



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 13th November 2025

Sunday 16th November 2nd before Advent

Attached are the MC Worship Plans for
NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2025 (as of 13th
November)

**This is your newsletter so please use it to share
your notices, events and invite others to join
you.**

*Please send me any contributions by Tuesday before the
Thursday publication.*

If you know anyone who would like to be added to the
list to receive a copy of the newsletter, please send me
their name and email address to:

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](https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk)

Our Churches Online:

All of our churches have web pages on
'A Church Near You' – This link takes you to the
Launde Minster Community page, where you can
access each of the churches: [https://launde-minster-
community.webador.co.uk/our-churches-on-acny](https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/our-churches-on-acny)



Every Sunday at 8am Launde Abbey Chapel

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

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Everyone is welcome

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

All welcome. Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81751227280?pwd=VtUdahsUf34
Vc7BBr5gVFoeiobrOO8.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81751227280?pwd=VtUdahsUf34Vc7BBr5gVFoeiobrOO8.1)

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Sunday 16th November 11am Zoom

Launde MC Zoom Church *All are welcome*

Leader: Hilary Painter

Refecton: Revd Dr Stuart Burns, Director of
PT&MD Team Diocese of Leicester

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl9
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Collects for Sunday 16th November 2nd before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of
the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal
life:

grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious
kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 16th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

In today's extract from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians
he addresses the problem of idleness among believers.
Some in the Thessalonian church had stopped working,
perhaps thinking Jesus 'return was so near that daily
labour no longer mattered. Paul firmly instructs them to
follow his example - he worked hard, did not depend on
others for food, and lived responsibly.

This message is still relevant. We may not face the exact
same problem of idleness, but we do live in a world that
struggles with extremes - some of us work ourselves to
exhaustion, while others withdraw.

However, in the eyes of God, every honest effort, every
act of love, every quiet deed of faithfulness matters
deeply. Christian life is not just about believing, it's
about living our faith. Our work, whatever it may be, is
part of our worship. As the hymn says, 'What we do in
any thing, we do it Lord, for thee.'

Paul's words in the last sentence could be a motto for
us: 'Do not be weary in doing what is right'. Yet every
post, every advert break on television, every newspaper
brings a plea for us to donate to some worthy charity
and doing good feels tiring and impossible. Paul reminds
us: Don't stop. Don't give up. Don't grow weary. To be
more positive: Do what you can because even when no

one seems to notice, God sees. Even if our contribution feels small, God blesses it and even when the world seems dark, the light of Christ shines through those who keep doing good.

As a church family, we're called to work faithfully, not just for wages, but as service to God; support one another; encourage responsibility in all and persevere in loving and caring, not letting cynicism or fatigue stop us. Let the the world see Christ at work in our community.

Hilary Painter

Bible Readings:

Sunday 16th November 2025

2nd Sunday before Advent

Malachi 4.1-2a

4 See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

2 But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

6 Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you,

8 and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.

9 This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.

10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

11 For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21.5-19

5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said,

6 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

7 They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?'

8 And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

9 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.'

10 Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;

11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

13 This will give you an opportunity to testify.

14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance;

15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

17 You will be hated by all because of my name.

18 But not a hair of your head will perish.

19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Psalm for Sunday 16th November

2nd Sunday before Advent

Psalm 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.

2 His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
of our God.

5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.

6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sound praises before the Lord, the King.

8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

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

Monday 1st December at 7.30pm

St Michael & All Angels Church, Hallaton

RSVP by Sunday 24th November to

Madeleine Wang madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com

This special service will be livestreamed on Zoom



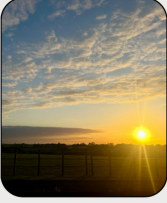
YOU'RE INVITED TO
'NEW BEGINNINGS'
A Service of Welcome for
The Reverend Crystal McAllister

and Commitment to Shared Ministry in the Launde
Minster Community

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER 7.30PM

TO BE LICENSED AS RECTOR OF
THE COPLOW BENEFICE & PRIEST
IN CHARGE OF THE GAULBY
GROUP: THE WHITBOROUGH
GROUP: HALLATON AND
ALLEXTON WITH HORNINGHOLD,
SLAWSTON, TUGBY AND EAST
NORTON; THE LANGTONS AND
SHANTON; AND WELHAM,
GLOOSTON, CRANOE AND
STONTON WYVILLE.

& COMMISSIONED AS OVERSIGHT
MINISTER OF LAUNDE MINSTER
COMMUNITY.



HOSTED BY ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
CHURCH, HALLATON, LE16 8TY
/// ANGRY.GRANDEST.YOURS

With The Rt Reverend Saju Muthulaly, Bishop of
Loughborough and The Venerable Archdeacon of
Leicester Richard Trethewey

followed by wine and nibbles

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madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com

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

Join with us &
Revd Susan Leighton
at 11 am
For
Holy Communion
With a focus on the
Mothers Union
'Rise up' Campaign

**RISE
UP**
against
domestic
abuse

Organised by the Mothers Union Hallaton Group
Diocese of Leicester

The next Launde Deanery/ Minster Community Service

Sunday 30th November at 11am at St Thomas
Becket Church, Skeffington



The service will be led by Revd Crystal McAllister

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>



To: All within the Launde Deanery Minster Community

Dear friends,

I'm sorry it's taken so long for me to write to
thank you for your friendship and your gift to us
as a family. We are actually hosting a barbecue in
a couple of weeks or families with teenagers.
We have been warmly welcomed into the
churches of the Glaven Valley, Hugo and Ethan
have settled into new schools, Amber is
continuing her dance studies in Leicester and
commuting home at weekends and Emma and I
are in the process of discerning where are
priorities for ministry might lie. Each of my five
churches are actively involved in acts of loving
service and creativity and so I am beginning to
look at how we can focus our attention on families
and welcoming them into the life of the Church.
There was a monthly café Church in Cley which is
a great help, the school is really open and wanting
to work with me (it only has 33 children and two
classes!) and each church has a rich tradition of
outward looking events.

It's been a really big move for us as we lived in the
Market Harborough area and we're involved in
Church Langton School for over 10 years, so it's
gonna take a little while to feel settled, but we're
getting there. Do pray for us as we discern what
priorities I imagine, but also as we respond to

God's call upon our own lives.

We were so pleased to hear of Crystal's appointment as Oversight Minister and I will be praying for her she takes on the role. I would also continue to pray for the Minister Community as you draw closer together.

North Norfolk is a beautiful place to visit, so whether you just want to pop in for a coffee or need a parking space on the drive, just shout.

Lots of love and God bless

Jonathan and Family

(just taken him on my daily walk at 4:40 p.m. today... it's a hard life)



A date for your diary: Friday 6th March 2026

World Day of Prayer 'I will give you rest, come' at St Thomas Beckett, Tugby

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



Janet Doughty (Tugby), Mary Twidell (Horninghold), Valerie Chouler and Sarah Holland (Skeffington), Carol Johnson (East Norton), Katherine Hammond (Great Easton) and Linda Jones (Hallaton) met for a preliminary look at the Order of Service and what is needed. There were several apologies from those who could not make the meeting.

We would love others to join with us from other churches across the Minster Community. It is a team effort, so it is not too time-consuming. The next meeting of the Planning Group is on Friday 16th January at 10.30am in Tugby Church. Let Linda Jones know if you would like to attend:
L.jones2k@btinternet.com

Food Bank Appeal: The Well

Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks. All donations welcome, which may be left in any of our Church porches, or you can donate online.

To make a donation to The Well's Food bank fund, by bank transfer to *The Well Kibworth*

Sort Code: 40-32-04 **Acc:** 41666959 **Ref:** 'Foodbank'

Gift Aid Forms can be downloaded from the website:

<https://www.thewellkibworth.org/support-us>

Food Bank Appeal: Jubilee Foodbank

Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks.

Jubilee Foodbank Market Harborough

You can drop off donations at **Hallaton Church** or to Linda Jones at **25, Eastgate, Hallaton at any time**. Please note that all food collected is non-perishable, long-life or tinned.

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

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

They also need:

UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Tinned chicken, Hot Dogs (Tins or jars), Tinned red meat, Tinned Carrots, Corned Beef, Tinned meatballs, Chicken in sauce, Dried potatoes (Smash), Marmalade, Jam, Biscuits, Tinned potatoes, Crisps, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned chickpeas, mixed chilli beans, lentils, Custard, Tinned rice pudding, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), 'No Cook' meals for the homeless, Cordial, Coffee (small jars) Fray Bentos pies, Pasta sauce, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), Tinned peas, Tinned vegetarian meals, such as veggie chilli, Meals that do not need cooking e.g. John West Fish and rice meals, Snacks and cereal bars, Fruit squash/ juice, Microwave puddings, Pasta sauce, Peanut butter, Tinned Pasta, Sandwich paste, Teabags, Tuna, ALPRO yoghurts (long-life, for the shelf not fridge), Long-life meals, Robinsons minis or similar for families (small squash concentrates), Small cartons of long life milk (for homeless people or someone without a fridge)

The list of food always required is on the website:

<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>

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



St Peter's Church, Tilton:

Friday Mornings 'Coffee and Chat'

Between 10.30 – 12.00noon

Café Morrell St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton
Tuesday Mornings Coffee, Cake and Chat
Between 10.00 to 12.30pm



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

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 Newsletters?

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Extracts from Diomail

10TH November

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 10rd November:

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

'Actions Speak Louder' - Safeguarding Sunday 2025



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

Spearheaded by **Thirtyone: eight**, communities are invited to reflect on their safeguarding journey, and highlight all the good work that is being done to create safer places.

Watch this video about the importance and impact of marking Safeguarding Sunday in your church:

<https://vimeo.com/1090512586?fl=pl&fe=sh>

The theme this year is 'Towards a safer Church'; for a useful set of Liturgical Resources from the Church of England click here: <https://safeguardingsunday.org>

Interfaith Round Table in Parliament

Bishop Martyn recently attended a high-level interfaith discussion in the House of Lords.

Representatives of different faith communities were present, including the new Minister of State for Faith and Communities, Miatta Fahnbulleh, and the new interfaith adviser, and the new inter-faith adviser to the Prime Minister, Dilwar Hussain.

The meeting was called to address perceived breakdown in community relations following the conflict in Gaza and Israel, as well as local disturbances in many towns and cities last summer.

All those present were united in their view that the country faces very serious challenges in terms of relationships between different faith communities, even in places where relationships have traditionally been very strong, such as Leicester.

Inter Faith Week began on Sunday 9 November and is a time to remember together the contributions of all faiths and none, and to consider how best we can create a just, peaceful, and harmonious world. Read more here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/inter-faith-week-2025.php>