shows that God is faithful, even when times are hard. Not only that, they're a cheering crowd, urging us to hold the faith until we too reach our finishing line.

Then the writer turns to Jesus; for his audience, a man of their times. Jesus, the man who ran ahead and endured the cross, not because it was easy but because of the joy beyond it. His race was full of shame, suffering, and rejection and yet he kept running. Why? Because Jesus knew the prize - his place with the Father and the Holy Spirit in the kingdom of God.

This knowledge changes how we face our own race. Our Christian life isn't just about surviving, it's about running with a purpose, casting off the unholy habits that slow us down, and keeping our eyes fixed on Christ.

When times are hard, let this passage remind us: We're not alone. We're not forgotten. And we're not running in vain. There's a crowd cheering us on and our Saviour is waiting at the line.

So let's fix our eyes, not on our failures, not on our pain, not on the world, but on Jesus.

And keep running!

**Hilary Painter**

## Bible Readings:

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

#### Nineth Sunday after Trinity

##### Jeremiah 23.23-29

23 Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off?

24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!'

26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal.

28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord.

29 Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

##### Hebrews 11.29-12.2

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-

33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,

34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-  
38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,

40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

##### Luke 12.49-56

49 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!

51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

52 From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

53 they will be divided: father against son

and son against father, mother against daughter

and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

54 He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens.

55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens.

56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

#### Additional Collect for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August Nineth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



#### 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

#### Teas in Gaulby Church

##### Saturdays 2-30-4.30pm

Join us every Saturday until mid-September in

**Gaulby church for a cream tea, homemade cake, or just a cup of tea or coffee.**

Teas are served between 2:30pm and 4:30pm, with optional seating outside when weather permits.

## 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.

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

Microwave rice, Corned beef, Tinned peas, Tinned ham, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned vegetarian meals, such as veggie chilli, Marmalade.

**They also need:**

Meals that do not need cooking e.g. John West Fish and rice meals, Biscuits, Snacks and cereal bars, Coffee (small jars), Custard, Fruit squash/ juice, Hot dogs (tins or jars), Red meat: mince, stew, Bolognese, chilli, Pasta sauce, Microwave puddings, Pasta sauce, Peanut butter, Chicken in sauce, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Tinned carrots, Tinned pasta, Dried potatoes (Smash), Crackers, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned tomatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Sandwich paste, Teabags, Cup of Soup, Tinned potatoes, Tuna, Sugar (500g), Cup of soup, 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)

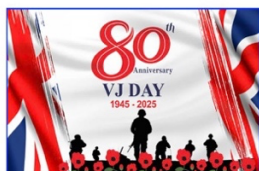
The list of food always required is on the website:

<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)*

## Gaulby Church: 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VJ Day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm



You are invited to a short service of remembrance and thanksgiving for all those who served in the Far East during WW2

Thursday 14 August  
7pm at Gaulby Church

## Friends of Launde Cream Tea

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August from 3pm at Launde Abbey

Booking essential Contact: Patrick Rendall

[patrickandfrances@btinternet.com](mailto:patrickandfrances@btinternet.com)

**FRIENDS OF LAUNDE**  
**Annual Cream Tea**

**Launde Abbey**

On Sunday, 31st August, from 3pm

Booking essential:

contact Patrick Rendall at  
[patrickandfrances@btinternet.com](mailto:patrickandfrances@btinternet.com) or  
016644 24240 (leave a message) or  
[madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com](mailto:madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com)

(raising funds for Launde Abbey)  
Friends of Launde Charity number: 519042

## Food for Thought

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 6.30 for 7.15pm start

**Policing is not what you think** with Uel Sandford



**Food for thought**

An evening with  
Uel Sandford

**Policing - it's not what you think**

Meal and talk £16.50

**Wednesday 24th September**  
Meet 6.30pm for 7.15pm start  
**Launde Abbey**

Bookings (by Thursday 18th September):  
[mary.burden@gmail.com](mailto:mary.burden@gmail.com) / 01858 555204 / 01454 309966

About the speaker: Uel served in the Royal Ulster Constabulary for 32 years and was in Close Protection for the past 14 years where he met royalty, heads of state and a pope. Uel has recently retired to Glaston.

About Food for Thought: Talks about the faith and contemporary issues, arranged by a local group of Christians, including support from Launde C. of S. Community.

## Coffee Morning at Loddington

Saturday 23rd August 10am to 12noon

at Churchill Cottage Loddington. LE7 9XE



## Prayer Desks

**Billesdon Church have 2 spare Prayer Desks**

If any church would like one, contact Keith Evans:

Keith Evans, Church Warden 01162596438/ 07754395006

[keithevans6@btinternet.com](mailto:keithevans6@btinternet.com)

## Farewell to Archdeacon Richard Worsfold

The Venerable Richard Worsfold has been appointed as Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester. We can confirm that **Richard will be licensed during an early morning service in the Bishop of Manchester's chapel on Tuesday 23rd September**, with a formal welcome service in the Deanery to be announced in due course.

**Richard's farewell service in Leicester will be Monday 15th September at 5.30pm at Leicester Cathedral.**

**All are welcome to attend.**

## Discover Horninghold's Heritage

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2-4pm





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>

## Launde Minster Community August Services

You can now find the services throughout the Launde Deanery/ Minster Community on the website: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk> under the Tabs: 'AUGUST SERVICE TIMES'

## NOTE: Back copies of Newsletters available on Launde Minster Community website

Do you want to have a look for something in previous editions of the Gaulby and Coplow, and the Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletters?

Back copies can be downloaded from the Launde Minster Community website at: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/newsletters>



## NEW: A Call to Prayer for Upcoming Tanzania Trip

*The purpose of life is found in little moments and opportunities given to us by God, and what greater joy can we have than when the opportunity is about advancing his Kingdom?*

**This September, a team from the Diocese of Leicester, led by Revd Dave Rollett, will be travelling to Tanzania to visit our link partner dioceses of Kilimanjaro and Kiteto.**

They will be heading out for approximately two weeks on Thursday 4 September, to accomplish a mission in faith, friendships and purpose, and discover the daily lives of people living on the other side of the world.

This trip gives an opportunity to build relationships across linked dioceses and local communities – sit beside fellow believers, worship in their language, walk their roads, and share their tables.

In answering the call to share the good news, let us pray for good team dynamics as they learn to serve and listen well together, for their safety and protection in travel specifically in unfamiliar environments, and for good health, energy and wisdom in the face of the unexpected.

**Find out more and join us in prayer:**

<https://leicester.anglican.org/news/a-call-to-prayer-for-the-upcoming-tanzania-trip.php>

## NEW: Holy Listening Course 2026

**Is God calling you to the ministry of spiritual direction? Are you curious about how to accompany others on their journey of faith?**

The Holy Listening course, based at Launde Abbey, offers in-depth formation for those discerning a call to become a spiritual director.

Applications are now open for 2026/2027.

Find out more on the Launde Abbey website:

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

## NEW:

## Save the Date: Safeguarding Sunday 2025

**On Sunday 16 November 2025 and over the following weeks, thousands of churches and worshipping communities from diverse backgrounds and traditions will join together to shout about safeguarding and help protect vulnerable people.**

This initiative, spearheaded by Thirtyone:eight, invites communities to come together to reflect on their safeguarding journey, and highlight all the good work that is being done to create safer places. **Find out more:**

<https://safeguardingsunday.org>

## NEW - 'Stepping Into the Bible' Retreat

**Monday 20 to Thursday 23 October – Launde Abbey**

For many people, including Christians, the Bible is a bit of a closed book; this retreat opens it up.

Step into the world of the Bible and discover an evolving story in which people struggle with the same questions as we do, and where old ideas are discarded and are replaced by new.

The retreat will be led by Canon Dr Peter Sills, an experienced and engaging spiritual teacher and pilgrimage guide. **See full details here:**

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/event/steppingintothebible/>

## Heartedge Conference: Living God's Future Now

**Tuesday 28 October, 10.00am-19:30pm – St Martins House**

Led by a team from St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, discover practical tools and fresh perspectives to invigorate your parishes' mission and ministry in both rural and urban contexts. Through workshops, theological insights, and moments of worship, this day aims to equip your church to flourish in compassion, creativity, and community



engagement.

**Tickets are £25 including lunch.** Bring friends for an additional £10 each.

**Followed by an Evening Concert by St Martin's Choral Scholars** at St Nicholas Church – 6.30pm-7.30pm. (Can be booked separately.)

**See full details and book here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/living-gods-future-now-making-your-churchs-heart-sing-tickets-1425700060259>

## **NEW: Paul and Antisemitism Seminars**

**Tuesday, 9 September, 10am – St Philip's Centre, Leicester**

A series of seminars on Apostle Paul and Antisemitism with Rev Dr. Tom Wilson and a Jewish colleague.

The sessions will be held on the following dates:

- Did Paul stop “being a Jew” Tuesday 9 September, 10am
  - Did Paul lie when evangelising? Tuesday 14 October, 10am
  - Did Paul call Jewish people dogs? Tuesday 11 November, 10am
  - Who were the weak and the strong in Corinth? Tuesday 9 December, 10am
- All are welcome to attend.

## **NEW: CPAS Training in September**

**CPAS run a range of training events to support churches and church leaders.**

Training available in the coming weeks includes:

- Leading Evangelism Learning Hub
- Exploring the Quiet Revival
- Improving Spaces
- Maintaining Healthy Boundaries

See their latest e-newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/cpas/cpasevents030725-8758426?e=626d7a5430> or their website:

<https://www.cpas.org.uk> for more information.

## **NEW - Music and Faith Intercultural Celebration**

**Saturday 30 August 5-7pm – St Mary's Church, Humberstone**

This evening will be an intercultural celebration of the spiritual connection between music and faith. Music inspires and unites us, deepening our shared faith experience.

While rooted in the Christian tradition, this event will be a welcoming space allowing people of all cultures and beliefs to come together and experience community, creativity, and conversation through music, storytelling, and food. All

are welcome. **View the poster:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Music-Faith-poster.jpg>

For more information, email Roy Kirk at [roy.kirk90@yahoo.com](mailto:roy.kirk90@yahoo.com)

## **Journey in Faith Course - Introduction**

**Saturday 13 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House**

A day to launch the Journey in Faith course.

A 3 term course that provides the time and space for people to:

- Grow in knowledge of the Christian faith
- Deepen their relationship with God
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life

If you would like more information before joining please feel free to contact [Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org)

**Enrol on our learning hub:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/journey-in-faith-jif-25-26-introduction-saturday-13th-september-2025/>

## **St Wistan Said ‘Yes’ – Who Else Might God Be Calling? “What makes a saint? Not halos, not headlines, but hands.”**

In a new video Bishop Saju reflects on the life and death of St Wistan, asking us to consider how God might be calling us to serve Him. “I believe God is still calling young and old, bold and quiet, rich and poor, from every background,” says Saju, “Not perfect people, mind you, just willing ones. If something stirs within you don’t brush it off. Talk to someone.”

**If you would like to join Bishop Saju and our Diocesan Director of Ordinands Revd Sue Willetts for an informal vocations conversation on Saturday 11 October, 9.30-11am at Bishop's Lodge, please RSVP to [Claire.Stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Claire.Stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org)**

**Watch the video here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/st-wistan-said-yes-who-else-might-god-be-calling.php>

## **Ven Richard Worsfold, Archdeacon of Leicester**

**We are holding a collection towards a gift for Richard which will be presented to him at his farewell service on 15 September to thank him for 30 years of ministry in this Diocese.**

If you would like to contribute, you can do so by bank transfer, using the reference ‘RW Gift’ as follows:

- Sort code: 20-49-37
- Account number: 90577103
- Account name: Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance

Alternatively, you can send a cheque payable to 'Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance' to:  
Sonal Pankhania, Finance Office, **St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ.**  
Please write 'RW Gift' on the back of the cheque.

## Farewell Service for The Venerable Richard Worsfold

**Monday 15 September, 5.30pm – Leicester Cathedral**

All are invited to attend this service of thanks for Richard's 30 years of ministry in Leicestershire as he moves to be Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester.

**Vocations Conversation Saturday 11 October, 9.30-11am – Bishop's Lodge**

Join Bishop Saju and Revd Sue Willetts for an informal vocations conversation. **Watch Bishop Saju's invitation here:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/st-wistan-said-yes--who-else-might-god-be-calling.php>

If you would like to attend please RSVP to [Claire.Stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Claire.Stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org)

## Update to National Safeguarding Resources

**The following documents have now been officially withdrawn from the Church of England website, as they have been superseded by updated guidance and codes of practice:**

- Parish Safeguarding Handbook
- Protecting All God's Children
- Promoting a Safe Church (2006)

These documents are no longer in use, so please ensure that any printed copies are removed and securely disposed of.

All current safeguarding guidance is now available in the **Church of England's Safeguarding e-manual** which should be your first point of reference for policy and practice. **Read more:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/notices/important-update-regarding-national-safeguarding-resources.php>



**Generosity Week** is a celebration of God's generosity that is lived out in our churches and parishes. It gives us an opportunity to engage with and support the wider community as we celebrate the generosity found. This isn't a celebration of

**'our' generosity but God's, which is found within the church and outside it.**

To start planning and promoting Generosity Week, take these three steps:

1. Pick a week – the national week runs from Sunday 28 September to Sunday 5 October but if another time works better for you, do it then.
  2. Choose what to do – think what your church needs and look through the resources available (see below).
  3. Plan your Sundays – two Sundays works well as it gives you one chance to explore gratitude and one to consider generosity. To get you started, there are service outlines, sermon starters and prayers – all generosity themed.
- If you would like to find out more or would like support in planning a Generosity Week in your church, contact our Parish Giving Officer at [Laura.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Laura.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org) or 07897003488. **Find resources and more information:** <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/generosity-resources/generosity-week/generosity-week-resources-churches>

## Bishop's Lecture 2025: Professor Lord Tarassenko

**Thursday 30 October, 5.30pm-7.00pm – Loughborough University**

The lecture will be given by the Professor Lord Tarassenko entitled **'Will we still need God when we reach Artificial General Intelligence?'**

Professor Lord (Lionel) Tarassenko CBE FREng FMedSci is the first president of Reuben College. He is a world-leading expert in the application of signal processing and machine learning to healthcare, with a strong track record in translation to clinical medicine. He was appointed as a non-party-political peer in the House of Lords in May 2024.

**Further information and booking details:**

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/chaplaincy/chaplaincy-events/2025/bishops-lecture-2025/>

*Part of the 'Chaplaincy Lectures', a joint initiative between the Bishop of Leicester and universities in Leicester and Loughborough.*

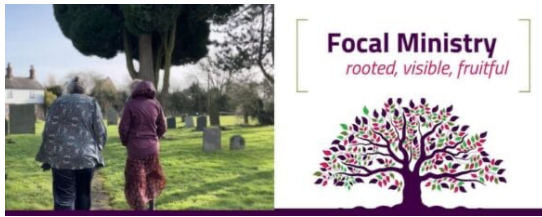
## Cathedral Civic Service to Mark the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day

**A special reflective service will take place at Leicester Cathedral at 5.30pm on Thursday 14th August to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ (Victory over Japan) and the end of the Second World War**  
The service will include prayers, readings and moments of silence, offering a quiet and powerful tribute to those affected by the war and its aftermath.

**See all Cathedral events:**

<https://leicestercathedral.org/events>

## Video Explores Focal Ministry



**Focal Ministry is emerging in the diocese as a way to recognise those who are called to love and serve their local church and community**

Focal ministers are people who are:

- Rooted, embedded in their communities.
- Visible, seen as the face of the local church.
- Fruitful, enable others to grow in faith.

In this new video, Liz Rawlings speaks to Associate Minister, Hilary Painter, who explains her sense of calling to Focal Ministry.

Some people who serve as Focal Ministers will, like Hilary, be existing licensed Associate Ministers; but others may not and the diocese is committed to enabling them to be recognised, authorised and supported as spiritual leaders in their parishes.

If you would like more information on Focal Ministry, **visit our website:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/info-for-leaders/vocations/focal-ministry/> or contact [Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org)

**Watch the video here:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quK7NK4S6wc>

## #All Creatures Great and Small



**You might remember the national church's previous summer campaigns designed to showcase our local churches, including 'church door challenge' and 'stained glass summer'.**

This year is on the theme of 'All Creatures Great and Small' and we'd love to see your animals in churches, or within your church grounds.

Whether it's a snapshot of local wildlife, pets who have paid your church a visit, or depictions of animals in stained glass windows, paintings and carvings, why not get creative and share your photos and videos on social media from now until 31 August 2025.

Tag them #GreatAndSmall – a selection will be shared every week on the Church of England's social media channels. **See more information and ideas:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/digital-labs/blogs/celebrating-all-creatures-great-and-small-get-involved-summer-social-media-campaign>

## South Asian Heritage Special Service

**Sunday 17 August, 6.15 pm (doors open at 5.30pm)**

**– Church of the Martyrs, Leicester**

This special gathering will include South Asian worship, traditional and contemporary music, and expressions of faith through dance, spoken word and storytelling. After the service, stay and enjoy a taste of South Asian food—alongside Christian fellowship.

For more info, please

email [Shobha.Gosa@leicestercofe.org](mailto:Shobha.Gosa@leicestercofe.org)

## Mental Health First Aid Training

**Wednesdays: 24 September, 1, 8 and 15 October, 9.30am-1pm – The Cube on Symingtons, Market Harborough.**

Training aimed at leaders, paid or voluntary, who work with young people and want to develop how they support young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Training is free but spaces are limited, so we do ask that you only sign up if you can make all 4 dates.

**Book here:** <https://mhfaengland.org/course-booking-form/?id=d3e657ca-2c41-f011-8779-7c1e52208a30>

## Eco Church Conversations

**Saturday 6 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – All Saints with Holy Trinity Church, Loughborough**

Creationtide is a season when the Church focuses on caring for God's Creation (1 September to 4 October).

This service at the start of Creationtide will be a chance to lament together for the environmental problems we see, and to walk forward in hope as we are inspired by positive actions taking place around the Diocese.

There will be time to consider the Eco Church Award and next steps for your own church communities. We would love you to participate with prayer and action this Creationtide.

