

Launde Minster Community



Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 7th May 2026

Sunday 10th May, Easter 6

Christian Aid Week 10-16 May

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **MAY 2026** (as of 7th May)

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 10th May at 11am

Launde Minster Community

Online Church

Christian Aid Week

Leader & Reflection: Hilary Painter

To join, click on this zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGl8Q.1>

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

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Collects for Sunday 10th May

Easter 6

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to
eternal joy;
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,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 10th May

Easter 6

1 Peter 3.13-end

This passage presents a composed and morally anchored vision of how one ought to live amid both harmony and opposition. It begins with a principle that seems self-evident: a life devoted to what is good ought not to invite harm. Yet the text quickly acknowledges a more complex reality—righteous conduct does not guarantee ease. There remains the possibility, even the likelihood, of suffering despite integrity.

In response, the reader is not urged toward resistance marked by fear or hostility, but toward interior steadiness. The exhortation to “not fear what they fear” reflects a call to reorient one’s sense of security. Rather than grounding peace in external circumstances or the approval of others, the passage directs attention inward, toward a settled confidence shaped by faith and conviction.

Particularly striking is the instruction regarding speech: one must be prepared to give an account of

one's hope, yet always with gentleness and respect. This balance is deliberate. It affirms the importance of clarity and conviction, while rejecting aggression or defensiveness. Truth, in this framework, is not advanced through force, but through measured and gracious expression.

The theme of conscience also carries weight. Maintaining a clear conscience is portrayed not merely as a private virtue, but as a quiet testimony. When conduct remains honourable, even in the face of accusation, it exposes the instability of unjust criticism. In this way, ethical consistency becomes a form of witness more persuasive than argument. The passage further situates suffering within a broader moral and spiritual context. To suffer for doing good is not presented as meaningless misfortune, but as something that participates in a larger pattern—one exemplified by Christ. This does not romanticize suffering; rather, it assigns to it a certain dignity when it is borne for the sake of righteousness.

Finally, the text lifts the reader's perspective beyond immediate circumstances. It gestures toward ultimate vindication and transformation, suggesting that present trials do not define the final outcome. The arc of the passage moves from practical conduct to enduring hope, encouraging a posture that is at once patient, resilient, and quietly confident. In sum, the passage calls for a life marked by disciplined character: steadfast in goodness, measured in speech, untroubled by fear, and sustained by a deeper hope that transcends present difficulty.

Bible Readings: **Sunday 10th May** **Easter 6**

Acts 17.22-31

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,

25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

28 For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

1 Peter 3.13-end

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,

15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you;

16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water.

21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

John 14.15-21

15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Sunday 10th May

Easter 6

Psalm 66.7-end

- 7 Bless our God, O you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
8 Who holds our souls in life
and suffers not our feet to slip.
9 For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
10 You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
12 I will come into your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
13 I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices
with the smoke of rams;
I will sacrifice oxen and goats.
14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.
15 I called out to him with my mouth
and his praise was on my tongue.
16 If I had nursed evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me,
17 But in truth God has heard me;
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

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 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

Owston: Lambing Service

Sunday 3rd May

Here are some lovely photos from Sunday's Lambing Service at Owston, very ably led by James McEuan with his young helpers! One late comer hovering at the door!



Tilton Church:

Loughborough Concert Band

Saturday 30 May at 7pm

Tickets £10 from:

Kathy 07917 168565, Brenda 07766 203051

In aid of roof repairs



Loughborough Concert Band

St Peter's Church, Tilton
Saturday 30 May, 7pm



In aid of Roof Repairs
Tickets £10 including refreshments available
from
Kathy - 07917 168565
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**Gaulby Church:
Tea & Cake Sale in aid of LOROS
Sunday 7th June 2-4pm**



**Gaulby Church:
Home-made cakes and Cream Teas
Every Saturday 2.30-4.30pm**



**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

There was no Diomail on 4th May

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