

# Launde Minster Community



## Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 4th June 2026

### Sunday 7th June, Trinity 1

Attached are the MC Worship Plan for **JUNE 2026** (as of 4th June)

**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.*

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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 7th June at 11am Launde Minster Community Online Church

**Leader & Reflection:** Madeleine Wang

**To join, click on this zoom link:**

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

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**Passcode:** 079282

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### Collects for Sunday 7th June - Trinity 1

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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**

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.

**Amen**

### Reflection: Sunday 7th June Trinity 1

We are not always happy when our plans and activities suddenly get changed and we have to react to a new set of circumstances.

In our Gospel passage today, we read that Jesus certainly had that problem. He is having a meal with a new recruit, Matthew, and Matthew's outsider friends crowd around him too. Just then, the ring-leader of Jesus' opponents, the Leader of the Synagogue, rushes in to say his daughter has died and would Jesus save her because he knows he can! Jesus goes with him, but on the way a woman suffering severely from haemorrhage touches Jesus in the crowd, and when Jesus confronts her, she is healed. Jesus eventually reaches the little girl, and despite more opposition from the mourners, he restores her to life. Meeting with Matthew's friends was really the golden opportunity that Jesus had wanted – but God had other plans for him.

God's plans for Abraham, Paul writes, were not straight forward. In the first place. Abraham didn't know where he was meant to be going, and when everything depended on having a son for God's promises to come

true, he was past having one. He just had to rely on his belief that God was in charge, whatever happened. Paul calls that faith.

Hosea talks of faith as the opposite of getting angry and despondent when plans and hopes go awry. Instead he calls people to 'return to the Lord', and 'press on to know the Lord', for it is when we forget that God is in charge that we get upset and frustrated.

So next time our hopes and plans get upended, see that as an opportunity for asking ourselves what it is that God wants for us to be or to do. That is faith.

**Revd Philip Norwood**

## **Bible Readings: Sunday 7th June Trinity 1**

### **Hosea 5.15-6.6**

5.15 I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favour:

- 6.1 'Come, let us return to the Lord;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.  
2 After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.  
3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to  
us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.'  
4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a  
morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgement goes forth as the light.  
6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

### **Romans 4.13-end**

- 13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.  
14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.  
15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.  
16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,  
17 as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.'

19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

22 Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.'

23 Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone,

24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,  
25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26**

9.9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

10. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

11. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?'

12. But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.'

13. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

18. While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.'

19. And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

20. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,

21. for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.'

22. Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well.

23. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion,

24. he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him.

25. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

26. And the report of this spread throughout that district.'

## Sunday 7th June

### Trinity 1

### Psalm 50.7-15

- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
‘I will testify against you, O Israel;  
for I am God, your God.
- 8 ‘I will not reprove you for your sacrifices,  
for your burnt offerings are always before me.
- 9 ‘I will take no bull out of your house,  
nor he-goat out of your folds,
- 10 ‘For all the beasts of the forest are mine,  
the cattle upon a thousand hills.
- 11 ‘I know every bird of the mountains  
and the insect of the field is mine.
- 12 ‘If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that fills it.
- 13 ‘Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 ‘Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and fulfil your vows to God Most High.
- 15 ‘Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you and you shall honour me.’

## Praying Pilgrims in Launde Minster Community June & July 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 June & July is:**

June 10: Tugby

June 17: Owston

June 24: Billesdon

July 01: Goadby

July 08: Tur Langton

July 15: Horninghold

July 22: Stonton Wyville

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

***Rev David Palmer and Rev Crystal McAllister***

## Philip Norwood - Celebrating 60 years as a Priest

**6.30pm on Sunday 7th June, Choral Evensong at St. James the Greater Church, London Road, Leicester**

Philip Norwood is marking 60 years as a priest at a service of Choral Evensong at 6.30pm at St. James the Greater in London Road, Leicester. ***Please feel welcome to attend. Parking is possible in nearby streets or in Victoria Park.***

## Gaulby Church:

### Tea & Cake Sale in aid of LOROS

Sunday 7th June 2-4pm



## Horninghold Witch Trials

The Horninghold Witch Trials took place in June 1709. The trials were not formal court proceedings but rather a series of public swimming tests.

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## St Peter's Church, Horninghold Spodo Komodo in Concert

**Folk & Early Music Re-imagined**

**Wednesday 10th June 7pm Entry £15**

**In aid of Church Fabric Fund**

Email: [horningholdpcc@gmail.com](mailto:horningholdpcc@gmail.com) with name and address and number of tickets required

Payment to: SPIRE

Sort code: 30-95-47 Account: 00648658



## Food for Thought An evening with Bishop Saju 'Christ, Cricket & Counter-formation

Launde Abbey on Tuesday 23rd June 6.45 for  
7.15pm start

Bookings (by Wednesday 17th June)

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About the speaker: Bishop Saju (Bishop of Loughborough) was born in Kerala, South India. He came to the U.K. in 2001 when he started for ordination. Talk is sponsored about cricket and reading and in his free time runs marathons and plays the guitar.

About Food for Thought: Talks about the faith and contemporary issues, arranged by a local group of Christians.

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



## Hungarton Open Gardens

13 and 14 June 11am to 5pm on both days

Admission is £6 with free parking.

Lots to see: open gardens, stalls, refreshments and our beautiful Church of St John the Baptist will be open.

**The event raises money for our village charities including our Church.**



## St Peter's Church, Tilton:

Friday Mornings 'Coffee and Chat'

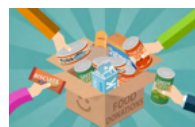
Between 10.30 – 12.00noon

## 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:** UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Tinned tomatoes, Long-life fruit juice, Cordial or squash, Dried mashed potato (Smash), Tinned chicken, Tinned red meat, Tinned Custard, Tinned fruit, Tinned beans (kidney, chickpeas, etc), Cereals, Cream Crackers, Jars of Pasta sauce, Bottled water.

**Other suggested donations:** 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, Pot Noodle, Jars of Coffee (100grams), Tinned vegetarian meals, Teabags (80), Corned Beef, Dried Packet Rice, Baked Beans, Strong clean 'bags for life', Porridge Oats, Sugar (500g), Tinned Baked beans with sausages, Tinned meatballs, chicken in sauce, Biscuits, Sweets, Snacks and Crisps, Sachet meals (pan or microwave), Marmalade, Tinned potatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Tinned ham, Tinned soup, Cup of soup, Sugar (500g), Snacks and cereal bars, 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 – Monday 1st June

**For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 1st June:**

[https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-1-june-2026/?newsletter\\_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-1-june-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

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

## Bishop Martin Visits Leicester's Romanian Orthodox Community



**Bishop Martyn recently met with Father Stefan and members of Leicester's Romanian Orthodox community.**

During the visit, he was shown around the church and spoke with the congregation about the challenges they have faced in migrating to Leicester, as well as their desire to play an active part in the city's community life and wider ecumenical relationships.

Bishop Martyn was accompanied by the Revd Dr Tom Wilson, Director of St Philip's Centre, which supports communities in learning how to live well together.

**Read the full story:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/bishop-martyn-visits-leicesters-romanian-orthodox-community.php>

## 'Goal of Life' World Cup Resources

**This summer, 2 in 3 people in the UK will be watching the Men's Football World Cup, and that's a remarkable opportunity.**

'Goal of Life', a football-themed Gospel from Hope Together, offers a simple, natural way to share Jesus right in the middle of it.

Combining real-life football stories and short punchy articles about prominent footballers and their faith with the Gospel of Mark, it's designed to connect with people beyond the church walls.

Whether you're hosting watch parties, gathering with friends, or simply having everyday conversations, Goal of Life helps turn one of the world's biggest shared moments into a meaningful opportunity to share hope.

**Find out more here:** <https://www.hopetogether.org.uk>

## Introduction to the new Places of Worship Renewal Fund

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Find out about the new grant scheme for places of worship and how to apply.

**Tuesday 9 June at 2pm and  
Wednesday 10 June at 7.30pm**



**The Church Buildings Team will be running two introductory webinars for parishes to explain what we know about the new Places of Worship Renewal Fund (PWRF) scheme so far and how to apply.**

The fund has been recently launched to support urgent repairs and essential improvements to places of worship. (See notices above.)

The webinars are scheduled for **Tuesday 9 June at 2pm** and **Wednesday 10 June at 7.30pm**.

Email [ChurchBuildings@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:ChurchBuildings@LeicesterCofE.org) if you would like to attend.