



Hallaton and Whatborough Newsletter

Edition Date:
8th February 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 11th February - Sunday Next Before Lent

9.30am **Knossington** Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

10am **Hallaton** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

4pm **Tur Langton** Evensong – all ages (Revd Jonathan Dowman)

Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday

Launde Abbey Ash Wednesday:

8am Holy Communion

12noon Midday Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer (all including imposition of ashes)*

* Please let Launde Abbey know if you wish to attend the 8am Holy Communion (the door is usually locked at this time). Speak to reception on arrival for the other services.

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10am **Owston** Holy Communion (Revd Michael Wilson)

11am **Tugby** Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

Sunday 25th February Lent

9.30am **Horninghold** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)

10am **Tugby** Morning Praise (Congregation Led)

10am **Knossington** (with Cold Overton) Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

4pm **Hallaton** Teatime Service (Revd Jonathan Dowman) the other services.

Sunday 11th February 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom

Leader and Reflection: Hilary Painter

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679803190?pwd=VzV5d1UwaTd4UnlybDdDbmdVUTZTZz09>

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Information about the Zoom services (including the Link), and **other information**, can be found on

The Launde Deanery and Minster Community

Website at: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/>

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Collect for Sunday 11th February

Sunday Next Before Lent

Almighty Father,

whose Son was revealed in majesty

before he suffered death upon the cross:

give us grace to perceive his glory,

that we may be strengthened to suffer with him

and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection for Sunday 11th February 2024

Sunday Next Before Lent

This is a truly amazing event in the earthly life of Jesus and even more so in the life of these three disciples.

Already believing as they do that Jesus is indeed the

promised Messiah and the Son of God, and yet

wondering if this is so then what have they done to be

part of his ministry and mission, perhaps they need to

experience this spiritual event in order to fully

understand that what they believe and what Jesus has

revealed to them is the absolute truth. Jesus appears to

them in dazzling white robes with Elijah and Moses, the

two great symbols of the Law and the Prophets, vital

aspects of Jewish beliefs. We are told that they were

terrified and I think we can all relate to their reaction.

Bow down, build an altar to Moses, Elijah and to Jesus,

acknowledging the divinity of each. We must ask

ourselves how would we react to such an amazing event.

I expect the three disciples would have been eager to

rush down the mountain and shout out about the

wonderful experience they had had and that there was

now no doubt that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. But

Jesus says no. The time is not yet. This is not the way for

people to recognise him. His is the way of humility,

service and sacrifice which will lead to the even greater

revelation of his resurrection.

It is unlikely that we will experience such an amazing

event but we can still experience the wonderful times

when we feel the presence of Christ, sometimes when

we are in great need of it but also when we least expect

it. And fortunately we don't have to climb a high

mountain for it to happen. We do need, however, to

make time and space for Christ to enter into, not just our

lives, but into our very being. In our busy lives we can

find this difficult but we need to find the best way and

place for us to do this. Lent gives us an opportunity to be

still and make time for Christ to draw is close to him, if

we will only let him.

Revd Christine Blodwell

Bible Readings:

Sunday 11th February 2024

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2 Kings 2.1-12

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

1 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2 Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

4 Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho.

5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

6 Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on.

7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.'

10 He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.'

11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the

light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

6 For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9.2-9

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

3 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

4 Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

5 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

6 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

7 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

8 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Additional Prayer for Sunday 11th February - Sunday Next Before Lent

Holy God,

you know the disorder of our sinful lives:

set straight our crooked hearts,

and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Food Bank Appeal:

Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks.

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.

Urgently needed items are: Tinned meat: ham, chicken meals, Bolognese, chilli, mild curry, minced beef, Spam; Fray Bentos pies; Small jars of sandwich paste; Jars of pasta sauce; Tinned fruit; Long-life fruit juice/ cordial; UHT milk (semi-skimmed or whole)

World Day of Prayer Service

Billesdon Church on Friday 1st March at

10.30am. Followed by refreshments. The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women in Palestine.



Christian Aid are hosting their annual **Changemakers Conference: Changing the world together on Saturday 2nd March.**

We're excited that there'll be a watch party of the conference at the **Abbey Centre in Northampton from 10am – 2pm** (lunch included). It'll be a great time of hearing stories of Christian Aids work, being inspired by the focus for Christian Aid Week 2024 as well as meeting and sharing ideas with other local supporters. The conference and lunch are free. **Venue:**

Abbey Centre Baptist Church,
Overslade Close, East Hunsbury
Northampton, NN4 0RZ

To sign up please go here:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/changemakers-conference/regional>



St Thomas a Becket, Tugby

Snowdrop Sunday

Sunday 18th February Snowdrop Sunday

Come and have a walk through the churchyard to see the beautiful snowdrops and spring flowers, and pop into the Church for tea, coffee and cake from **2pm to 4.30pm**



Coffee Fellowship

PLACE OF WELCOME AT TUGBY CHURCH: BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

- Regular opening **every Wednesday 3.00 – 4.30pm (term time)**
 - Free hot drinks and biscuits
 - Parents and children welcome after school
- Everyone is welcome**

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

SHROVE TUESDAY @ Gaulby church

Drop in for pancakes and a get together on your way home
Tuesday 13 February, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Wine and soft drinks available, along with a variety of pancake fillings
Everyone welcome!

FRIDAYS IN LENT @ Gaulby church
12.30-2.00pm

Like a Coffee Morning but with home made soups and at lunchtime!
Donations welcomed for Charities

Finding hope in nature at Launde Abbey.
Tuesdays during Lent: 13th, 20th, 27th Feb, 5th March, 12th March.

You are invited to enjoy and be inspired by the beauty surrounding Launde Abbey during half an hour of gently guided invitations by Miriam with plenty of time for silence and your own space (11.30-noon). Please wrap up warm and bring an umbrella. Over lunch/coffee in The Dairy (12 noon) be inspired by the Eco Church journey and share ideas with Jayne. You can attend both or either and we hope to encourage car sharing. The only cost is your time and your own choice of refreshments from the Dairy Tea Room menu. For further information and to book please call Jayne.

Contact Revd Jayne Lewis: jaynelewis28@gmail.com
0116 259 7244.

A PILGRIM TO GREECE
Following in the Footsteps of St Paul
Tour by McCabe Pilgrimages to be led by Revd Canon Philip Norwood



For information, available dates and Booking:

<https://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/pilgrimages/following-in-the-footsteps-of-st-paul/>

Haydn
Little Organ Mass
Monteverdi
Beatus Vir
Bach
Double Violin Concerto

Spring Blessings
Saturday 16th March - 7.30 pm
St Dionysius Church
Market Harborough

Violins: Helena Thomas & Alexandra Peel
Soprano: Felicity Hamilton
Conductor: Charlie Penn
Accompanist: Andrew King

Tickets: £12.00
www.mccabepilgrimages.com
Box Office: 0741 729258



Bishop Saju has shared a message for Racial Justice Sunday, which takes place this Sunday (11 February).

We'd love for you to incorporate it into your services or share with your worshipping communities, if you are able. You can watch it here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-HrKMS_w9I

You can find more liturgical resources to mark Racial Justice Sunday on the national church's website. Click here for more resources:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/liturgical-resources-racial-justice-sunday>

Exploring Calling for Everyone

Saturday 10 February 2024, 10am to 3pm – St Martins House Leicester

Seminars throughout the day include caring for our buildings, leading worship, working with children and young people, helping others to deepen their faith, pastoral care, sharing faith, social action and caring for creation.

Exploring Calling for Everyone takes place on Saturday 10 February, 10am to 3pm, at St Martins House, Leicester. **Sign up here:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/exploring-calling-for-everyone/>

A Celebration of International Women's Day

Anglican Intercultural Mission Conference March 20-22 – St Martins House, Leicester

We are delighted to be hosting the second Anglican Intercultural Mission Conference, organised by the Anglican Network for Intercultural Churches. You can find more information and register your interest in attending here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/second-anglican-intercultural-mission-conference-tickets-705862903947>

Chaplaincy Lectures: Bishop Sarah Mullally Towards a Common Vision of Health

Thursday 14 March, 6pm

St Andrew's Church, Jarrom Street, Leicester.

We are pleased to announce that the inaugural series of 'Chaplaincy Lectures', a joint initiative between the Diocese and the universities in Leicester and Loughborough, will be taking place in the coming months.

Our first lecture, in partnership with De Montfort University, will be given by Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London.

Drawing on her experience as Chief Nursing Officer for England, she will explore the role of church communities in supporting the health and wellbeing of their communities, and in addressing health inequalities.

There will be time for Q&A with Bishop Sarah, and refreshments will be available after the lecture.

The lecture is free to attend and you can register for a space

here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dmuengage/1129218>

Webinar: Supporting Refugees in the Diocese of Leicester

Tuesday 12 March, 7.45pm – Online

As part of our Lent Appeal in support of Baca – a charity with a base in Loughborough which supports young refugees who arrive in the UK without any family – Bishop Saju will be chairing a one-hour webinar with three speakers from across the diocese about our call as Christians to support refugees and asylum seekers and the various ways we can answer it:

- Jimmy Zachariah, CEO of Baca
- Revd Claire Goode, who led a quilting retreat at Launde Abbey to create a quilt in the colours of the Ukrainian flag, which was sold to raise money for Ukrainian refugees and which now hangs in the Ukrainian Club *Kalyna* in Leicester.
- Kat Gibson, Intercultural Pioneer Minister at Roots IWC, who leads a team of volunteers providing support for asylum-seekers and refugees living in Leicester

Sign up to attend:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/supporting-refugees-in-the-diocese-of-leicester/>