Launde Minster Community Newsletter.

Edition Date: Thursday 5th November 2026

Sunday 8th November, 3rd Sunday before Advent, Remembrance Sunday.

Attached is the MC Worship Plan for **NOVEMBER 2026** (as of 5th November)

This is *your* newsletter so please use it to share your notices, events & 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 8th November at 11am
Launde Minster Community
Online Church – Remembrance Sunday

Leader: Linda Jones

To join, click on this zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1
Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342
Passcode: 079282

DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE: T. 0203 481 5240 Enter the **Meeting ID**: **836 7967 6342** followed by # Enter the **Passcode**: **079282** followed by #

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Collects for Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Reflection: Sunday 8th November Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday

Isaiah chapter 53

Perhaps this is the most extraordinary messianic prophecy in the entire bible. The prophet Isaiah, from 700 years before Christ, had the Messiah revealed to him. In 1946, in a cave near Qumran on the Northwest shore of the Dead Sea, three Bedouin shepherds, Muhammed edh-Dhib and his cousin Jum'a Muhammed and Khalil Musa were tending goats.

As the story goes, the shepherd boys had lost a stray goat. In an effort to find it, they tossed a stone into a cave and heard a breaking pottery sound. What they had just discovered was the dead sea scrolls. If you visit the Jerusalem National Museum, you can go into a room called the Shrine of the Book and you will find on permanent display, parts of original scrolls.
The scrolls include the book of Isaiah. Isaiah 53 is often referred to in Judaism as the forbidden chapter, as so often people who read it see the unmistakable image of Jesus. In Luke 4, we read that in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus himself reads from the scroll of Isaiah.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim liberty to the captives and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Jesus then said, "Today the scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." They were outraged at this. They were in no doubt that Jesus was clearly saying, I am the Messiah!

Isaiah 53 tells us there is "nothing in his appearance that we should desire him." So what draws us to Jesus? Could it be that He carries our infirmities, diseases? That he was wounded for our transgressions? Yes, that and much more. The shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep. Who rose again and now intercedes for us. That is the beauty we see in Jesus.

Uel Sandford

Bible Readings: Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16

Description of Wisdom
12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.
13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.
15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

OR

Amos 5.18-24

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.
15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.
16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25.1-13

25 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;
4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
6 But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."
7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.
8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."
9 But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."
10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.
11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us."
12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you."
13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday Psalm 70

1 O God, make speed to save me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion;
let them be turned back and disgraced
who wish me evil.
3 Let those who mock and deride me
turn back because of their shame.
4 But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

let those who love your salvation say always, ‘Great is the Lord!’
5 As for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me quickly, O God.
6 You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay.

OR

Canticle: Wisdom of Solomon 6.17-20

17 The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her,
18 and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
19 and immortality brings one near to God;
20 so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

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!



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:
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:**
sandfordsp@gmail.com

Revd Crystal McAllister & Uel Sandford

Skeffington Village Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 14th November 10am-2pm
Skeffington Church Community Space



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

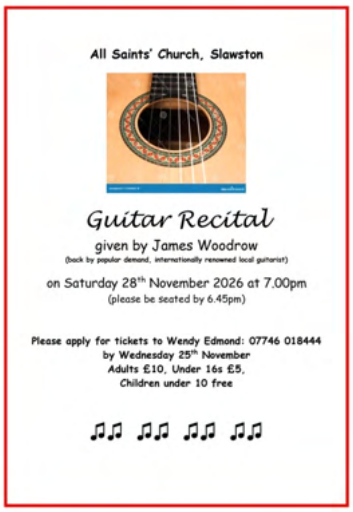


All Saints Church Slawston

Saturday 28th November at 7pm

***Guitar Recital* given by James Woodroe**

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/

Carols and Lunch at Launde Abbey

Monday 14 December

Carols in the Chapel at 12noon followed by a 3 course lunch (vegetarian options) in a private dining room. Cost £35 per person.

Each year, members of the congregation of the online church, who are able to do so, get togther at Launde for this special event.

This year we have booked 20 places; there are just 5 still available. **If you would like to join us - whether or not you attend the online church - please let Mary Twidell know:** mary.twidell@gmail.com 01858 555 204



Do Stay for Tea & Coffee

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 2nd November

For more information and other events use this link for Diomail 2nd November:
https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/newsletters/diomail-2-november-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/

Centenary Day Services & Resources for All



As we approach the Centenary Day of the Diocese of Leicester, on Thursday 12 November 2026, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that services will take place at Leicester Cathedral to which everyone is welcome.
The Cathedral will follow its usual rhythm of prayer on the day, with services at:
– 8.30am: Morning Prayer
– 12.30pm: Thanksgiving Eucharist (Bishop Martyn will give a short homily)
– 5.30pm: Choral Evensong
During these services we will be giving thanks for 100 years of God's faithfulness and looking ahead with hope.
On our Centenary webpage, you will find a growing collection of resources to help churches, schools and communities mark this milestone.
There's liturgy and worship materials, collective worship resources for schools, news and events, photos, slideshows, and content shared at our Centenary Celebration Worship Gathering.
In the coming weeks, we will be adding a collection of pilgrimage trails for walking and cycling, taking in the urban and rural beauty of our diocese, as well as interesting and lost churches.
As we continue our Centenary through November and into February next year, we hope these resources will help you join in celebrating 100 years of faith, mission and ministry across the Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral.
On Sunday 21 February 2027, there will be services to mark the 100th anniversary of the day the Parish Church of St Martins was hallowed as Leicester Cathedral, further details to come.
Read more on our Centenary Website:
https://www.leicester.anglican.org/about-us/centenary/

Faith in the Public Square – Re-membering Remembrance

How a changing Britain can find belonging in the way it honours its war dead.
Read the latest Faith in the Public Square: https://faithinthepublicsquare.substack.com/p/re-membering-remembrance?utm_campaign=email-half-post&r=6b2x9l&utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email a blog written by Bishop Martyn and Florence Gildea, his Social Policy Advisor.

Leading Worship for Everyone



Saturday 7 November, 10am-3pm – St Andrew's Church, Leicester Forest East
A practical session to develop some skills, knowledge, confidence and experience in leading worship.
Coffee available from 9.30am. View or download the poster.
For more information: Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org
To book a free place
email: MMBookings@LeicesterCofE.org