



Launde Minster Community Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 15th January 2026

Sunday 18th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January

Attached are the MC Worship Plans for JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2026 (as of 15th January)

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:

I.jones2k@btconnect.com 07851163712

You can also find the **Minster Community Worship Plan**, 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. *See Worship Plan for details*

💻 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=VtUdahsUf34Vc7Bbr5gVfoeiobrO08.1>

Meeting ID: 817 5122 7280 Passcode: 419620

💻 Sunday 18th January 11am

Launde Minster Community Online Church

All are welcome

Leader & Reflection: Hilary Painter

To join the livestream, click on this zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQK191dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

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Collects for Sunday 18th January

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your
grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 18th January

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

I love the openings of Paul's letters, each so personal. He begins this letter to the Corinthians by reminding them who they are *before* addressing what they are doing wrong. This harks back to God's words at the baptism of Jesus, '*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*', words spoken before Jesus's ministry had begun.

They remind us that his church is not a gathering of a godly elite, but for ordinary people who have chosen to follow God's grace in Jesus Christ.

Paul emphasises that we are called *together*, to work in and with our communities and, like the Corinthians, we share grace, peace, and a common Lord. Christ belongs to all believers equally.

Paul had heard reports of divisions within the church in Corinth. They are beginning to define themselves by human loyalties rather than by their shared identity in Christ. Therefore their witness was being damaged when rivalry, pride, and 'tribal' loyalties replaced love and humility.

I don't know if you've made, and broken, new year resolutions but January is a good time to reflect on the last year, both individually and as communities. Are our Christian beliefs guiding our decisions or are we letting personalities, traditional viewpoints and personal points of view colour our thoughts and prevent deeper understanding and understanding?

If that is so, how can we change our attitudes and actions so that we contribute to the unity of Christ's church on earth, rather than division? Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us that the church is God's work and God's people and its unity is something we are called to protect. We work for it as a common purpose; maybe in different ways but always remembering that line from a favourite hymn of mine: One Church, One Faith, One Lord!

Hilary Painter

Bible Readings:

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Isaiah 49.1-7

1. Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord
 called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a
 polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
3 And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
4 But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet
 surely my cause is with the Lord,
 and my reward with my God.'
5 And now the Lord says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to
 bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am
 honoured in the sight of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength-
6 he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my
 servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as
 a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'
7 Thus says the Lord,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one
 deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because
 of the Lord, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will
 of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who
 are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together
 with all those who in every place call on the name of our
 Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
 Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the
 grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in
 speech and knowledge of every kind-
6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened
 among you-
7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you
 wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may
 be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the
 fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1.29-42

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and
 declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the
 sin of the world!'

30 This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man
 who ranks ahead of me because he was before me."

31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with
 water for this reason, that he might be revealed to
 Israel.'

32 And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from
 heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.'

33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me
 to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see
 the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes
 with the Holy Spirit."

34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is
 the Son of God.'

35 The next day John again was standing with two of
 his disciples,

36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,
 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'

37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they
 followed Jesus.

38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said
 to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him,
 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are
 you staying?'

39 He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw
 where he was staying, and they remained with him that
 day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed
 him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We
 have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed).

42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and
 said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called
 Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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Psalm 40.1-12

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
2 He brought me out of the roaring pit,
out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.
3 He has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.
4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.
5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.
How great your designs for us!
There is none that can be compared with you.
6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them
they would be more than I am able to express.
7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire
but my ears you have opened;
8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not
required;
then said I: 'Lo, I come.
9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me
that I should do your will, O my God;
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'
10 I have declared your righteousness in the great
congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips,
and that, O Lord, you know.
11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth
from the great congregation.
12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;
let your love and your faithfulness always preserve
me,

Launde Minster Community

Online Zoom Church *A date for your diary*

Sunday 25th January at 11am

Reflection by The Archdeacon of Leicester,
Venerable Richard Trethewey

We are very pleased to welcome Archdeacon Richard to our Online Church Service on Sunday 25th January when he will be leading the reflection.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this service.

If you would like to join us, use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQK191dakSkeAh5kb0eu8idqGI8Q.1>

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

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Praying Pilgrims in February 2026

Launde Minster Community

As part of our ongoing support to all the parishes across the LMC, a group of us, *Praying Pilgrims*, will join together at the churches listed, to reflect and pray for the needs of the church and community.

Every Wednesday for a 9.00am start.

The rota for February is:

February 4: Slawston

February 11: Keyham

February 18: Knossington

February 25: Hungarton

We would encourage and greatly welcome others to join us for Morning Prayers.

Rev David Palmer and Rev Crystal McAllister



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

Hallaton Museum – Online Talk

'Following in the footsteps of medieval church art' by Dr Miriam Gill

Tuesday 27th January at 7pm by Zoom



Miriam Gill, from Vaughan College, is an expert on medieval wall-painting. She gave an excellent talk at the Hallaton Festival of Archaeology this year, so we are delighted that she has agreed to give this talk online for us. The talk is free but donations are appreciated.

Everyone is welcome

If you would like to attend, please contact Linda Jones on l.jones2k@btinternet.com or 07851 163712

Board Game Social

Monday 19th January 1-3pm at A J Atkinson & Son, 12 London Road, Oadby

Board games optional but tea and cake are too good to refuse!

To book call 0116 2712340 or email:
victoria@ajadkinson.com or just drop in



Forwarded by Revd Philip Norwood

Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks:

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, 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:**

Custard, Chicken in sauce, Tinned Ham, Peanut butter, Packet Rice (500g if possible), Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Teabags, Tinned Fruit, Jam, Corned Beef.

They also need:

Crackers, Fray Bentos pies, Porridge Oats, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Sugar (500g), Deodorant, Cereal, Pasta sauces, Tinned Sweetcorn, Baked Beans with Sausages, Tinned chicken, Hot Dogs (Tins or jars,) Tinned red meat, Tinned Carrots, Tinned meatballs, Dried potatoes (Smash), Marmalade, Biscuits, Tinned potatoes, Crisps, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned chickpeas, mixed chilli beans, lentils, Tinned rice pudding, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), 'No Cook' meals for the homeless, Cordial, Coffee (small jars), Pasta sauce, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Tinned peas, Meals that do not need cooking e.g. John West Fish and rice meals, Snacks and cereal bars, Fruit squash/ juice, Microwave puddings, Tinned Pasta, Sandwich paste, 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)

Extracts from Diomail

Monday 12th January

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 12th January:

https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-12-january-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com

You can subscribe to receive the weekly Diomail here:

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

Leicester's Cultural Stories Shared Through Conversations

St Philip's Centre is preserving the memories and experiences that lie behind cohesion and community spirit by recording and documenting 103 stories from those who have made their home in Leicester.

A rich variety of cultures and experiences can be found within Leicester, with roughly one third of participants born overseas, a third from the UK outside of Leicester itself, and a third born within Leicester.

There are nine main chapters, covering the following themes:

- Only in Leicester
- Free to be me
- Where is home?
- Changes, good and bad
- Stories of welcome and exclusion
- Barriers and challenges
- Lived religion and belief
- Celebrating Leicester
- Quirky treasure

This project is generously supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

View Stories here:

<https://www.stphilipscentre.co.uk/memories-of-living-well-together/> and contact Tom

Wilson director@stphilipscentre.co.uk to order a copy of the book or to organise a visit to your church group to discuss the project. **Read the full story here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/st-philips-centre-to-record-and-archive-leicester-conversations.php>

