



Hallaton and Whatborough Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 2nd November 2023

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 5th November

9.30am **Tilton** Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

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

5pm **Tugby** Holy Communion (Revd Chris Webb)

Sunday 12th November

10.50am **Knossington** Service of Remembrance (Revd Jayne Lewis)

10.00am **Hallaton** Service of Remembrance (Revd David Palmer)

10.30am **Tugby** Service of Remembrance (Congregation led)

10.45am **Tilton** Remembrance at the War Memorial (Community Led)

10.45am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

Sunday 19th November

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

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

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

Sunday 26th 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 Jonathan Dowman)

Sunday 5th November 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom All Saints Day

Leader & Reflection: Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman

To Join our Zoom Service, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679803190?pwd=VzV5d1UwaTd4UnlybDdDbmdVUTZTZ09>

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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/deanery-synod>

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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Collect for All Saints Day

Almighty God,

you have knit together your elect

in one communion and fellowship

in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:

grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints

in all virtuous and godly living

that we may come to those inexpressible joys

that you have prepared for those who truly love you;

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 for All Saints Day:

In the Roman Catholic Church, the first step in naming someone as a Saint, is that of conveying the title

“Blessed”. Canonization comes as the next step when

there is evidence of answered prayer. However, Paul

reminds us that we are all “called to be saints” and Jesus

describes everyone who follows devotedly in his Way as

“Blessed”, as we see in the Sermon on the Mount.

These wonderful verses in Matthew 5 are described as

being delivered “on the Mount”, despite Luke recording

these words of Jesus as being given “on the plain” and

despite also the lack of a mountain in the Galilee area.

But that is the point. Matthew sees these words of Jesus

as echoing the giving of the 10 Commandments to

Moses on Mt. Sinai. Jesus brings to his disciples a new

Law and a new Covenant based this time on love, self-

sacrifice and service. Those are the foundations for his

followers of blessedness and sainthood.

John in his vision of the saints in heaven has a similar

understanding. There the focus is on the Lamb, the one

killed as an act of sacrifice. The faithful are dressed in

robes washed white in the blood of the lamb and are

carrying palms, symbolizing victory over evil. Their

blessedness is one of having experienced poverty and

mourning, of being unselfish, committed, merciful, pure,

and courageous in their dedication to the Gospel of

Jesus. They have followed not a legal set of laws made

up largely of prohibitions, but a life of positive ideals.

That vision, so compelling for people long ago, is no less

relevant for us today. We today are called to be saints,

not so that we can just tick the boxes of laws obeyed,

but so that we can grow in love, self-sacrifice and

service. We rejoice at the example of so many people

who have shown remarkable gifts of holiness throughout

history and with them we press on to be “like Him, for

we shall see Him as He is”.

Revd Philip Norwood

Bible Readings

Sunday 5th November

All Saints Day (Festival)

Revelation 7.9-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

12 singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'

14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

1 John 3.1-3

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1-12

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Additional Prayer for All Saints Day

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings:

Sunday 5th November 2023

Fourth Sunday Before Advent

Micah 3.5-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

5 Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry 'Peace' when they have something to eat, but declare war against those

who put nothing into their mouths.

6 Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets,

and the day shall be black over them;

7 the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips,

for there is no answer from God.

8 But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob
and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice
and pervert all equity,
10 who build Zion with blood
and Jerusalem with wrong!
11 Its rulers give judgement for a bribe,
its priests teach for a price,
its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean
upon the Lord and say,
‘Surely the Lord is with us!
No harm shall come upon us.’
12 Therefore because of you
Zion shall be ploughed as a field; Jerusalem shall
become a heap of ruins,
and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

1 Thessalonians 2.9-13

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

9 You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.
10 You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers.
11 As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children,
12 urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
13 We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God’s word, which is also at work in you believers.

Matthew 24.1-14

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple.
2 Then he asked them, ‘You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’
3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?’
4 Jesus answered them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray.
5 For many will come in my name, saying, “I am the Messiah!” and they will lead many astray.
6 And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet.
7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places:

8 all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.
9 ‘Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name.
10 Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another.
11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.
12 And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold.
13 But anyone who endures to the end will be saved.
14 And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday Before Advent

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
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

Additional Prayer for Fourth Sunday Before Advent

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
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/ 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 dried Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Dried Potato (like Smash), Jam

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

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**

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

Harborough Singers

The Road Home – 'Music for the Journey of Life'.

Saturday 4th November 2023 7.30 pm

The Harborough Singers will make a rare appearance at St. Wilfrid's Church, Kibworth on 4th November 2023. One of the leading Midlands chamber choirs, the group will perform a concert of music entitled 'The Road Home: music for the journey of life'. The evening will feature works by Rachmaninov, Parry, Duruflé and Jepson, and conclude with Vaughan Williams setting of the popular English Folk song 'Lock Lomond'.

Tickets: £12.00 Available From: harboroughsingers.com, The Well in Kibworth Beauchamp or by phone from Anne Flower on 07540719298.



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 or 01858 555204 who is happy to make a combined order. **Closing date for orders 15 November.** Thank you.

Hallaton Museum Online Talk: Leicester Cathedral Revealed

Thursday 23rd 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 or 01858 555249 and she will send you the link to the talk.

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.

News from the Diocese...

Emergency appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem



The Archbishops of Canterbury and Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum and Justin Welby, have issued a joint emergency appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in response to the eruption of war in the Holy Land, resulting in hundreds of deaths, injuries, and displacements. **Read the full story here:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/emergency-appeal-for-the-episcopal-diocese-of-jerusalem.php>

Warm Welcome Place



If you were wondering about registering as a Warm Welcome space, the data from last year's campaign shows how much of an impact something as simple as a heated space, simple refreshments and a warm welcome can make. We caught up with St Chad's Church in Leicester who started a coffee pop-in as a response to the Warm Welcome initiative, recognising that there

were very few places for local people to go and meet up in the area. **Click here to learn more and register:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/a-warm-welcome-for-all.php>

Who's Who (Now) in the Communications Team

Since September, there have been some changes in the Communications team:

Florence Gildea has now taken on responsibility for media engagement and communication planning, which she is combining with her role as Bishop Martyn's Social Policy Adviser.

If you need any advice for dealing with the media, receive any enquiries from journalists or need any changes to be made to the website, please contact her on Florence.Gildea@leicestercofe.org or 0794 338 7265. Florence's role is funded by the Church Commissioners.

Gemma Starkings gathers and writes stories of faith and mission from across the diocese, and produces our weekly Diomail, alongside her other communications duties.

To send in items for Diomail, please email her on Gemma.Starkings@leicestercofe.org or Communications@leicestercofe.org

Gemma works part-time, so it is helpful for her to receive anything for the next week's Diomail by the end of Wednesday.

If you have stories related to any of our strategic priorities, or of Everyday Faith, Deepening Discipleship or Loving Service of the World, please do get in touch.

Beth Cluer's role now mainly focuses on facilitating the Minster Community formation process, but one day a week is concentrated on communications related to that process and the broader Shaped By God Together journey.

Meet the Faith – Interfaith Week

13 – 19 November, lunchtime talks throughout the week, 12pm to 1pm – Bishop Street Methodist Church, Town Hall Square, Leicester LE1 6AF

Organised by the St Philip's Centre, each day a member of a different faith community will speak about their faith and how it impacts their life.

- ☐ Monday – Judaism with Tony
- ☐ Tuesday – Islam with Rehana
- ☐ Wednesday – Sikhism with Surinder
- ☐ Thursday – Bahá'í with George
- ☐ Friday – Hinduism with Nima

Talks will take place in the vestry at the front of the church. Refreshments are available from the Chapel Café.

