



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 27th November 2025

Sunday 30th November

First Sunday of Advent

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **DECEMBER 2025** (as of 27th 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:

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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=VtUdahsUf34Vc7Bbr5qVFoeiobrOO8.1>

Meeting ID: 817 5122 7280 Passcode: 419620

Sunday 30th November 11am Zoom

Launde MC Zoom Church ***All are welcome***

Leader & Reflection: Linda Jones

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

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Monday 1st December 7.30pm

Revd Crystal McAllister's Commissioning Service & Celebration at St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton

All are welcome in person and online

Leader: Bishop Saju

To Join click on this special link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81541684874?pwd=EWYdlvZ8UmbysmFpIMjRxZDZUpktfa.1>

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Reflection: Sunday 30th November

First Sunday of Advent,

"The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber. The night is nearly over. The day is almost here." Romans 13

When I don't sleep well and wake up in the dark of the night I often wonder; should I get up and make that first cup of tea? should I doze until the light comes? or should I make use of this quiet time to pray? Whatever I choose, dawn will arrive in time.

Paul uses the image of sleep to exhort the church in Rome to wake up to Christ's coming into the world. The blackness of night can be seen as a world of immorality and selfishness but the coming of Christ offers a new day, the end to a dark age and the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to establish his Kingdom on earth.

Therefore, as believers, we are encouraged to be fully awake and dressed for a new reality, clothed "with the Lord Jesus Christ"; making ourselves ready to obey God's commands and learn how to live out his Word.

We hear Paul's words to the Romans again as we start a new church year, during which we live out God's purposes in anticipation of Jesus, Christ the King. With the promise of Jesus' coming and the dawn of a new day, we follow the cycle of his birth, his life, his death finally the resurrection, within one year.

As we set out again on that spiritual journey let us be fully awake, alert to the reality of God. Let us shake off any dark areas or complacency in our lives and look again to the light that is in the world; the light that will overcome darkness.

Revd John Taylor

Collects for Sunday 30th November

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Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great
humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to
judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Bible Readings:

Sunday 30th November 2025

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Isaiah 2.1-5

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning
Judah and Jerusalem.
2 In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established
as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall
stream to it.
3 Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up
to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us
his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion
shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
4 He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat
their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not
lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
5 O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Romans 13.11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the
moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is
nearer to us now than when we became believers;

12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay
aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of
light;
13 let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling
and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness,
not in quarrelling and jealousy.
14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no
provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24.36-44

36 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither
the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of
the Son of Man.
38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating
and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the
day Noah entered the ark,
39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and
swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the
Son of Man.
40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and
one will be left.
41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will
be taken and one will be left.
42 Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what
day your Lord is coming.
43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had
known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he
would have stayed awake and would not have let his
house be broken into.
44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man
is coming at an unexpected hour.

Psalm for Sunday 30th November

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Psalm 122

1 I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
2 And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem;
3 Jerusalem, built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
5 For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.
6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.'
7 'Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your palaces.'
8 For my kindred and companions' sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.
9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.

Launde Deanery Minster Community Service

Sunday 30th November at **10am** at St Thomas Becket Church, Skeffington



The service will be led by Revd Crystal McAllister

Carols in the Chapel & Christmas Lunch at Launde Abbey

Monday 15th December at 12noon

Some of the congregation of the Zoom Church are joining together to enjoy Carols in the Chapel, followed by lunch, at Launde Abbey.

There are still a few places available for others in the Minster Community, if you would like to join them.

The cost is £32 per person.

Please let Mary Twidell know: mary.twidell@gmail.com

Joyous Music and Christmas Carols

Sunday 7th December at 3pm in Gaulby Church

Tickets £15 Phone 079707

hilarypainter@rocketmail.com

Joyous music
and Christmas carols
in beautiful Gaulby church

Sunday
7 December
@ 3pm

Mozart - Quartet for flute, violin, viola
and cello in A Major, KV 296
Neumann - String Trio in D major, Op. 12
Krumpholtz - Quartet for flute, violin, viola
and cello in D major, Op. 93
Christmas carols to join in

Lisa Nelson flute
The English String Trio
Julian Metzger cello
Mike Gennard violin
Hannah Horton viola

Tickets £15
(children free)
Phone: 07970718867
hillypainter@rocketmail.com

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

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: HALLATON AND
ALLEXTON WITH HORNINGHOLD,
SLAWSTON, TUGBY AND EAST
NORTON; THE LANGTONS AND
SHANGTON; AND WELHAM,
GLOOSTON, CRANOE AND
STONTON WYVILLE.

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

followed by wine and nibbles

Revd Crystal's Licensing and Commissioning will now take place in 2 parts. Here is a communication from her:

Dear Friends,

The weather may be changing, but the celebrations are still on their way!

Following a few days of legal adjustments, the licensing and commissioning have now been separated across two days. The updated announcement was made on Monday of this week.

Further to our announcement of the 10th October 2025, we can now confirm:

Crystal will be legally licensed as Rector of the Coplow Benefice and Priest in Charge of The Gaulby Group; The Whatborough Group; Hallaton and Allextion with Horninghold, Slawston, Tugby and East Norton; The Langtons and Shangton; and Welham, Glooston, Cranoe and Stonton Wyville, at the **Launde Deanery Minster Community Service on Sunday 30th November 2025 at 10am at St Thomas a Becket, Skeffington.**

Crystal will then be commissioned as Oversight Minister by the Bishop of Loughborough, on **Monday 1st December 2025, at 7.30pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton.**

The service on the Sunday at Skeffington Church, LE7 9YD, Archdeacon Richard will be preaching, and I will be presiding. It is a Holy Communion service; all are most welcome.

Please do car share wherever possible, being mindful of local residents and leave plenty of time to park for both services.

We look forward to welcoming you.

With every blessing,
Crystal

All are welcome at both services.

The service at Hallaton on Monday 1st December at 7.30pm will be livestreamed on Zoom – see special Zoom link above



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

A date for your diary: Friday 6th March 2026

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

Christmas Carols at Gaulby Lodge Farm

Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm



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

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)

Celebration of Christmas in words & music

Saturday 20th December at 7.30pm

Tickets £16 or £9

Box Office: 01858 467463 j.r.balme@btinternet.com



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>



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Do you want to have a look for something in previous editions of the Newsletters?

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Extracts from Diomail

24th November

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 24th November:

https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-24-november-2025/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com

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<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/diomail/>

Leicester Diocese - Events and Training:

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

Blue Christmas



As we come to the end of November, our thoughts turn to Advent and the festivities that follow. The Christmas season is often associated with joy and celebration, but for some, it can be a very challenging time.

Many churches now hold services or share resources for "Blue Christmas", which is all about acknowledging those feelings and offering support to those who might be struggling.

What is a Blue Christmas service?

A Blue Christmas service is all about creating a comforting space for people who might find this time of year challenging for various reasons. It's a chance to reflect, remember, and find a bit of peace. Whenever you choose to hold a service, or perhaps choose to raise awareness in other ways, Blue Christmas is a useful reminder to support those who find Advent and Christmas particularly hard. **Read more here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/blue-christmas.php>

Global Carol Service



Saturday 13 December, 5pm–6.30pm – St. Paul's Church, Oadby, Leicester

A reminder that the Diocese of Leicester's Global Carol Service takes place in just a few weeks and everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

Our Intercultural Worshipping Communities invite you to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with a vibrant blend of music, language, and community. This event will feature choir singing, readings, and prayers reflecting various cultures. Experience carols sung in multiple languages as we come together to tell the Christmas story that unites hearts across all nations.

After the service, enjoy warm fellowship and taste global flavours. **Entry is free.**