

Launde Minster Community



Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 16th April 2026

Sunday 19th April, Easter 3

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **APRIL 2026** (as of 16th April)

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 **Launde 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

Saturday 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 19th April at 11am

Launde Minster Community

Online Church

Easter 3

Leader & Reflection: Sue Sills

To join, click on this zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

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Collects for Sunday 19th April

Easter 3

Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us,

that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life

and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;

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

Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life

and fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 19th April

Easter 3

The story of the road to Emmaus is a deeply human one, where confusion and disappointment are followed by the slow rekindling of hope. The two disciples, walking away from Jerusalem, are weighed down by the apparent failure of all they'd believed in. Jesus had been crucified, and with him, their expectations had died.

They speak of the empty tomb, but do not understand its meaning.

When Jesus comes alongside they do not recognise him.

He listens first, acknowledging their uncertainty, not with immediate correction, but with authority. Then he begins to reinterpret their story, showing how suffering and glory are woven together in God's purposes.

This passage resonates powerfully today. Many people walk their own roads to Emmaus, burdened by personal loss, global uncertainty, or a sense that hope has faded. Like the disciples, we may feel that events have not unfolded as we expected or prayed for. Faith can seem distant, even when we continue to speak about it.

However, the Emmaus story reminds us that Christ is not absent in these moments. He walks beside us, often unrecognised, in conversations, in scripture, and in the quiet friendship of others. The turning point came in the breaking of the bread, a simple, familiar act through which their eyes were opened.

Even today, in ordinary, shared moments, the extraordinary presence of Christ is revealed.

We need to be watchful. Where might Christ already be present in our lives, even if we have not yet recognised him? And how might we, like the disciples, move from discouragement to renewed purpose?

The journey ends not in Emmaus, but back in Jerusalem, as the disciples return with joy to share their news, as it has been shared down the centuries. Even today, belief can rekindle within us as we rediscover that hope is alive, often closer than we think.

Hilary Painter

Bible Readings: Sunday 19th April Easter 3

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

36 Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?'

38 Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.'

40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.'

41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

1 Peter 1.17-23

17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,

19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24.13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

17 And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.

18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?'

19 He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.'

25 Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?'

27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

29 But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

32 They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

34 They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!'

35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sunday 19th April

Easter 3

Psalm 116 1-3, 10-end

- 1 I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord
for all the benefits he has given to me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Alleluia.

Tugby Church – Choral Evensong, sung by Leicester Cathedral Choir

Sunday 19th April at 4pm

Please stay after the service for refreshments

**Leicester Cathedral Choir is visiting
Tugby Church
on
Sunday, 19th April**

Join us at 4 pm for Choral Evensong,
sung by the Cathedral Choir
The service will be full of joyful music for the
Easter season

Please stay after the service for refreshments

Praying Pilgrims in Launde Minster Community April & May 2026

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 April and May is:

April 22: **Welham**

April 29: **Thorpe Langton**

May 6: **Gaulby**

May 13: **East Norton**

May 20: **Tilton on the Hill**

May 27: **Skeffington**

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

Rev David Palmer and Rev Crystal McAllister

Church Langton 'The Choral'

Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm

**Langton Community Hall, Church Langton
LE16 7SZ**

Written by Alan Bennett, directed by Nicholas Hytner and starring Ralph Fiennes, this film comes with very good reviews. £8 cash on the door.



In the Evening Light - Choral Reflections at the Close of Day by Harborough Singers

Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm

Methodist Church, Market Harborough

Tickets: £10

To book: online: harboroughsingers.com

Email: adelerogers59@gmail.com

Box office: 07581 341957

HARBOROUGH SINGERS PRESENTS

In the Evening Light
Choral Reflections at the close of day

Conductor **Charlie Penn**
Accompanist **Andrew King**

Methodist Church
Northampton Road, Market Harborough

Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm

Tickets: £15.00
Online: harboroughsingers.com
Email: adelerogers59@gmail.com
Box Office: 07581 341957



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

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:** Deodorant, Teabags (80), Toothpaste, Shower gel or soap, Jam, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Jars of Coffee (100grams), Tinned vegetarian meals, Jam, Rice Pudding.

Other suggested donations: Corned Beef, Tinned peas, Custard, Tinned fruit, Jars of Pasta sauce, Dried Potato (Smash), Dried Packet Rice, Baked Beans, Strong clean 'bags for life', Porridge Oats, Sugar (500g), Tinned Baked beans with sausages, Cereal, Crackers, Tinned sweetcorn, Dried potatoes (Smash), Tinned red meat, Tinned meatballs, chicken in sauce, Biscuits, Sweets, Snacks and Crisps, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned chickpeas, mixed chilli beans, lentils, Tinned rice pudding, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), 'No Cook' meals for the homeless, Cordial, Marmalade, Tinned potatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Tinned ham, Crackers, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), 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, 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), Mayonnaise, Angel Delight, Small sachets of herbs,

Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Sunscreen (for homeless people in the summer), Feminine products – sanitary towels, tampons

The list of food always required is on the website:
<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>



Diomail – 13th April 2026

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 13th April:

https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-13-april-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com

You can subscribe to receive the weekly Diomail here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/diomail/>
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Survey: Supporting Churches in a Polarised Environment



The Promoting Unity in our Nation group, chaired by Bishop Martyn, want to hear from church leaders in the Diocese of Leicester about whether political and social polarisation is having an effect in your communities and, if so, what resources you would find useful.

To hear your thoughts, the group are piloting a survey. It has just two questions and is completely anonymous. If successful, the group hope to roll it out more widely across the Church of England.

The responses to the survey will be analysed and presented to the bishops to inform their next steps. The Promoting Unity in our Nation group was set up last Autumn at the request of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to consider questions of national unity and diversity amid concerns about polarisation within society, and to equip local churches to help bridge divides.

Complete the survey here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdW5xqWgMjRRRljYbueqK1OR9cb9m2ELdsmXgoX7jj9x0tZ_g/viewform