



# Hallaton and Whatborough Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

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

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

9.30am **Slawston** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)  
10am **Tugby** Morning Praise (Congregation Led)  
10am **Cold Overton** (with **Knossington**) Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)  
11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**  
4pm **Hallaton** Teatime Service (Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman)

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 11am Zoom

#### Launde Parishes Zoom

**Leader & Reflection:** Madeleine Wang

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679803190?pwd=VzV5d1UwaTd4UnlybDdTbmdVUTZTZz09>

**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 Christ the King

### Sunday Next before Advent

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## 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)



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/>

## Contact Us:

Revd Jayne Lewis: 0116 259 7244

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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 Christ the King

### Sunday Next before Advent

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and our gospel reading shows us Jesus in his role of judge at the end of the age. He is seated on his throne of glory, rewarding or punishing his subjects according to how closely they have followed his command to love one's neighbour as oneself. If you want to be a part of his kingdom, then Christ is the one who sets the standards, who shows us what kingdom life will be like – the Christ, who chooses to spend his time with the marginalised, the oppressed, the forgotten; the Christ who is utterly committed to those whom nobody values, nobody respects. The Christ who identifies himself so completely with "the least of these" that when we look at them, we know we are seeing him too.

It was, I think, Mark Twain who said 'It's not the parts of the Bible that I don't understand that bother me, it's the parts I do understand.' The parable of the sheep and the goats is nothing if not crystal clear. I rather like the saying that goes 'Sometimes I want to ask God why he allows poverty, famine, and injustice in the world when he could do something about it... but I'm afraid he might just ask me the same question.' The sheep at Christ's right hand are the ones who have been asked just that question and have responded by getting on and tackling the problem. It may never be entirely solved, but we can get some way towards it and help some of God's children in their need.

The kingdom of God is the kingdom of those who love; those who follow the commandments to love God and to love our neighbour.

To love our King is to love what he has made...children, men and women, joyous, broken, hopeful or despairing...

To love our neighbours is to love the One in whose image they and we, are made... and real love is always manifested in action. When it comes down to it, it is living lives of love that will build the kingdom of God here on earth. We aren't asked to decide who might be the sheep or who might be the goats (that is for Jesus to judge)...all we are asked to do is to carry on loving – wildly, indiscriminately, in the same way as Christ our King.

**Revd Jeff Hopewell**

**Bible Readings**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Christ the King**  
**Sunday Next before Advent**

**Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide,

22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

**Ephesians 1.15-end**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason

16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Matthew 25.31-end**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,

33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"

40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?"

45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."

46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

## Additional Prayer for Christ the King Sunday Next before Advent

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory. **Amen**



**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

## 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 07661 24942



## 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 Chicken in sauce,  
Dried Potato (like Smash), Tinned Veggie Meals

## 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!

## 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)**

## Hallaton Museum Online Talk:

## Leicester Cathedral Revealed

## FINAL CALL – IT'S TONIGHT

**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.



## 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)

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

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.

## News from the Diocese...

### Global Carol Service



Everyone is warmly invited to our Global Carol Service – an intercultural celebration of Global Christmas – on **Saturday 16 December, 7pm, at All Saints with Holy Trinity Church in Loughborough. Read more about it here:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/global-carol-service-.php>

### Christmas at the Cathedral

**Thursday 7 December, 7pm – Leicester Cathedral**

Hospital Chaplains from the University Hospitals Leicester (UHL) will be celebrating the joy of Spiritual Care as they host a special concert to raise funds for Leicester Hospital Charity's Spiritual Care Appeal. The evening promises to be filled with festivities, in a concert featuring solo performances by staff members, dancers, and the 2023 BBC Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year, The EAGA Gospel Choir. **Tickets, priced £15, are available to buy here:**

<https://leicesterhospitalscharity.org.uk/event/christmas-at-the-cathedral/>

## Advent and Christmas on AChurchNearYou.com

In our mission to invite more families to church this Christmas, why not update your AChurchNearYou page? It's a great way to reach new people, plus there are lots of Christmas features this year.

AChurchNearYou.com has had a makeover in line with this year's 'Follow the Star' campaign.

You can now choose, through the Marketplace, to opt in or out of displaying the Christmas branding on your church or benefice site.

Other new features include:

- A tab specifically for Advent and Christmas events on your church's services and events page.
- At [AChurchNearYou.com/christmas](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/christmas) visitors will be able to refine their search using a drop-down list of seasonal tags and a date filter.
- Improved search results for Advent and Christmas services and events with 'Share' and 'Add to calendar' buttons.

## Preaching at Advent and Christmas with Jewish people in mind

**Wednesday 29 November, 11am to 1pm – St Philip's Centre, 2a Stoughton Drive North, Leicester**  
Lunch provided – please notify of any dietary requirements.

For more information and to book your place, email: [courses@stphilipscentre.co.uk](mailto:courses@stphilipscentre.co.uk)

## Bishop Martyn writes on social media on Tuesday:

First preview evening for Leicester Cathedral. Can't quite believe how spacious, light, and alluring it is. And I get to preside at the first Eucharist this Sunday. Such a privilege.

