

Launde Minster Community



Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 30th April 2026

Sunday 3rd May, Easter 5

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **MAY 2026** (as of 30th 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 3rd May at 11am

Launde Minster Community

Online Church

Easter 5

Leader & Reflection: Madeleine Wang

To join, click on this zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idgGI8Q.1>

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Collects for Sunday 3rd May

Easter 5

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help

we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Risen Christ,

your wounds declare your love for the world

and the wonder of your risen life:

give us compassion and courage

to risk ourselves for those we serve,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 3rd May

Easter 5

"No one comes to the Father except through me", Jesus tells his disciples. He is eating with the Twelve in the Upper Room after their last Supper together. What is he saying? - 'No one can come to God except through me'? Surely not. Jesus has taught his followers to understand God as an intimate loving Father, 'Abba', and he is unique in teaching his followers to make knowing God as a loving Father as the basis of our faith.

St. Paul must have heard Jesus talking about that. He would have discussed Jesus' teachings so thoroughly that he hated all that Jesus stood for, and Paul did his best to eliminate Jesus' memory. On his way to attack Christians in Damascus, however, he heard a voice saying, 'Saul it is hard for you to kick against all the teachings that deep down you have come to see are actually true'. Almost certainly, his experience of watching Stephen die would have contributed to his amazing conversion.

For us to be able to call God, “Abba, Father” is fundamental to our Christian life. Philip had to learn that in the Upper Room – “Lord, show us the Father,” he asks, and Jesus patiently explains. Peter in his Epistle speaks of Christians as ‘God’s own people’ and he speaks of our task to be a living Temple which exists to tell everyone of the Father God who calls us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Stephen the deacon did just that in repeating Jesus’ teachings about the Law and the Temple. God’s light of integrity, love and forgiveness shone through him as he suffered the blows of the rocks being thrown at him. Stephen’s example must encourage all Christians to come together as God’s children, to be a living House for the Father, and to continue and extend the work of Jesus in the world today.

Revd Philip Norwood

Bible Readings: Sunday 3rd May Easter 5

Acts 7.55-end

55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

56 ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’

57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’

60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

1 Peter 2.2-10

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation-

3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and

5 like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

7 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’,

8 and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall. ‘They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

10 Once you were not a people,

but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

John 14.1-14

14 ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

5 Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’

6 Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

8 Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’

9 Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Sunday 3rd May Easter 5

Psalms 31.1-5, 15-16

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; guide me, and lead me for your name’s sake.

4 Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,

for you are my strength.

- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
15 'My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.'

Praying Pilgrims in Launde Minster Community May & June 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 May & June is:

May 6: Gaulby

May 13: East Norton

May 20: Tilton on the Hill

May 27: Skeffington

June 3: Loddington

June 10: Tugby

June 17: Owston

June 24: Billesdon

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

Rev David Palmer and Rev Crystal McAllister

Coffee Morning at Skeffington Church Saturday 2nd May 10am - 12 noon



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:** Tinned Custard, Tinned fruit, Tinned beans (kidney, chickpeas, etc), Pot Noodle, Breakfast cereal, Jars of Pasta sauce, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned peas, Tinned carrots, Peanut butter, 'No Cook' products, long life e.g. John West Fish and pasta meals, Kettle only products e.g. noodles, couscous, soups, Microwave puddings, Jam, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Rice Pudding.

Other suggested donations: Jars of Coffee (100grams), Tinned vegetarian meals, Teabags (80), Corned Beef, Dried Potato (Smash), Dried Packet Rice, Baked Beans, Strong clean 'bags for life', Porridge Oats, Sugar (500g), Tinned Baked beans with sausages, Crackers, Dried potatoes (Smash), Tinned red meat, Tinned meatballs, chicken in sauce, Biscuits, Sweets, Snacks and Crisps, Tinned tomatoes, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), Cordial, Marmalade, Tinned potatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Tinned ham, Crackers, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), Snacks and cereal bars, Fruit squash/ juice, Microwave puddings, Tinned pasta, Sandwich paste, Tuna, ALPRO yoghurts (long-life, for the shelf not fridge), 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, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shower gel or soap, 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 – 27th April 2026

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 27th April:

https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-27-april-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/>

Diocese Marks Centenary with Celebrations of Faith, Hope, Diversity and a Visit from the Archbishop



The Diocese of Leicester will mark its Centenary in 2026-27 with a rich programme of worship, storytelling, civic events and church community participation, giving thanks for 100 years of God's faithfulness and looking ahead with hope.

Celebrations will begin with a service at Leicester Cathedral on **Saturday 12 September** and a diocesan gathering on the afternoon of **Sunday 13 September**, to which everyone is invited, and will welcome the newly enthroned Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, to Leicester.

Other key dates include the Centenary Day on **Thursday 12 November 2026** and the Centenary of the Cathedral's hallowing on **Sunday 21 February 2027**, framed by a series of engagements and activities across Leicester and Leicestershire.

Throughout the centenary period there will be a series of "Together for the Centenary" services held in parishes around the Diocese, combining thanksgiving for the past, honest lament for failings, and prayerful hope for the future. Music, words and symbols from the past 100 years will sit alongside today's diverse and intercultural expressions of worship.

The Centenary will also inspire heritage projects, walking trails, displays, prayer resources, and environmentally friendly merchandise.

Together, these events and initiatives will celebrate our Diocese's past, affirm our present calling, and renew our commitment to serve future generations.

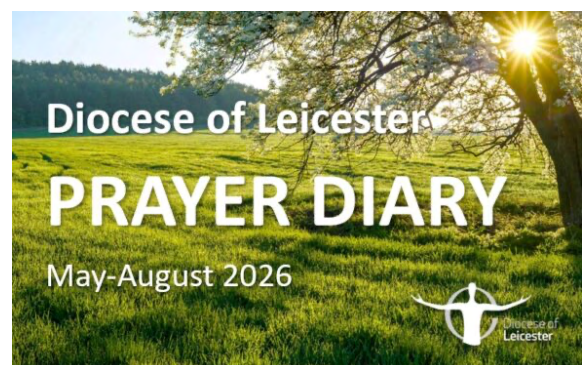
The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally said: "The Diocese of Leicester's centenary year is a testament to God's steadfast and enduring love, and his faithfulness to all generations. "Being invited to celebrate with Bishop Martyn and the people of Leicester and Leicestershire in September is a real privilege. While we celebrate one hundred years of this diverse diocese, we also look forward with hope, giving thanks for the ways that God is at work across its parishes and rural churches, its church schools, interfaith projects and hospital chaplaincies."

For now save the September dates. We'll bring you further information, news and ways to get involved soon!

Read the full story:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/diocese-marks-centenary-with-celebrations-of-faith-and-a-visit-from-the-abc.php>

Our Latest Prayer Diary:



Every four months, the diocese produces a prayer diary with daily prayer requests, including a cycle of prayers for our parishes and ministry teams.

Our latest diary for May-August is now available for you to use as part of your everyday prayer.

Download the latest prayer diary:

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/contnt/pages/documents/prayerdiary-may-aug-2026.pdf>