



Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletter

Edition Date: 11th July 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 14th July Trinity 7

10am **Hallaton** Informal Gathering
10am **Knossington** Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)
11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

Sunday 21st July Trinity 8

10am **Owston** Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)
11am **Tugby** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)
11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

Sunday 28th July Trinity 9

9am **Slawston** Pet Service (Revd David Palmer) **PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME FOR THIS SERVICE**
10am **Tugby** Morning Praise Café Style (Congregation Led)
11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**
6pm **Knossington** (With Cold Overton) Sung Evensong (Revd Jayne Lewis)

Sunday 14th July 11.00am Zoom Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader: Hilary Painter **Reflection:** Codra Spencer

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

NOTE THIS IS A NEW LINK. PLEASE USE THIS ONE:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQK191dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE:

T. 0203 481 5240

Enter the **Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342** followed by #

Enter the **Passcode: 079282** followed by #

Collect for Sunday 14th July Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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



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

Jaynelewis28@googlemail.com

Additional Prayer for Sunday 14th July Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reflection for Sunday 14th July 2024 Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Only recently we have remembered and celebrated the birth of John the Baptist and the important part he played in Jesus' ministry and the birth of our Christian Church. This week we are reminded of the gruesome and violent death that he was forced to endure. Herod seems to have had respect for John but because John had told Herod that his marriage to Herodias, widow of his brother Philip, was against the Law, John had incurred the anger of Herodias, which seems to have been the main reason Herod had imprisoned John. Herod holds a banquet and invites several important leaders and as part of the entertainment gets his niece, now his stepdaughter, to dance for them - that infamous 'dance of the seven veils' - probably not the most wholesome of dances! Obviously it pleased his guests and in front of everyone Herod promised to give Salome anything she asked for. After consulting her mother, she requests the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod is not happy with this request but in order to save face in front of his guests, he prefers to sacrifice John. When the news gets out, we are told that John's disciples come and take away his body. Later in the gospel we learn that John's disciples, of whom there were many, then choose to follow Jesus. This seems to be a very sad end to John's life and his ministry in preparing the way for that of Jesus. It must have saddened Jesus terribly given that he and John were related as well as working together on the very wonderful mission of establishing Christ's kingdom on earth. However we can take comfort in the fact that in many ways John had achieved his part in that mission and just as Jesus's own cruel and tragic death was not the end of his mission on earth, so John's death eventually leads to the fulfilment of God's plan to save his people. We must be encouraged by this and understand that even now sacrifices are being made by our fellow Christians all over the world, even here in our own country, which are enabling Christ's kingdom to grow and flourish and we too must be prepared to play our part in that - but hopefully keeping our heads!

Revd Christine Blodwell

Bible Readings:

Sunday 14th July 2024

Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Amos 7.7-15

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

7 This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.

8 And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile away from his land."

12 And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there;

13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees,

15 and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Ephesians 1.3-14

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight

9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

14 this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6.14-29

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.'

15 But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.'

16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

18 For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'

19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,

20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.'

23 And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.'

24 She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.'

25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.'

26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl.

Then the girl gave it to her mother.

29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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 (eg Bolognese, mince, chilli, stew), Cartons of UHT Milk; Fray Bentos Pies; Sugar (Small 500g if possible); Tinned Rice Pudding; Tinned Chicken; Dried Mashed Potato; Cream Crackers.



Mothers' Union Coffee Morning Tuesday 16th July 10.30-12.00



Pilgrimage Walks in the Launde Minster Community

After the popularity of our Palm Sunday Pilgrimage (this year and in 2023), we are pleased to announce a series of mini pilgrimages this spring and summer across the Minster community.

The schedule of Pilgrimage walks for this summer:

11th August: Welham to Hallaton (4 miles with a stop in Slawston)

15th 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.

Choral Evensong at Knossington

Sunday 28th July at 6pm with the Choir of St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray **All are welcome**



Hallaton Festival of Archaeology 13 – 28 July



Two Thousand Years of History

Have you seen our programme of events for this year's Festival of Archaeology?

We have some great talks which include: "A Landscape of Lordship" by Mathew Morris, "The Rutland Villa Project" by Peter Lubbock, and "Recovering Britain's Finest Cavalry Regiment" by Helen Sharp. These are all fascinating subjects with great episodes.

Peter's talk gives the view from inside of the brilliant story of how the Rutland Villa was found, excavated, and then hidden again. And you can combine Mathew's talk with a guided walk around the castle site or combine Helen's talk with a visit to Hallaton Museum where we are proud to display our replica copy of the helmet.



The Festival of Archaeology runs from 13th to 28th July 2024 in St. Michael's Church, Hallaton where you can also see the story of the Hallaton Pilgrims and have lunch on tea at Cafe Morris. What's next to be?

Tickets for most events are still available on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/show/hallaton-2024-3337759> and more tickets for the Castle walk will be released at Mathew's talk.

We look forward to seeing you in Hallaton next month.

Talk: A Landscape of Lordship by Mathew Morris

Saturday 13th July at 7pm St Michael & All Angels Church, Hallaton

Described as the finest example of a motte and bailey castle in Leicestershire, Hallaton Castle is a hidden historic gem. Join archaeologist Mathew Morris from University of Leicester Archaeological Services to find out the latest chapter in the castle's fascinating story and how new research has helped to place it in its historical and geographical context alongside other early Leicestershire castles. **Book here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/hallaton-2024-3337759>
or pay at the door Cost £5



Fundraising for World Vision – Global 6k Walk for Water by Linda Jones

Monday 22nd July to Sunday 28th July



I am aiming to raise £1,000 for World Vision. In September, I will be visiting their projects in Uganda and meeting one of the girls I sponsor there. I am very excited about it. World Vision is an amazing, Christian Charity helping children and communities in almost 100 of the world's most dangerous, and poverty-stricken places; they help to provide water, healthcare, education, child protection, and income generation.

I had hoped to do a skydive to raise the funds, but I was deemed too high a risk medically. I have, instead, signed up to **World Vision's Global 6k Walk for Water**. 6k is the average distance that children, often girls, walk every single day to fetch water for their community. I have challenged myself to walk **6k a day for 7 days between Monday 22nd and Sunday 28th July** to help meet my fundraising target. Every penny I raise will make a real difference on the ground. **If you feel able to support me, this is the link to my fundraising page:** <https://www.justgiving.com/page/linda-jones-1712740246007> Or email me on l.jones2k@btinternet.com **Thank you.**

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

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



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.

Revd 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>



Next week sees the start of South Asian Heritage Month (18 July to 17 August) – a time in the

calendar when we, as Christians, are invited to celebrate and learn more about the heritage of people with roots in South Asia, including the countries of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives. As a diocese, we are made up of many people from a diverse range of geographic, cultural, religious, and ethnic backgrounds.

Jessie Tang, Intercultural Ministry Director in the Diocese of Leicester, says: "In Leicester, one of the largest minority ethnic groups are from South Asia, with a number of our worshipping communities and churches made up of people from these groups. Regardless of the diversity of your community, marking a month like this helps us to recognise the global nature of our faith, and pray for diaspora groups." Our Intercultural Worshipping Communities team have produced a video featuring South Asian Christians from our diocese, including Bishop Saju, which can be shown in your services during this heritage month. **Read more and watch the video:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/south-asian-heritage-month-.php>

Eco Church Conversations

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

You and your Eco Champions are invited to be inspired about your church's Eco Church journey.

Whether you are just starting to think about how to work with the Eco Church award, or wondering how to get to Gold, this is a chance to listen to inspiring speakers as well as have some of those conversations with key local people who might have the answer to your questions. Come and network, gather resources and support and be inspired as to how your community can care for God's creation.

Book online here:

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

A voluntary donation of £5 per person is suggested to cover contributors expenses.

The Derek Lewin Annual Lecture

Sunday 21 July, 5pm – St Mary Magdalene Church, Kilby

This year's Derek Lewin Annual Lecture will be given by the Revd Dr Tom Wilson, Director of the St Philip's Centre, Leicester. It will be followed by refreshments and conclude with a short service of compline at 6.30pm.

All welcome.

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/>

Children and Youth Listening Exercise on Climate Change

This summer, the Bishops' Children and Youth Council (BCYC) are running their next listening exercise, this time on climate change.

You can get involved by facilitating a 20-30 min session with children or young people and feeding back their responses.

Download the facilitators' guidebook here, along with reports from previous listening exercises:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/info-for-parishes/children-families-and-young-people/bishops-children-and-youth-council-bcyc/>

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact Matt Long, Youth Engagement & Intergenerational Communities Enabler, on Matt.Long@LeicesterCofE.org

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>

Following Christ: ACross Culture

Saturday 13 July, 9.30am-2.30pm – Leicester Cathedral and St Martins House

What is intercultural discipleship? What does it mean to disciple people across different cultures? What can we learn about discipleship from the perspectives of people from around the world?

Join us for workshops, guest speakers, reflection, networking and worship as we practically explore how we can more inclusively journey in faith together.

This event is delivered in partnership between Leicester Cathedral and Leicester Diocese's Intercultural Worshipping Communities. Tickets are free, but donations will be very gratefully received.

Lunch will be provided. **Visit Eventbrite to book:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/following-christ-across-culture-tickets-922855494627> or

contact Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org

Intercultural Preaching Workshops

Wednesday 24 July, 6-8pm, St Martin's House

Bishop Saju is leading a workshop for all who preach or are interested in preaching.

Why and how do we preach interculturally

What habits do we cultivate so that our preaching will bridge the gaps between cultures?

How can we effectively share the Scriptures with people from various cultural backgrounds? *Food will be provided.*

For further information and booking

contact Dinta.Chauhan@LeicesterCofE.org

