



Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 1st May 2025

Sunday 4th May, Easter 3

10am **Owston** Lamb Service (Conducted by Churchwardens)

11am **Loddington** Holy Communion (Revd Chris Webb)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Tugby** Holy Communion (Revd Chris Webb)

Sunday 11th May, Easter 4

10am **Knossington** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

2pm **Tugby** Baptism Service (Revd David Palmer)

Sunday 18th May, Easter 5

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

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

4pm **Tilton** Jayne Lewis's Farewell Service *This service will be live-streamed on Zoom (details to follow)*

Sunday 25th May, Easter 6

10am **Tugby** Morning Praise Café Style (Congregation led)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

Saturday Mornings

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.55am)

All welcome. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89820297969?pwd=HD1LgaqamMFBN2y1m7p226w0h2KVkj.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969. Passcode: 470000

Sunday 4th May 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Responder: Revd Jayne Lewis

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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Launde Minster Community May Services

You can now find the services throughout the

Launde Deanery/ Minster Community on the

website: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk> under the Tab: 'MAY SERVICE TIMES'

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Collect for Sunday 4th May

Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us,

that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;

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 4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

What difference has the celebration of Easter made to our lives? It's an important question if we want to take our faith seriously; and today's readings are about that very subject.

Peter and John on Maundy Thursday had followed Jesus from his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane and went to the High Priest's house where John had access. Jesus' trial was going on, and Peter was warming himself by the charcoal fire that was burning in the courtyard. Peter was approached by people saying he was a friend of Jesus. Three times in his fear and shock he denied it.

Now after Easter, Peter is again by the charcoal fire (significantly the only time the word for charcoal is used in the New Testament). Fish were being cooked for breakfast. Although Peter was back to his old trade, he was a changed man. His fear was gone: his loyalty burned in place of his shame. Three times he insisted that he loved Jesus with full commitment.

Paul too was a very changed man. He had known about the heretic Jesus they crucified on the day before Passover a few years back. That man was shown to be cursed by God, as the Scripture said (Deuteronomy 21.23) and his stupid followers were a curse too. But everything changed for Paul when he met the risen Christ on his way to Damascus. "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me," he wrote (Galatians 2.20). Even the heavenly spirits were changed! "Worthy is the lamb that was slaughtered," they cry. They were worshipping not a dead creature but a figure who by humility and love demonstrated for all time and for eternity the supreme power of God.

It was Easter that changed everything, and it is Easter that we celebrate every Sunday of our lives. As a result of our celebrations, are we able to share the wish of St. Paul to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection, sharing his sufferings, becoming like him in his death "that I may attain the resurrection from the dead".

(Philippians 3.10-11).

Revd Philip Norwood

Bible Readings:
Sunday 4th May
Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.1-6 7-20

1 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

5 He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'

6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

[7 The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.

8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

9 For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'

11 The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,

12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.'

13 But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;

14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.'

15 But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;

16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.'

17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.'

18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,

19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.']

Revelation 5.11-end

11 then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

12 singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'

14 And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

John 21.1-19

1 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

3 Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

5 Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.'

6 He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.

8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'

11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.

13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more

than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'

16 A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'

17 He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.'

19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Additional Collect for Sunday 4th May Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Food Bank Appeal:

Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks. **Jubilee Foodbank Market Harbourough** 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 **URGENT NEED of:**

UHT Milk (full or semi-skimmed), Jars of Sandwich Paste, Tinned Red Meat, such as tinned mince, bolognese, stew, chilli, hot dogs, Cereal, Sugar (500g if possible), Jam, Tinned Ham, Crackers, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Corned Beef, Microwave Rice & Bags of Rice, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Sweetcorn, Tins of Rice Pudding, Fray Bentos Pies, Microwave Puddings, Clean, strong shopping bags ('Bags for Life')

The list of food always required is on the website:

<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>

Liz Mills, Chair, Jubilee Foodbank in Market Harbourough, WROTE ON FACEBOOK: 'A big THANK YOU' to HALLATON village'.

'Thank you so much for your generosity, Hallaton, we are very grateful'.



Food for Thought

Wednesday 21st May 6.45 for 7.15pm at Launde Abbey: Faith in Farming by Lord Donald Curry CBE

Bookings by 15th May to Mary Twidell

mary.twidell@gmail.com 01858 555204 /0746430966



A concert at All Saints Church Slawston

Saturday 17 May at 7pm (to be seated by 6.45pm)

Guitar Recital by James Woodrow, renowned local Guitarist of BBC Proms Fame! £10 per adult, £5 under 16s, under 10s Free!

In aid of church funds
Please purchase tickets from Wendy Edmond: 017746 018444 or wendyedmond@gmail.com by Wednesday 14 May please
Looking forward to seeing you there! 🎵

Farewell Service for Revd Jayne Lewis

St Peter's Church, Tilton on the Hill

Sunday 18th May at 4pm



 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>



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



NEW: Vocations Sunday

Vocations Sunday, which is on Sunday 11 May this year, is an ideal opportunity to nurture vocations amongst your worshipping community.

We are all called to live out our faith in all aspects of life and that includes our households, how we interact with the community, our work place, the planet, as well as our role in the shared mission and ministry of the church we belong to. The national Church has prepared liturgies to use in your worshipping community on Vocations Sunday, including a service of the Word and a service of Holy Communion, plus alternative texts to use in different contexts. **You can find more here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/vocations-sunday.php>

NEW: Prayer Diary: May to August 2025

The latest diocesan prayer diary for May to August 2025 has been published. It's available to view here:

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/may-to-august-2025-prayer-diary.pdf>

NEW: Bishop Martyn's 'Words of Grace'

Bishop Martyn is the latest guest on the Diocese of Sheffield's podcast, Words of Grace.

It's a great listen for learning more about our Bishop's journey in faith. **Find it here:** <https://shows.acast.com/words-of-grace-living-hope-in-the-diocese-of-sheffield/episodes/97-bishop-martyn-snow-bishop-of-leicester>

NEW: Eco Communities

We're blessed that our churches in the Diocese of Leicester are taking responsibility by caring for God's creation.

Has your church started its Eco Church journey yet, or filled out the Energy Footprint Tool (EFT)? **Find out more here:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/energy-footprint-tool.php>

'We Believe' Nicene Creed Resources

Webinar Thursday 1 May, 2pm – Zoom

A special webinar exploring the new resources available to churches as we celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Learn about the creed and the new resources: <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/nicene-creed>

Register for webinar: https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KhqQ5EQMSvaADctRtpBC-w#/registration

Chaplaincy Lecture with Dr Israel Olofinjana

Thursday 8 May, 6pm-7.30pm – Attenborough Film Theatre, University of Leicester

For the next event in our Chaplaincy Lecture Series, 'Decolonising the Church: An Intercultural Approach' we welcome Rev. Dr Israel Olofinjana, Honorary Research Fellow at Queens Foundation for Theological Ecumenical Education. He is a Baptist pastor, the author of several books, and sits on the Christian Aid Working Group of Black Majority Church leaders exploring the intersection of climate justice and racial justice.

The event is free, open to the public and will be followed by a drinks reception.

Book on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dr-israel-olofinjana-decolonising-the-church-an-intercultural-approach-tickets-1248174305949?aff=oddtcreator>

Mental Health First Aid Training Course

Four weekly sessions from Wednesday 7 May, 9.30am-1pm, The Cube on Symingtons, Market Harborough

Mental Health First Aid training is aimed at leaders, paid or voluntary who work with young people and want to develop how they support young people's mental health and wellbeing. This training is free as the cost is covered by the Diocese but spaces are limited, so we do ask that you only sign up if you can make all four dates (7 May, 14 May, 21 May, 4 June).

Booking is on a first come, first served basis. **Sign up here:** <https://mhfaengland.org/course-booking-form/?id=021a1b42-8ff4-ef11-be1f-7c1e52765da6>

(The venue on the booking form says "London" – please ignore this.)

For more information, contact Lou: spyouth3@gmail.com

VE Day 80th Anniversary

On 8 May 2025, we're marking the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day), when the nation will unite to remember the end of the Second World War in Europe. Prayers and an outline service to help your church plan services and events are now available online. **Find out more:** <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/80th-anniversary-end-second-world-war>

