



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 30th October 2025

Sunday 2nd November

All Saints' Day, 4 before Advent

Attached are the lists of church services and events for **NOVEMBER 2025** (as of 30th October)

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:

l.jones2k@btinternet.com 07851163712

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>

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.

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 2nd November 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Church celebrates

All Saints' Day All are welcome

Leader & Reflection: Revd Crystal McAllister

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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

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Monday 3rd November 6.30pm

Service for All Souls

Livestream from Gaulby All are welcome

Leader: Hilary Painter

To Join this service, click on this special link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86561622219?pwd=QTkuabH6eiqnGbYc8J87YroGsPd1sn.1>

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Collects for Sunday 2nd November

All Saints' Day

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 2nd November

All Saints' Day

Both Epistle and Gospel today refer to Mount Sinai. The writer to the Hebrews recalls the terrifying majesty of Mt. Sinai and of Moses' encounter with God. In that dramatic wilderness mountain range, Moses received the 10 Commandments, and afterwards sprinkled the people with blood from an animal as a sign of God's Covenant with His chosen people.

Matthew in the Gospel does not mention Mt. Sinai, but he gives us an extended body of Jesus' teaching, which he deliberately calls the 'Sermon on the Mount'. And in that body of teaching, Jesus is giving his followers a New Law to reform the old Law given to Moses. It was a new Law to be sealed by his blood in the New Covenant at

the Last Supper, as we remember each time we celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus' new Law does not say "Thou shalt not...". It says "You are blessed if..." – blessed if you are poor in spirit, if you know what it is to mourn, if you are meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, and even persecuted and reviled. And all who worship Jesus and seek to follow this path are to be called saints. It is a path of life that leads not back to the terrifying power of Mt. Sinai, but to the glory of Mt. Zion, the Heavenly Jerusalem. And this goal is open to people of all races and nations as the prophet Isaiah says so powerfully. Foreigners and disadvantaged people are not to say, "The Lord will surely separate me from his people". The opposite is true. All are called to be Saints however 'qualified' or not we might be. The Feast of All Saints is really an opportunity for us all to consider the goal of our calling. What a wonderful prize is on offer!

Revd Philip Norwood

Bible Readings:

Sunday 2nd November 2025

All Saints' Day

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

7 In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream:

2 I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea,

3 and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

15 As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me.

16 I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter:

17 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth.

18 But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever-for ever and ever.'

Ephesians 1.11-end

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

14 this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason

16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 6.20-31

20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

22 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

23 Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

24 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

26 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

27 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Psalm for Sunday 2nd November All Saints' Day

Psalm 149

- 1 Alleluia.
O sing to the Lord a new song; •
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker; •
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance; •
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.
- 4 For the Lord has pleasure in his people •
and adorns the poor with salvation.
- 5 Let the faithful be joyful in glory; •
let them rejoice in their ranks,
- 6 With the praises of God in their mouths •
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations •
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains •
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 To execute on them the judgement decreed: •
such honour have all his faithful servants.
Alleluia.

All Souls Day In loving memory...

St Peter's Church, Gaulby

Monday 3rd November at 6.30pm

This service will be livestreamed on Zoom (see link above)



Launde Minster
Community

The Gaulby Group
St Peter's, Gaulby
St Michael and All Angels, Ilston
St John the Baptist, Kings Norton
St John the Baptist, Little Stretton

All Souls' Day In loving memory...

You and your family are warmly invited to an informal service of music, readings, prayers and quiet time to remember and give thanks for the lives of departed loved ones.

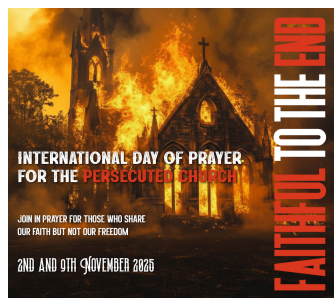
St Peter's church, Gaulby

Monday 3 November
at 6.30pm

A warm welcome for all



International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church 2025 2nd and 9th November: Prayer Points From Revd David Palmer



Organised by the World Evangelical Alliance, the IDOP is an annual, global event that unites Christians in prayer for the persecuted Church.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

- Pray for Christian pastors like Akashan in Sri Lanka, that they will have courage to continue their work despite the threats and intimidation.
- Pray that authorities in Sri Lanka would act justly, approve new church building applications, make proper provision for Christian burials, and follow up cases of harassment against Christians.
- Pray for Christian pastors like Mohan in India. Pray that they will not be silenced or intimidated by the threat of fundamentalist mobs. Pray against the expansion of anti-conversion laws. Pray that pastors who have been arrested will get the legal assistance they need to defend themselves.
- Pray for Christian pastors like Wang Yi in China. Pray for those who are currently in prison or are awaiting sentencing. Pray that God will give them courage and confidence in Him; that they will have opportunities to share the gospel with their fellow inmates and guards; and that the Lord will provide for their families.
- Pray for Christian pastors in many other countries around the world such as Iran, Eritrea, Nigeria, Laos and Algeria who face daily discrimination, threats of violence, and arrest. Pray that God will sustain their faith and protect their churches.
- Pray for the church and its leaders in the UK. Pray that we would make the most of the freedom we have to worship God, share the gospel, and grow our church communities.



Guitar Recital by James Woodrow All Saints, Slawston

Saturday 1st November at 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00, 12 and under free, refreshments.

Proceeds to church funds, All welcome!

Wendy Edmond: 07746 018444

Food for Thought

Monday 10th November, Launde Abbey

6.30 for 7.30pm start

Respond & Relieve: Delivering Humanitarian Aid

By Kim Melville

Meal & Talk £16.50 Bookings (by 4th November):

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About the speaker: Kim is Vice President of Humanitarian Affairs at DVC, Express, a logistics company

About Food for thought: Talks about life, faith and contemporary issues, arranged by a local group of Christians, including support from Launde C of E, Chawley

Remembrance Poppy Display

St Thomas Becket Church, Skeffington

Tuesday 11th November From 6.30 until 8.30pm



**St Thomas Becket Church,
Skeffington**

**Come and see the amazing
Remembrance Poppy Display
Tuesday 11th November
From 6.30pm until 8.30pm**

Over 1000 handmade poppies, made by
a small number of Skeffington ladies,
will be displayed in the church.
Refreshments available to purchase.
With all profits donated to
The Royal British Legion,



Donations Welcome
Lest We Forget

Safeguarding Sunday

Thomas Becket Church, Tugby

16th November at 11am

**Holy Communion with a focus on the Mothers
Union 'Rise Up' Campaign**

Safeguarding Sunday 16th November

St Thomas Becket Church, Tugby
Invite you to



Organised by the Mothers Union Hallaton Group
Diocese of Leicester

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>



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:**

UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Tinned chicken, Hot Dogs (Tins or jars,) Tinned red meat,

They also need:

Tinned ham, 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, Crackers, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), Tinned sausages with beans, Tinned peas, 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, Microwave puddings, Pasta sauce, Peanut butter, 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)



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



Buy your Christmas Card Stamps and support humanitarian work in Sudan and South Sudan

The war in Sudan has been described as 'The Forgotten War'. Did you know that:

- * Half of Sudan's population – more than 24.8 million people, almost 13.6 million of whom are children – are in need of urgent assistance.

- * Sudan now has the world's largest number of internally displaced people, with more than 11 million people uprooted by the conflict which began in April 2023; 2 million more have left Sudan in search of safety.

The churches in Sudan and South Sudan are in a desperate situation as they provide humanitarian aid to both the general population and their members.

By buying new UK stamps through the CASSS (the Church Association of Sudan and South Sudan) you provide financial aid within standard prices. CASSS is a registered charity that buys the stamps legally through a stamp dealer at retail value. This allows CASSS to sell the stamps to you at normal wholesale prices. *The difference in price provides funds for food and security to internal refugees sheltered by the churches.*

Stamps are available in all denominations. These include 'special edition' stamps not commonly available.

Please give your orders to John and Mary Twidell by Friday, October 31st. Your stamps will then be delivered to you.

Mary.twidell@gmail.com 01858 555 204

Further details at <https://www.casss.org.uk/mint-stamps/>.

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



Extracts from Diomail

27th October

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 27th October:

[https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-27-october-](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-27-october-2025/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

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Leicester Diocese - Events and Training:

<https://leicester.anglican.org/calendar/>

A Successful Ride+Stride 2025

Saturday 13 September was a lovely day cycling, walking and visiting churches – with a sharp shower mid-afternoon!

At least 315 churches and chapels participated, with guests welcomed with refreshments.

Funds are flowing in – thanks to everyone who opened their church/chapel, who rode or strode to raise funds, or who sponsored someone. All of which means there will be grants for churches and chapels in 2026 for much needed repairs and improvements!

A date for your diary: Global Carol Service

Saturday 13 December 5pm–6.30pm – St. Paul's Church, Hamble Rd, LE2 4NX

The Diocese of Leicester's Intercultural Worshipping Communities invites you to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with a vibrant blend of music, language, and community.

View the poster: <https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Global-Carol-Service-2025-2-1.png>