



# Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletter

Edition Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

## Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 13

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

10.30am **Horninghold** Holy Communion (Rev'd D Palmer)

10am **Cold Overton** (with **Knossington**) Holy Communion (Rev'd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

### Saturday 31 August

5.30pm **Hallaton** Harvest Festival (Rev'd David Palmer)

## SEPTEMBER

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September Trinity 14

11am **Loddington** Holy Communion (Rev'd Alison Myers)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

4pm **Tilton** Harvest Thanksgiving (Rev'd Jayne Lewis)

5pm **Owston** Evening Prayer (Churchwarden Led)

6pm **Tugby** Songs of Praise (Rev'd Brian Davis)

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 15, Harvest Thanksgiving

10am **Hallaton** Holy Communion (Rev'd David Palmer)

10am **Knossington** Harvest Service with Foodbank Collection (Rev'd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 16, Harvest Thanksgiving

10am **Owston** Holy Communion (Rev'd Michael Wilson)

10.30am **Horninghold** Harvest Service (Rev'd David Palmer)

11am **Tugby** Holy Communion (Rev'd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

4pm **Lowsby** Harvest Festival (Rev'd Jayne Lewis)

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Trinity 17

9.30am **Slawston** Harvest Service (Rev'd David Palmer)

10am **Knossington** Coffee Morning in Church (Congregation Led)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

4pm **Hallaton** Teatime Service (Rev'd Jonathan Dowman)

5pm **Tugby** Harvest Festival (Rev'd Christine Blodwell)

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 18, Michael & All Angels

11am **Gaulby** Launde Deanery/ Minster Community Service, *livestream on Zoom*

## Saturday Mornings

### Zoom Prayer Meeting

Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.45am)

To Join our Zoom Prayers: **PLEASE NOTE NEW LINK**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89820297969?pwd=HD1LqaqamMFBN2y1m7p226w0h2KVkj.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969 Passcode: 470000

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>

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 11.00am Zoom

### Launde Parishes Zoom Service

**Leader & Reflection:** Madeleine Wang

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

**PLEASE USE THIS LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKI91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

**Meeting ID:** 836 7967 6342

**Passcode:** 079282

**DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE:**

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## Reflection for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' This was the opinion of many people in the wider circle of Jesus' disciples when he maintained that he was the bread which came down from heaven and that they should eat his flesh and drink his blood. They were either rejecting his claim to come from heaven or the invitation to somehow consume him – or quite possibly both! He might be able to perform miracles but that didn't make him divine. He might be able to provide vast quantities of bread and fish but giving himself for people to eat was a very different matter. They turn away.

Another difficulty is that they, and we, must accept that the invitation to believe and to know Jesus as the Holy One of God can only come from God himself. We so much want to be in control and to make our own way in life that we tend to forget that while we may respond positively or negatively to the invitation to follow Jesus, it is God who initiates the relationship. Some of Jesus' disciples give up at this point, though not the main core of the Twelve. They know that he is the way, the truth and the life and that they would be lost without him. He has the words of eternal life and if they, and we, eat the bread that has come down from heaven then that will sustain his followers in this life and the next. At the beginning of his gospel, St John tells us that the Word became flesh. As we celebrate our Holy Communion we feast on that Word and we dine on Christ's body and blood.

Finally, Peter says that the Twelve 'believe and know'. The words used here are practically synonyms, but act as a useful reminder that faith is a combination of what we know in our minds and believe in our hearts.

**Rev'd Jeff Hopewell**

**Bible Readings:**  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024**  
**Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity**

**Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors-Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor-lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

14 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods;

17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed;

18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**Ephesians 6.10-20**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

**John 6.56-69**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?'

61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you?'

62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?'

63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

64 But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.

65 And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

67 So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?'

68 Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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**Collect for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity**

Collects

Almighty God,

who called your Church to bear witness

that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love,

that all who hear it may be drawn to you;

through him who was lifted up on the cross,

and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

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## Additional Prayer for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through 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 Fruit; Tinned Peas; Tinned Red Meat (e.g. Bolognese, mince, chilli, stew), Cartons of UHT Milk; Tinned Custard; Soap; Strong clean Carrier Bags; Cordial/ Long Life Fruit Juice; Tinned Sweetcorn; Tinned/ Jarred Hot Dogs; Tinned Ham /Corned Beef; Packet Rice; Teabags; Porridge Oats; Jam or Marmalade; Tinned Beans with Sausages; Sandwich Paste; Tinned Rice Pudding; Tinned chickpeas, mixed chilli beans, red kidney beans, lentils; Dried Potato/ Smash

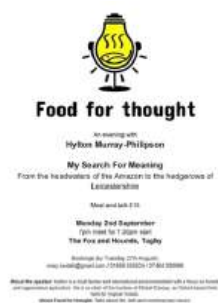
### Ride & Stride 2024



It's time to put on the battered old boots or retrieve the bike from the depths of the garage to raise money for the LeicesterShire Historic Churches Trust by going on their **Ride & Stride on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. You will find details on their website as to how you can join in. If you can't do it yourself then you can always pay someone else to do it for you. Jeff Hopewell is looking forward to walking around the city churches that day, and would be delighted to have your support. Sponsor him on <https://www.justgiving.com/page/jeff-hopewell-lhct2024> - even retrospective donations are more than welcome!

### Food for Thought

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 7pm for 7.30pm**  
**Fox & Hounds, Tugby**



### 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

### Pilgrimage Walks in the Launde Minster Community

The next Pilgrimage walk this summer is on:

**15<sup>th</sup> September:** Goadby to Gaulby (5 miles with a stop in Illston)

**So why not walk with us and perhaps invite others to share the journey.**



### Making the Most of Creationtide



Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, takes place in the Church calendar from 1 September to 4 October, and is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

Creationtide began in the Orthodox Church in 1989 and has been supported by a growing number of churches across Europe since then, including the Church of England.

Many churches use this time of year to hold themed services and events, including Harvest celebrations, giving thanks for God's gift of creation, and renewing their commitment to caring for the planet we call home.

We've compiled a selection of Creationtide resources you might like to make use of in your worshipping communities, including service plans, ideas for community events, and more.

**See Creation ideas here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/how-could-your-church-make-the-most-of-creationtide.php>

## LeicesterShire Historic Churches Grants

It's the 60th anniversary year of the LeicesterShire Historic Churches Trust (LHCT), for which Ride+Stride is the principal fundraising event.

Ride+Stride 2023 raised £37,253, which was shared between churches and chapels nominated by sponsored participants, and the LHCT.

The Trust's share of the funds, together with generous grants from other charitable trusts, means they have at least £36,000 available for grants in 2024. At a recent meeting they awarded 12 grants totalling £29,400.

Their next grants meeting will be in November. **Click here for more information and to apply for a grant:**

<https://www.lhct.org.uk/apply-for-grant/>

## Eco Church Conversations

**Saturday 14 September, 10am-2pm – Holy Trinity, Leicester**

A wonderful opportunity to move forward in your Eco Church journey.

The day will begin with a time of worship, followed by a half hour workshop to help lead your eco adventures: Beyond Registration, Beyond Bronze and Silver, and Beyond Community.

There will be time to talk to a wide range of people and organisations who can give you relevant help and advice in each area of the award, including:

**Theology** – The John Ray Initiative and Green Christian.

**Purchasing** – The Energy Footprint Tool, Energy Audit Projects with De Montfort University, Infrared Heating and Bat Protection.

**Caring for your Land** – Partnering with Friends of the Earth and Climate Action Leicester and Leicestershire, and Sustainable Transport.

Plus, many more resources and opportunities.

Food will be available from Kings Coffee House who will be serving "Food Waste Meals", which are pay-as-you-feel.

**Book online here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leicestershire-eco-church-conversations-tickets-929120332927>

## New Everyday Faith App



**Everyday Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England.**

The app aims to help individuals to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the whole of life by providing carefully curated daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme. **Find out more here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/everyday-faith-app-develop-a-daily-connection-with-god.php>

## Taking the Next Steps in Your Journey in Faith

The course is delivered over three terms and looks at: Exploring Faith, God's Call and Our Response, and The Development of the Church.

Rev'd Liz Rawlings, Diocesan Discipleship and Vocations Enabler, who co-ordinates JiF, says: "It doesn't matter if you are exploring faith, new to faith or have been in church for many years. You don't need to have done any learning before but come eager to learn and willing to share your own questions and experience."

There are five courses running on weekday evenings in venues around the diocese, starting with an **introductory session on Saturday 28 September.**

**For more information and to book your place:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/taking-the-next-steps-on-your-journey-in-faith.php>

## Ride+Stride

**Saturday 14 September – all across Leicestershire.**

Nearly 300 churches and chapels have registered to welcome visitors for this year's Ride+Stride.

There is still plenty of time to **Register on the website:**

<https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

If you have registered and your paperwork has not arrived, please contact the Ride+Stride Co-ordinator, Sean Dudley: [sean.lhct@gmail.com](mailto:sean.lhct@gmail.com)

To raise funds by riding, striding or welcoming, you can download a sponsorship form on the website (above) or **set up a Just Giving page here:**

<https://www.justgiving.com/l-h-c-t>

## 'easyfundraising' Webinar

**Tuesday 24 September 2024, 12.30pm-1.30pm – Zoom**

ACAT are offering a free webinar on generating income for your church using easyfundraising. **Learn more and book your free place:** <https://www.acat.uk.com/product/meet-the-funder-easyfundraising-free-unrestricted-funding-for-your-church/>

## Mental Health and Wellbeing Day

**Saturday 21 September, 9am-2pm – St John's Church, Hinckley**

This training day is for all who want to know how to look after their own mental health better, and the mental health of others, particularly in a church setting.

Speakers will be Dr Emma Hayward and Sangita Jobanputra. *Please bring a packed lunch.*

The event is free, but please

email [Kim.Ford@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Kim.Ford@LeicesterCofE.org) if you would like to attend.

## Holy Listening Course at Launde Abbey

### Are you interested in helping people deepen their spiritual lives? Could God be calling you to be a spiritual director?

Spiritual direction is the practice of being with people as they attempt to deepen their relationship with God, a prayerful ministry by which one Christian accompanies another as they discern the place and work of God in their life.

*Holy Listening* is a Launde Abbey training course which will help you develop skills and reflective practice for this ministry. You'll explore core aspects of Christian spirituality, and how we create and hold spaces that enable other people to hear God speaking in their lives.

Launde Abbey is seeking interested applicants to form its cohort for 2025 and 2026. Applications must be submitted by Friday 27 September, with interviews to be held on 14 & 16 October.

**Find out more about the ministry of spiritual direction and about *Holy Listening*:**

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/holy-listening/>

## Outdoor Church Gathering – Let's go for a Walk

**Saturday 7 September, 9.30am-1.30pm, Launde Abbey.**

Whether you're a regular Forest Church leader or just interested in exploring worship outside for the first time, this day is for you. **Download the flyer for more information:** <https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/walk-flyer-aw-240524.pdf> The aims of the gathering are to:

- Celebrate and share Outdoor Worship which is already established
- Support and encourage leaders of all ages within Outdoor Worshipping communities
- Inspire and birth new Outdoor Worshipping communities

There will also be an opportunity for an informal retreat after lunch, finishing at 4pm. **Book Now**

Early Bird Tickets cost £10 (including lunch) and are available until 8 July (regular price £12). We are also looking to welcome Young Leaders (14-18) at £8 each. **Book your place:** <https://htl.churchsuite.com/events/t2as1ynm>

## Embrace the Difference - Unconscious Bias Training

**Saturday 14 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House, Leicester.**

This training workshop is a chance to examine our biases, understand how they become embedded, and explore God's design in diversity. During the training, you will learn about different biases that exist in our society and church and how

they influence our interactions with people who are different from us.

*This training is free to attend. A finger lunch will be provided afterwards. Sign up via the Hub:*

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/embrace-the-difference-unconscious-bias-training/> or by emailing the IWC project administrator at: [Dinta.Chaohan@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Dinta.Chaohan@LeicesterCofE.org)

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## Reconciling Habits Workshop using the Difference Course

**Saturday 28 September, 9am-12.30pm – St Martins House, Leicester.**

**Monday 4 November, 7pm-8.30pm – a 'regathering' follow-up session on Zoom.**

A two-session course where you'll hear and share insights into the ways reconciliation is at the heart of the Christian faith and how it has a practical impact on our everyday lives and leadership as we serve through discipleship, pastoral work, and mission.

There'll be the opportunity to practice using the habits personally and explore how to offer it to your communities by developing the three 'reconciling habits' – Be Curious, Be Present, and Reimagine. These habits are grounded in Biblical principles and seen in the life of Christ.

The course will be facilitated by Sharon March, Associate Minister and Lay Training Tutor, and Emma Crick de Boom, Reconciliation Enabler for Coventry Diocese.

*Please make sure you can attend both sessions before registering.* For more information & sign up here:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/the-reconciling-habits-workshop/>

## Renew Wellbeing Cafés - Information Sessions

The Diocese of Leicester has been selected to join a pilot scheme offering parishes training and support from *Renew Wellbeing* to launch simple, welcoming, café-style spaces to improve mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. **This**

**video explains the project:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhm6nPKM\\_Z4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhm6nPKM_Z4)

Find out more at one of two (repeated) introductory sessions:

**Tuesday 17 September, 2-3pm and Thursday 19 September, 11am-12pm on Zoom.**

Email Sharon Andrews to

register: [Revdsandrews13@gmail.com](mailto:Revdsandrews13@gmail.com)

*Following these sessions there will be a training event for those wanting to take things further at St Martins House on Thursday 31 October, 10am-12pm.*

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