



Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington [Newsletter]

Edition Date: Thursday 25th September 2025

Sunday 28th September, Trinity 15, Harvest Thanksgiving

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 **Knossington** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

5pm **Tugby** Harvest Festival (Congregation led)

5pm **Glooston** Harvest & Birthday Celebration (Mike Hammond *See your invitation below*)

OCTOBER

Sunday 5th October, Trinity 16, Harvest Thanksgiving

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 **Loddington** Harvest Thanksgiving followed by lunch in Loddington Visitors Centre (lunch details rachelcrisp@aol.com) (Revd Alison Myers)

11am **Tilton** Harvest Festival followed by church lunch (Revd Philip Norwood)

11am **Slawston** Harvest Festival (Revd David Palmer)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

5pm **Owston** Evening Prayer (Churchwarden led)

5.30pm **East Norton** Harvest Festival (Revd David Palmer)

Friday 10th October

7pm **Knossington** Guitar Recital Social Evening

Sunday 12th October, Trinity 17, Harvest Thanksgiving, World Homeless Day

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 **Hallaton** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)

11am **Knossington** Harvest Thanksgiving (Revd Crystal McAllister)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

Sunday 19th October, Trinity 18, Harvest Thanksgiving, Prison Week

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

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

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

Sunday 26th October, Last after Trinity

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 **Horninghold** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)

11am **Knossington** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

3pm **Lowesby** Harvest Festival (Revd David Palmer)

Saturday Mornings

Zoom Prayer Meeting

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 28th September 11.00am Zoom Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Reflection: Madeleine Wang

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKI91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

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Collect for Sunday 28th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 28th September 2025 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Luke 16:19-end

Pictured in my memory from childhood is this reading. I vividly remember the organ booming out the response 'Praise to Christ our Lord' at the end of it, a great sense of solemnity spreading over a hushed church. The story is stark, vivid and cannot be easily ignored. Lazarus dies and goes to Abrahams side, which we might relate to heaven, the rich man dies, is buried and goes to Hell. What was the sin for which the rich man received such a terrible fate? The answer is nothing. Nothing, that is all you must do to receive eternal punishment is what this passage suggests. The rich man ignored God, he ignored

the suffering of his fellow man, and he took care to think of his own material comfort, wearing rich clothes in the latest fashions is how one modern version of this passage renders it. He probably attended the right gatherings, held an important position in society, and was probably considered a 'good egg' by many who knew him. Yet in relation to God, it added up to nothing. The chasm was set, and he was not permitted to cross and like Marley's ghost he had lost the power to intervene in the affairs of humanity for good. Sobering thoughts.

Mike Hammond

Bible Readings:

Sunday 28th September 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Amos 6.1a, 4-7

1a Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the
notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!

4 Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the
flock,
and calves from the stall;

5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

6 who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

7 Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

1 Timothy 6.6-19

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined
with contentment;

7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can
take nothing out of it;

8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content
with these.

9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and
are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that
plunge people into ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and
in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away
from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue
righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance,
gentleness.

12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the
eternal life, to which you were called and for which you
made the good confession in the presence of many
witnesses.

13 In the presence of God, who gives life to all things,
and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius
Pilate made the good confession, I charge you

14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame
until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 which he will bring about at the right time-he who is
the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and
Lord of lords.

16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in
unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or
can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

17 As for those who in the present age are rich,
command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes
on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who
richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works,
generous, and ready to share,

19 thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good
foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of
the life that really is life.

Luke 16.19-end

19 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and
fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus,
covered with sores,

21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from
the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick
his sores.

22 The poor man died and was carried away by the
angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and
was buried.

23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked
up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

24 He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me,
and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and
cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames."

25 But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during
your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus
in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here,
and you are in agony.

26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm
has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass
from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross
from there to us."

27 He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my
father's house-

28 for I have five brothers-that he may warn them, so
that they will not also come into this place of torment."

29 Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the
prophets; they should listen to them."

30 He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes
to them from the dead, they will repent."

31 He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and
the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if
someone rises from the dead."

Additional Collect for Sunday 28th

September- Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Harvest Thanksgiving 2025

To be used for all Harvest Services

Bible Readings:

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

1 When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it,

2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.'

4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God,

5 you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us,

7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;

9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.

11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Philippians 4.4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Or

Revelation 14.14-18

14 Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand!

15 Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.'

16 So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.

18 Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

John 6.25-35

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

26 Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

28 Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?'

29 Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'

30 So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?'

31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

32 Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

34 They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Harvest Thanksgiving 2025

Collects

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;

as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-
being;
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

Harvest & Birthday Celebration

Glooston 28th September at 5pm

You are all invited!



Music for Reflection

Leicester Cathedral

Saturday 1st November 7.30pm

Tickets £18/ Students £5

Box Office: 01858 467463

Email: j.r.balme@btinternet.com



A Recommendation from John Morrison, Hungarton and Zoom Church Congregation

“A Church History in Leicestershire” by Nick Miller

John brought our attention to this book which he strongly recommends. It charts the story of religion in England from pre-Christian times to the twentieth century, viewed through events and the eyes and experiences of the people in Leicestershire.

It can be purchased from many book sellers, including The Book Guild, Amazon and eBay

Fundraiser Guitar Recital at Knossington

Friday 10th October at 7pm

Contact: Sue Sills 01664 454 584, Deb Thomas 01664 454 970 or Liz Sanders 07956622054

Pay at the door

FUNDRAISING GUITAR RECITAL
Friday 10th October at
Knossington Church at 7.00pm

By
James Woodrow
Local Rufford guitarist James Woodrow trained at the
Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester,
and very quickly became established as one of the country's
leading contemporary classical and electric guitarists.

Admission £12.00, children under 10 free
to include refreshments afterwards.



Please Make Sure if you wish to purchase a ticket please call 01664 454 584
or contact:
Sue Sills 01664 454 584, Deb Thomas 01664 454 970 or Liz Sanders 07956622054

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:**

Marmalade, Jam, Tinned potatoes, Coffee (small jars), Dried potatoes (Smash), Biscuits, 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.

They also need:

Fray Bentos pies, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Pasta sauce, Corned beef, Tinned ham, Crackers, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), Tinned sausages with beans, Tinned peas, Tinned ham, Tinned fruit, 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, Hot dogs (tins or jars), Tinned red meat: mince, stew, Bolognese, chilli, Microwave puddings, Pasta sauce, Peanut butter, Chicken in sauce, Tinned carrots, Tinned pasta, Tinned sweetcorn, 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)

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

Skeffington Church Cream Teas

Saturday 27th September 2.30-4.30pm



Tugby: Quiz Night

7pm Saturday 4th October Tugby Village Hall

Please contact: madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/TugbyTogether/>




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

 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 and September 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 Tab: 'SEPTEMBER 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>



Extracts from Diomail 22 September

For more information and other events:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-22-september-2025/>

NEW: A Fond Farewell to Archdeacon Richard Worsfold

The congregation was filled with well-wishers, signifying the close friendships, connections and ministries that Richard and his wife Jenny have developed over the last 30 years in the diocese.

After three decades in Leicestershire, Richard is moving to the Diocese of Manchester, where he will become the full-time Area Dean of Salford and Leigh.

Read the full story:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/a-fond-farewell-to-archdeacon-richard-worsfold.php>

NEW: Prayers of Love and Faith at Diocesan Synod

This week, Diocesan Synod will be devoting a whole meeting to discussing Prayers of Love and Faith. As you may know, Bishop Martyn resigned from the role of leading this process nationally earlier this year, but we remain steadfast in our commitment to finding a way forward for our diocese, within which there are differing views held with deep sincerity and conviction. Please continue to pray for this process.

You can find the latest information here and full details of the Living in Love and faith (LLF) journey to date in the associated pages on the church of England website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/update-llf-programme-board#na>

NEW: Disability Awareness Sunday – A Call to Prayer

This Sunday 28 September is Disability Awareness Sunday.

To mark the day, Through the Roof charity is inviting people to join them in creating a continuous chain of people praying for disability inclusion in the Church, and fill a whole 24 hours, from 12 noon on 27 September till 12 noon on Sunday 28. **Find out more and access helpful resources for your worshipping community:**

<https://throughtheroof.org/2025/09/09/pray-for-disability-awareness-sunday/>

NEW: Fairtrade Fortnight – 'Do It Fair'

Fairtrade Fortnight began on 22 September until Sunday 5 October 2025.

Over these 14 days, we're being asked to 'do it fair' and celebrate the difference we can all make when we choose Fairtrade and campaign as part of a UK-wide movement calling for a fairer system behind the things we consume every day. **Find out more here:**

<https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/get-involved/campaign-with-us/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight.html>

Christian Concern For One World (CCOW) has created a series of resources your church and community might like to use, including **prayer and preaching ideas:**

<https://www.ccow.org.uk/what-we-work-on/fair-trade/fair-trade-church-actions/> and general church resources: <https://www.ccow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Fairtrade-Fortnight-Resource-2025-web-1.pdf>

NEW: Black History Month 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'

Sunday 5th October at Leicester cathedral at 10.30am

Black History Month 2025
Service of Celebration at Leicester Cathedral

STANDING FIRM IN POWER AND PRIDE

Music by black composers
Special liturgical resources for Black History Month by the Church of England

Guest Preacher
The Revd Guy Hewitt
Director of the Church of England's Racial Justice Unit

A time of remembrance, empowerment, and action
This year's theme focuses on two core values:
• Power – influence, leadership, and positive change
• Pride – heritage, identity, and black excellence
It is not only about remembrance, but a call to action to stand firm, break down barriers, and walk boldly into the future.
All are welcome – come and celebrate with us at this special service of Holy Communion!

Sunday 5 October 2025 | 10.30am

Leicester Cathedral
01533 245123
leicestercathedral.org

NEW: A Memorial Service for those Bereaved by Suicide

Saturday 4th October 2025 3:00pm

All Saints with Holy Trinity, Steeple Row, Loughborough

You are invited to enter the peace and beauty of this ancient church to remember and celebrate the lives of your loved ones who died by suicide.

You are welcome to bring photographs or other memorabilia of your loved one to share as part of the service. During the service candles will be lit and names can be read out.

Light refreshments are available after the service.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the organisation - Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide.

This year's Generosity Week runs from Sunday 28 September to Sunday 5 October.

The official dates cover two Sundays, to give churches and worshipping communities double the opportunity to explore generosity when they meet on a Sunday – one to consider with gratitude God's generosity to us and the other to prayerfully work out our response to that generosity.

You could run a Generosity Week in your church to coincide with your Harvest Festival, but if that doesn't work for you, don't let it put you off. We are called to be generous 365 days a year, so run it whenever works for your community. Take a look at the various resources your church could use during Generosity Week:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/generosity-resources/generosity-week/generosity-week-resources-churches>

Bishop's Lecture Prof. Lord Tarassenko

Will we still need God when we reach Artificial General Intelligence?

Thursday 30 October 6-7pm

Loughborough University on Thursday 30th October 2025.

The University Chaplaincy host the third Bishop's Lecture welcoming Professor Lord Tarassenko, President of Reuben College, University of Oxford.

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

Full details and booking:

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

Preparing a Budget

Creating and monitoring a budget can be one of the most useful tools in managing church finances. But how do you do it? Bring along your church accounts for the budgeting exercise, and any members of your church that are interested in helping you create the budget. More info: Laura.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org

In person:

Saturday 11 October, 10am-12pm – St Martins House, Leicester

Sign up on the hub:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/preparing-a-budget/>

Online:

Monday 13 October, 7pm-8.30pm – via Microsoft Teams

Sign up on the hub:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/preparing-a-budget-online-via-teams/>

Creationtide – Peace with creation

1st September to 4th October

Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of Life. It is a month of unity, when Christians around the world celebrate the beauty and wonder of creation and commit to caring for our common home.

This year, we are called to be peacemakers with creation, all people and God, based on Isaiah 32:14-18.

The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between people and God.

Care for God's creation is part of our everyday faith as Christians. We honour God when we care for his creation. We show love to our neighbours, near and far, when we care about the environments in which they live. And we work for justice when we seek to tackle climate change and halt the loss of nature.

During Creationtide, that call feels all the more significant and is a great time to start, or expand upon our eco-conscious endeavours.

Take action and read more here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/creationtide-2025--peace-with-creation.php>

Prayer Diary - September to December 2025

Our latest prayer diary is now available for you to use as part of your Everyday Prayer.

If you would like to receive a paper copy but are not on the mailing list, contact James Pickersgill, Bishop's Chaplain: Bishops.Chaplain@LeicesterCofE.org

View a digital copy here:

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/prayer-diary-sept-dec-2025.pdf>

Save the Date

'The Sound of Power and Pride' will be the Diocese of Leicester's Black History Month concert, celebrating musical expression from Black

Diaspora. Join us on the night to hear a line-up of renowned Black musical artists. The event will be held at Holy Trinity Leicester (HTL church), at 6.30pm on **Saturday 18 October**, and tickets are free.

More details to come very soon.

Minster Community Process: Check-in and Chat

Selected Tuesdays, 12.30pm-1.30pm – Zoom

Upcoming dates: 7 October, 4 November.

The Minster Community process is rolling out across our diocese. You may have lots of questions around the process, such as what's happening, when, and why? To help with your understanding of the process and listen to your perspective Beth Cluer, the Facilitation Lead for Minster Communities, is holding some 'Check in and Chat' sessions over Zoom. Please do feel free to come and chat with Beth.

[Use this link to join the meetings.](#) (Link remains the same)

You can also email Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org

You may find answers to your questions in our [Minster Communities FAQs](#)

Mental Health First Aid Training

Wednesdays: 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>

Getting the Most Out of Contactless Giving

Tuesday 10 October, 10-11am – Online

Explore the ways to get the most out of your contactless device: top tips from successful churches, advice on reporting and Gift Aid, and more. **Register here:**

https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CmLyGfErT62jh-ikojqaeA#/registration

OWL Conference - Pray and Play in Creation

Saturday 27 September, 9.30am-3.30pm – Launde Abbey

For anyone interested in exploring outside worship, this is a day to pray, play and worship our Creator God within creation, set in the beautiful grounds of Launde Abbey. Tickets £12, including lunch. Young leaders £8, under 12's free. **See full details and book here:**

<https://htl.churchsuite.com/events/rr1eu611>

View the poster:

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/owl-conference-2025.pdf>

For more details, please contact AnneScott@htl.church

Church Treasurer: Insights Into the Role and Responsibilities

Tuesday 30 September, 7-8pm – Online

This course from ACAT is for new church treasurers, trustees looking for a new treasurer and those who have been asked to take on the role of church treasurer. Get a brief insight into the role and responsibilities of the role. Hear some things that you need to think about and ask the questions you need to ask.

Cost: Free if you sign up through the diocese. **Sign up here:**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jlbsCEtcMUW8FlpkvvNgxqhdxq4bQFGIUefVkhmr4tUQTBGNU1FVIQ1Q1NEN0k2RkozMExOVzZaNC4u>

Being a Treasurer: The Basics

3 Sessions: Thursdays 2, 9 and 16 Oct 7-9pm – Online

A course from ACAT to equip new and experienced treasurers with the core knowledge needed to carry out their role. Designed for all those who are church treasurers new to the role or just need a refresher. Also for those who support church treasurers and would like to know what is involved. Cost: Free if you sign up through the diocese. **Sign up here:**

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Chaplaincy Celebration and Recommissioning

Sunday 28 September, 3.30pm – Leicester Cathedral

A special time to give thanks to God for the enormous

contribution of our chaplaincies across the Diocese. All are warmly invited to attend this service.

Digital Giving at Christmas

Tuesday 14 October, 12-1pm – Online

Join us in this webinar to learn about how to maximise your digital giving during the advent period, the Church of England's Christmas theme for 2025 and be inspired by some Christmassy campaign ideas. **Register here:**

https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0mUGOPPtdCe3WCkyIOKnw#/registration

Gift Aid: Maximising the Benefits and Reducing the Pitfalls

Monday 24 November 6.45pm-8.45pm – Online

This course from ACAT will enhance your understanding of the complexities of Gift Aid and the small donations scheme (GASDS). Be guided through the jargon and find answers to those questions you always wanted to ask about Gift Aid. Cost: Free if you sign up through the diocese. **Sign up here:**

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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

Save the Date: Safeguarding Sunday 2025

On Sunday 16 November 2025

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>

