



# Launde Minster Community

## Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 15th October 2026

**Sunday 18th October, Trinity 20,**

**Luke the Evangelist**

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **OCTOBER 2026** (as of 15th 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 18th October at 11am Launde Minster Community Online Church

**Leader & Reflection:** Hilary Painter

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKI91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGi8Q.1>

**Meeting ID:** 836 7967 6342

**Passcode:** 079282

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### Collect for Sunday 18th October Trinity 20, Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God,  
you called Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit  
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
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 18th October Trinity 20

#### Luke the Evangelist

This Sunday the Church celebrates the feast of St Luke the Evangelist. Luke is traditionally remembered as the author of both Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, making him one of the most important voices in the New Testament.

We don't know much about Luke personally but St Paul refers to him as a doctor or physician and he appears to have been one of Paul's companions on some of his missionary journeys. There are many clues suggesting that Luke was most likely a Gentile rather than a Jew, and his writings reflect this, showing that the good news of Jesus is for everyone.

Luke's Gospel gives us some of the most familiar and much-loved stories in the Bible: the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the shepherds at Bethlehem, Zacchaeus, and the encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Again and again Luke draws attention to people who might otherwise be overlooked: the poor, women, foreigners, sinners and those on the margins of society. His Gospel emphasises God's compassion, forgiveness and concern for those who are vulnerable.

In a world where people can easily feel excluded, forgotten or judged, Luke's gospel is particularly relevant, reminding us that Jesus consistently crossed boundaries and accepted people others might ignore.

The Church is called to do the same, to be a community where everyone is welcomed and where God's love is offered freely.

Luke is celebrated as the patron saint of doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers and we all know St. Luke's hospital in Harborough, one of many named after him. His feast day provides an opportunity to give thanks for all who care for the sick and vulnerable.

Luke's message is that God's mercy is boundless and we are called to help make that mercy visible in our own communities.

**Hilary Painter**

## **Bible Readings:**

### **Sunday 18th October**

### **Trinity 20, Luke the Evangelist**

#### **Isaiah 35.3-6**

- 3 Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'  
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For  
waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

**OR**

#### **Acts 16.6-12a**

- 6 They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.  
7 When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them;  
8 so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.  
9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'  
10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.  
11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,  
12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

## **2 Timothy 4.5-17**

- 5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.  
6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.  
7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.  
8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.  
9 Do your best to come to me soon,  
10 for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.  
11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.  
12 I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.  
13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.  
14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds.  
15 You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.  
16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!  
17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

## **Luke 10.1-9**

- 1 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.  
2 He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.  
3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.  
4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.  
5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"  
6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.  
7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.  
8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;  
9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

## Sunday 18th October Trinity 20

### Luke the Evangelist

#### Psalm 147.1-7

1 Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God,  
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem

and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up all their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars

and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor,

but casts down the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make music to our God upon the lyre;

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### Harvest Service at Hallaton Manor.

**Tuesday 20th October at 2.30pm**

There will be a short, simple service after which we chat to the residents over a cup of tea. ***Please come and join us - the residents and staff really appreciate our monthly visits.***

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### Associate Priest and Growing Faith Minister for the Launde Deanery Minster Community

#### Message from Revd Crystal McAllister

Dear friends,

I wanted to share some **good news** with you all.

The post of **Associate Priest and Growing Faith Minister for the Launde Deanery Minster Community** is now being advertised.

You can see the vacancy and full details here:

<https://jobs.churchtimes.co.uk/jobs/Associate-Priest-and-Growing-Faith-Minister-in-East-Midlands-jn15248>

This is an exciting and important next step for our Minster Community, particularly as we continue to develop our ministry with **children, young people, families and our church schools**, and explore new ways of growing faith across our churches and communities. Please would you **pray for this appointment**: for the right person to see the advert and feel called to explore it; for wisdom and discernment throughout the recruitment process; and for the person God may be preparing to come and share in our ministry here. Please also feel free to **share the vacancy widely** with anyone in your networks who may be interested or who may know someone for whom this could be the right calling.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the life and ministry of Launde Deanery Minster Community.

Every blessing,

Crystal

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## 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

**16th of October 7pm Wellham (3rd Friday)**

23rd of October 11am Stonton Wyville

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

**For information contact: Uel Sandford:**

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**Revd Crystal McAllister Uel Sandford**

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## 'Sandwich' On Zoom

**NOTE: Thursday evening 15th October 7-8pm**

**A Christian Fellowship and Friendship group for those who want to delve a little deeper into Scripture**

**If you are interested contact Madeleine:**  
[madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com](mailto:madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com) **0116 2598277**



## Jigsaw Fashion Show at St Giles Church, Medbourne

**Thursday 15th October 7pm £15 per ticket**

*In aid of Breast Cancer UK and Church Fabric Fund*

For tickets and more information contact:

[carolinejack@hotmail.com](mailto:carolinejack@hotmail.com)



## Parent/ Toddler Sessions at St Peter's Church, Tilton

**Tuesday 20 October 10-11.30am**

**Wednesday 21st October 10-11.30am**

### St Peter's Church Tilton on the Hill

Parent/Toddler sessions  
Tuesday 20 October, 10 – 11.30  
Wednesday 21 October, 10 – 11.30



Parents, grandparents, carers, come along with your toddlers to catch up with friends or meet other families.

School age siblings welcome.



## Food for Thought

**Thursday 29th October 6.45 for 7.15pm**

**An evening with Revd. Hilary Lomax**

*'Home, Hospital and Holistic Health - a Collaborative Exploration'*

Meal and talk £17 Bookings (by Friday 23rd October):

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About the speaker: Revd. Hilary is a healthcare chaplain at University Hospitals Leicester and is based at Glenfield Hospital.

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

## In Brass & Voice

**Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm**

**Methodist Church, Market Harborough**

Tickets £15 and £5 from: [www.harboroughsingers.com](http://www.harboroughsingers.com)

[www.harboroughband.co.uk](http://www.harboroughband.co.uk) Mistry's Pharmacy, Market Harborough. Box Office: [dl.evans@sky.com](mailto:dl.evans@sky.com)

Phone Julia on: 07661 729558



## 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](mailto: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 12th October

**For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 12th October:**

[https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-12-october-](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-12-october-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

[2026/?newsletter\\_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com](https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-12-october-2026/?newsletter_email=l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

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## Initial Findings Highlight Progress in Diocesan Safeguarding



**Following a recent meeting with the visiting INEQE independent safeguarding auditors, Bishop Martyn has shared encouraging initial feedback from the safeguarding audit.**

Drawing on survey responses, focus groups and individual conversations from across the Diocese and Leicester Cathedral, auditors reported clear evidence of progress in safeguarding in recent years, alongside examples of learning being translated into practice.

While the final report is not expected for some time and will include many recommendations for further improvement, the early findings suggest that the Diocese is moving in a positive direction.

Bishop Martyn recognises that safeguarding remains an ongoing journey of learning and development, but says there is good reason to be encouraged by the progress made so far.

He would like to thank clergy, lay ministers, parish safeguarding coordinators, church volunteers and everyone who participated in the audit process across the Diocese and Cathedral, recognising their contribution to ensuring that safeguarding remains at the heart of the Church's life and ministry.

**Watch a video message from Bishop Martyn:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/initial-findings-highlight-progress-in-diocesan-safeguarding.php>