



Launde Minster Community

Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 29th October 2026

Sunday 1st November, All Saints Day

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **NOVEMBER 2026** (as of 29th October)

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 Plans**, 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 1st November at 11am

Launde Minster Community Online Church – All Saints Day

Leader: Linda Jones

Reflections: Mary Twidell, Philip Baughan, Cynthia McLaughlan

To join, click on this zoom link:

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

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Collects for Sunday 1st November All Saints Day

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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

Reflection: Sunday 1st November All Saints Day

Where would we be without heroes and role models? Youngsters dream about being footballers or cricketers, others about being astronauts or ballet dancers, some might revere great scientists or musicians. Perhaps everyone has some role model to give a sense of challenge and achievement and hope in life. For people of faith, the saints of every generation can be heroes and role models and they have been so for millions of us. Jesus calls them people who are 'blessed' – not just 'happy' but 'fulfilled'. Jesus talks about people who are committed enough to be fulfilled in poverty, like St. Francis; committed enough to be able to cope with loss, committed enough to be self-effacing, or full of enthusiasm, or prepared to forgive, or full of integrity or ready to work for peace, and so on. These are all qualities which call for self-sacrifice in some way, and that is recognised in John's vision of heaven. He writes of countless numbers who have lived lives of purity signified by wearing robes washed white in the

blood of Jesus, and carrying palm branches which denote martyrdom They for sure have achieved admission to the full life-giving presence of God. They know true bliss and the immeasurable presence of joy and love.

That love in all its heavenly glory is the same love that we experience now as we try to follow the way of 'blessedness', which is commitment and fulfilment in our life of faith and discipleship. We are very privileged to be able to follow the example of the Saints. We have nothing to lose by having heroes – providing they are of the right sort.

Revd Philip Norwood

Bible Readings:

Sunday 1st November

All Saints Day

Revelation 7.9-end

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

12 singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'

14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

1 John 3.1-3

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this:

when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1-12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Psalms 34.1-10

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

3 O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.

6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him
and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

Praying Pilgrims

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Do you desire to be in God's presence, experience His Holy Spirit? This is only a short conversation away, with Our Father in heaven. "Prayer doesn't change God, it changes me." CS Lewis.

Sometimes we can't find the words and all we can do is sigh in His presence (Romans 8:26-27). Other times, we sit quietly and wait for Him. At times, it is the words of the Lord's Prayer, as we acknowledge God alone is holy. At other times, it is the words of a Psalm that become our prayer.

Are you seeking forgiveness? (Psalm 51)

Asking for healing, mercy, relief from deep sickness.

(Psalm 6)

Seeking God's shelter. (Psalm 91)

Staying calm and taking refuge in a time of trouble.

(Psalm 46)

Asking God to show unfailing love. (Psalm 86)

Looking for God's presence. (Psalm 63)

A prayer of comfort for every season in life. (Psalm 23)

Every week in the Launde Minster Community, we have a time of prayer together. We are visiting every church in the community. Please join us on a Friday, venues and dates are published in the Worship Plan.

We are praying pilgrims on a pilgrimage (journey) and to talk with God. We meet at 11am on a Friday and at 7pm every third Friday in the month, it would be lovely if you would join us.

We have a short, very informal reflection, followed by a time of prayer. So do join us, pray a psalm, pray in silence, just sigh and God will hear!



OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:

Wellham

30th of October 11am Cranoe

Gaulby

6th of November 11am Illston

13th of November 11am Kings Norton (pray for Little Stratton)

20th of November 7pm Gaulby (3rd Friday)

Coplow

27th of November 11am Skeffington

4th of December 11am Keyham

11th of December 11am Hungarton

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Rev'd Crystal McAllister Uel Sandford

All Souls Day at Gaulby Church

Monday 2nd November at 6pm



Flowers of the Season – an afternoon of tea, entertainment & a flower demonstration in aid of St Andrew's Church, Welham

At Glooston Village Hall

Saturday 14th November at 3pm £30

For tickets contact Wendy Rhodes 01858 565804



All Saints Church Slawston

Saturday 28th November at 7pm

Guitar Recital given by James Woodrow

For tickets contact: Wendy Edmond 07746 018444



Buy your Christmas Card Stamps and support humanitarian work in Sudan and South Sudan

The war in Sudan has been described as 'The Forgotten War'. Did you know that:

- * Half of Sudan's population – more than 24.8 million people, almost 13.6 million of whom are children – are in need of urgent assistance.
 - * Sudan now has the world's largest number of internally displaced people, with more than 11 million people uprooted by the conflict which began in April 2023; 2 million more have left Sudan in search of safety.
- The churches in Sudan and South Sudan are in a desperate situation as they provide humanitarian aid to both the general population and their members. By buying new UK stamps through the CASSS (the Church Association of Sudan and South Sudan) you provide financial aid within standard prices. CASSS is a registered charity that buys the stamps legally through a stamp dealer at retail value. This allows CASSS to sell the stamps to you at normal wholesale prices. The difference in price provides funds for food and security to internal refugees sheltered by the churches. Stamps are available in all denominations. These include 'Special edition' stamps not commonly available. Please give your orders to John and Mary Twidell by **Friday 6th November**. Your stamps will then be delivered to you.

Mary.twidell@gmail.com 01858 555 204

Further details at <https://www.casss.org.uk/mint-stamps/>.



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:** Jam, Cream Crackers, Dried mashed potato (like Smash), Tinned meat (chilli, meatballs, mince, bolognese, stew, curry), Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned carrots, Tinned fruit, Tea (small box, 80 tea bags), Rice pudding, Corned beef, Pasta sauce, Tinned ham, Cartons of custard, Small bags of sugar, Other beans (chickpeas, kidney beans, black-eyed beans), Toiletries: period products, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo.

The list of food always required is on the website:

<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>



Diomail – Monday 26th October

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 26th October:

https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-26-october-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/>

Diocesan Synod - September 2026

A summary of the Diocesan Synod Meeting held on 24 September is now available.

It can be downloaded from our website, along with a copy of Bishop Martyn's Presidential Address. **Visit our Diocesan Synod webpage:**

<https://www.leicestercofe.org/about-us/governance/diocesan-synod/>

Global Carol Service

Saturday 12 December, 5pm – All Saints Church, Belgrave, Leicester

'Treasures of the Nations: One Voice Many Wonders.' A Christmas celebration bringing together many cultures in worship of Jesus, with carols, food and drink. Free entry. **View and download the poster:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Global-Carol-Service-2026.jpg>