



# Hallaton and Whatborough Newsletter

Edition Date:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

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

11am **Tugby** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

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

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

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

11.15am **Cold Overton** (with **Knossington**) Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

4pm **Hallaton** Teatime Service (Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman)

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 11am Zoom Launde Parishes Zoom

**Leader:** Revd Helen Bence **Reflection:** Shayne Ardron

**To Join our Zoom Service, click on this link:**

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

**Meeting ID:** 876 7980 3190

**Passcode:** 172162

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

**T. 0203 481 5240**

Enter the **Meeting ID: 876 7980 3190** followed by #

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## Collect for Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil

and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**



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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## PLACE OF WELCOME AT TUGBY CHURCH: BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

- Regular opening **every Wednesday 2.30 – 4pm (term time)**
- Free hot drinks and biscuits
- Parents and children welcome after school
- **Everyone is welcome**

## Reflection for Second Sunday before

### Advent Matthew 25.14-30

Today's parable is a lesson in how we are called to use God's gifts for His glory. It's also a firm reminder of God's expectations for us and how they vary according to our ability. However, God doesn't dole out blessings, gifts, or even expectations according to worldly logic.

The gifts we have in life are blessings from God entrusted to us. He hasn't given us all the same things. We each have differences in financial status, health, intellect, skills and talents, etc., nevertheless, they are all gifts from God.

God gives us free will. He wants us to grow our gifts for His glory, but it's our decision. Will we help the needy? Clothe the naked? Feed the hungry? Show mercy? Grant forgiveness? Love one another? Or will we squander our money and blessings? Hide or misuse our talents? Use our skills for evil instead of good? Worship money and status above God?

The talents are given according to each person's ability. We are created with different skills and abilities but God knows we can handle and ensures we have the resources, skills, and ability to accomplish His will for us, no matter how small or great the goal. We will not be compared with others, but judged by how well we've lived the Christian life according to our abilities and resources. Those who choose to bury their gifts or misuse them he says will be judged harshly.

Those who grow in faith will be entrusted with more, just as a wise parent nurtures a child. As we seek Jesus and work for His good, we deepen our relationship, prove our growing abilities, and eventually become entrusted with more blessings to be used for God's glory.

As the master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

**Hilary Painter**

**Bible Readings**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Second Sunday before Advent**

**Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

7 Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs,

those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.'

13 Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them; though they plant

vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,  
near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

15 That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

**1 Thessalonians 5.1-11**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.

2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;

5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;

7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Matthew 25.14-30**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;

15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.

17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents."

21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents."

23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;

25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you,

that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?

27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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## Additional Prayer for Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## Zoom Congregation Christmas Party



You are warmly invited to our  
Zoom Congregation Christmas Party  
**5pm – 5.40pm Thursday 21st December**

RSVP by 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec to Helen Bence

([helenbence@outlook.com](mailto:helenbence@outlook.com)) or Madeleine Wang

([madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com](mailto:madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com))

(Please let us know of any dietary requirements)

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## COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

10.30am - 1.00pm

SKEFFINGTON CHURCH



For donations of homemade cakes and biscuits,  
raffle prizes and 'Bring and Buy' table contributions  
Please contact Jude on 07863 249432

## 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/ Jarred Hot Dogs, Tinned Ham, Corned Beef, Tinned Chicken in sauce, Sugar (small bags if possible 500g), Sandwich Paste, Jars of Coffee, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Crackers, Bags of Dry Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Dried Potato (like Smash), Jam

## PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPAM & JUNK FOLDERS

**REGULARLY:** Wendy Lewis, Deanery Administrator, has been told that some of her emails are ending up there. And I know mine do, too!

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## Everyone is welcome to join us at the Sunday Zoom Service at 11am

*whenever it suits you, for instance when you haven't got a local in-church service.*

*Also, if you know anyone who can't physically get to a church, we would love to see them wherever they live - members of our Zoom congregation come from our Parishes, Leicester, Market Harborough, Andorra and even New Jersey!*



John Morrison & Helen Bent have talked about their experiences of the Zoom community – see what they have to say:

<https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/our-zoom-services>

**All are very welcome!** If you want details and/ or the Zoom link, contact: Linda on [l.jones2k@btinternet.com](mailto:l.jones2k@btinternet.com)

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## Hallaton Museum Online Talk:

### Leicester Cathedral Revealed

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 at 7.00pm**

**By Mathew Morris**

**Leicester University Archaeological Services**



The construction of Leicester Cathedral's new heritage learning centre has revealed a fascinating snapshot of life in Leicester over the past 2,000 years. From a possible Roman shrine to a burial ground in use from the late Saxon period to the 19th century, in this talk Mathew Morris from University of Leicester Archaeological Services will reveal the archaeology found during the recent Leicester Cathedral Revealed project, what it tells us about the lives of the people of St Martin's parish, and its significance for the story of Leicester. Leicester Cathedral Revealed is a £12.7m restoration of the Grade II\* Cathedral, made possible with the Heritage Fund. This event will take place on **Zoom** *The talk is free of charge but a donation to Hallaton Museum would be appreciated.*

If you wish to attend, please contact Linda Jones:

[l.jones2k@btinternet.com](mailto:l.jones2k@btinternet.com) or 01858 555249 and she will send you the link to the talk.

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## Coffee Morning

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 10.30–12.00

30 Home Close Road, Houghton,

LE7 9GT

Gifts of cakes and produce welcome

*Christmas hamper and other raffle prizes*

Proceeds to Orphanage and School, Bethany  
and School for Blind Children, Bethlehem

(See details on:

McCabe Pilgrimages Educational Trust website)



## MINT Stamps

**Support the Church Association for Sudan & South Sudan by buying your Royal Mail postage stamps at the normal price at the same time as donating to them.** 1st and 2nd class, and other denominations, are all available. If you would like to put in an order, let Mary Twidell know [mary.twidell@gmail.com](mailto:mary.twidell@gmail.com) or 01858 555204 who is happy to make a combined order.

**Closing date for orders 19 November.** Thank you.

## Caring for God's Acre – the conservation charity for burial grounds across the UK

Once again the seasons are turning and as Autumn begins, we have a fresh line-up of webinars for you. For the time being, webinars will be free for members and non-members (apart from the AGM), but if you would like to make a donation, however small, it would be gratefully received. All webinars will be held over Zoom and you will be able to watch again or catch up after the event. You can read more on our website

here <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/webinars/> and book at the individual links.



**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

## News from the Diocese...

### Holy Habits ...for Everyone

**Saturday 18 November, 9.30 to 3pm – St Martin's House, Leicester.**

A workshop which will introduce you to a range of spiritual habits and think about how we integrate them into our own lives and encourage others to have a go. **To**

**book your free place:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org>

### All you need to know about COP28

A new guide explaining how Christians can get involved in COP 28 has been published.

COP28 is the United Nations Climate Change conference being held this year in the United Arab Emirates, from 30 November to 12 December.

The guide includes information on what will happen at COP28; how the Church of England is getting involved and what you can do from home to support. **Find out more and read it here:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/how-christians-can-get-involved-un-climate-conference-cop28>

### Follow the Star: Join the Song - with children and young people

This year's Church of England Christmas campaign – Follow the Star: Join the Song – highlights how singing can help us draw closer to God and each other through the journey from Advent to Epiphany.

There are some great resources available using song to engage with children and young people, from singing the new setting of The First Nowell, to practical ideas for use in schools, church, or at home. **For ideas and learn more about the campaign here:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-calling/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/follow-star-join-song-resources-churches>

### Holy Listening 2024

Are you interested in helping people deepen their spiritual lives? *Holy Listening* is a Launde Abbey training course which will help you develop skills and reflective practice for this ministry.

We'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.

To find out more about the ministry of spiritual direction and about *Holy Listening* visit Launde Abbey Holy

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

**Applications close on 17 November 2023.**

