



Launde Minster Community Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 8th January 2026

Sunday 11th January, 1st Sunday of Epiphany, Baptism of Christ

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **JANUARY 2026** (as of 8th 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:

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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=VtUdahsUf34Vc7Bbr5gVfoeiobrOO8.1>

Meeting ID: 817 5122 7280 Passcode: 419620

💻 Sunday 11th January 11am

Launde Minster Community Online Church

All are welcome

Leader: Hilary Painter

To join the livestream, click on this zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

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Collects for Sunday 11th January 2026

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Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted
children;
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

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

Reflection: Sunday 11th January 2026

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Matthew 3: 13-end

The gospel reading set for today marks the start of Jesus's public ministry. All the synoptic gospels place this story of the baptism of Jesus at the start of Jesus's ministry. John's gospel places a meeting between John the Baptist and Jesus making the same point of marking the start of the public ministry of Jesus early in the text. Luke follows Mark by focusing only on the voice from heaven. Matthew following Mark also reports the voice from heaven but expands the narrative to give us an insight into the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist, and the way that John the Baptist immediately identifies Jesus as the Messiah. In the narrative in John's gospel, although the baptism is omitted this same point is made. So, I would suggest that the gospel writers are trying to convey two distinct points through the baptism of Jesus story. First the public acknowledgement of God, where Matthew and Luke follow Mark by stating that God declared that Jesus was his own son, whom he loved and with whom he was well pleased, and the second message pronounced by Matthew and John, that John the Baptist acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah. Having established Jesus's credentials, his ministry could begin.

Mike Hammond

Bible Readings:

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Isaiah 42.1-9

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my
spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
2 He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
3 a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
4 He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
5 Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have
 given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the
 prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
8 I am the Lord, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
9 See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare; before they spring
 forth,
 I tell you of them.

Acts 10.34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly
 understand that God shows no partiality,
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does
 what is right is acceptable to him.
36 You know the message he sent to the people of
 Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-he is Lord of all.
37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in
 Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy
 Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good
 and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God
 was with him.
39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and
 in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a
 tree;
40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him
 to appear,
41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by
 God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after
 he rose from the dead.

42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to
 testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the
 living and the dead.

43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who
 believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his
 name.'

Matthew 3.13-end

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan,
 to be baptized by him.
14 John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be
 baptized by you, and do you come to me?'
15 But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is
 proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then
 he consented.
16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came
 up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened
 to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a
 dove and alighting on him.
17 And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the
 Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
 aspire to the Lord glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders;
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
 the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
 and Sirion like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
 and strips the forests bare;
 in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
10 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.



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)

Diomail

There is no Diomail until 12th Januray

Meanwhile, you can subscribe to receive the weekly Diomail here:

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