



Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletter

Edition Date: 25th April 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 28th April – Easter 5

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

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

10.00am **Knossington** (with Cold Overton) **CANCELLED**

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

4.00pm **Hallaton** Teatime Service (Rev'd Jonathan Dowman)

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Sunday 5th May – Easter 6

9.30am **Tilton** Holy Communion (Canon Philip Norwood)

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

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

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

6pm **Tugby** Holy Communion (Rev'd Chris Webb)

Sunday 12th May – Easter 7

10am **Knossington** Holy Communion (Canon Michael Wilson)

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

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

Saturday 18th May

12noon **Tilton** 25th Anniversary of the AAC Helicopter Crash (service at Memorial Cairn)

Sunday 19th May – Pentecost

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

11am **Tugby** Holy Communion (Rev'd David Palmer)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

Sunday 26th May – Trinity Sunday

9.30am **Slawston** Holy Communion (Rev'd David Palmer)

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

10.00am **Cold Overton** (with Knossington) Holy Communion (Rev'd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

Sunday 28th April 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom

Leader & Reflection: Madeleine Wang (Tugby)

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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

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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/>

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Collect for Sunday 28th April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires,

so by your continual help

we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection for Sunday 28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The image of Jesus as the True Vine and his people as the branches is a very powerful one, with several layers of meaning. It is Jesus himself who supports and nourishes us and the sap is his life flowing through us. If we are open to it, we can grow and bear fruit and show his love in our lives, in our words and in our actions. If we are not then, whilst we may be physically alive, we are spiritually dead.

The Vine is a very egalitarian image and our only function is to bear fruit, not like Paul's understanding of the Body of Christ in which we all have a different part to play in making it work as a whole. It is not hierarchical; it is corporate. The word 'you' is plural throughout and there is no room for any cult of personality.

However, each branch is shaped by God and its growth is not left unchecked. In our own interests, and that of the vine as a whole, we are tended in a way that is both good for us and the Christian community. That does mean that we have to be pruned in order to be fruitful. Pruning is not an idea we relish and must inevitably be uncomfortable as the unfruitful parts of our life have to be stripped away, however much we may wish to cling on to them.

The pruning knife in this instance is the Word of God. It is by a study of the scriptures that we are enabled to shed the things that separate us from God and from one another. It is by prayer informed by the Word that we can indeed abide in Christ and he in us, assured of his unending love for us now and always.

Rev'd Jeff Hopewell

Bible Readings:
Sunday 28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.26-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)
27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship
28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.
29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'
30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'
31 He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.
32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.'
33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.'
34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'
35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.
36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'
38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.
39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.
40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

1 John 4.7-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.
9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.
10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.
12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.
13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.
15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.
16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world.
18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.
19 We love because he first loved us.
20 Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.
21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15.1-8

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.
2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.
3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.
4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.
5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Additional Prayer for Sunday 28th April
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

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: UHT milk (semi & full), Tinned meat: minced, Bolognese, chilli, stewed, chicken in sauce; Packets of rice; Tinned potatoes; Tinned vegetables: sweetcorn, peas carrots; Dried mashed potato (like Smash); Small jars of sandwich paste; Jam; Tinned Fruit, Crackers (like Jacobs), Tinned mixed beans eg lentils, chickpeas (no more baked beans please); Tinned rice pudding; Instant coffee; Sugar (small bags); Cereals; Pasta sauce; Cereal bars; Tinned beans with sausages.



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 spring and summer:

19th May: Launde to Owston (3.5 miles following the Leicestershire Round)

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

15th September: Goadby to Gaulby (5 miles with a stop in Ilston)

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

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
- 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



Cathedral Talk: Stories from Sikh and Punjab History found in British Churches

Thursday 25 April, 6.30pm – Leicester Cathedral

Britain's streets are full of stories from Sikh and Punjabi history.

Rav Singh brings these stories to life and in this talk will be presenting those that are memorialised in Abbeys, Cathedrals, and Churches across the South-East of England. The talk will be followed by a question and answer session and refreshments.

*This event is run in partnership with **St Philip's Centre***

Tickets: Adults £5.50/ Concession £3.50, **available from Eventbrite here:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stories-from-sikh-and-punjab-history-found-in-british-churches-tickets-853014046977?aff=oddtcreator>

Faith in Maintenance Training

Saturday 27 April, 9.30am–4pm – St Mary Magdalene Church, Newark-on-Trent

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is running a free one-day training event on the routine care and maintenance of places of worship at St Mary Magdalene's, Newark-on-Trent, aimed at volunteers and staff responsible for the care of their historic parish church building.

The course explains how traditional buildings were constructed, how they can decay, and how to spot and tackle common problems.

To register to attend (spaces are limited), please email hannah@southgateheritage.co.uk

Quiet Morning: Stations of the Resurrection

To coincide with the exhibition of Iain McKillop's *Stations of the Resurrection* in the Cathedral, join us for our next seasonal quiet morning – an opportunity to ponder and respond to different perspectives on Christ's resurrection as we consider the implications of this on each of us and our discipleship in today's world.

As well as space to quietly reflect and be with others, there will also be opportunities to creatively respond as we consider the relationship between discipleship, art, and creativity.

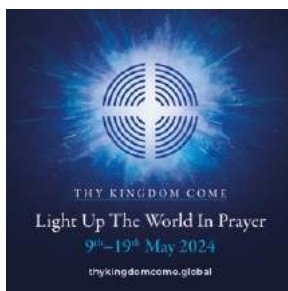
All are welcome – children must be accompanied by an adult. Free booking on on Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/quiet-morning-stations-of-the-resurrection-tickets-876561136957?aff=oddtcreator>

Donations welcome.

For more information, contact Discipleship

Officer Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org



Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is an annual ecumenical prayer movement which unites Christians around the world in praying from Ascension to Pentecost for the coming of the Spirit and for more people to come to know Christ.

This year it will take place from Thursday 9 May to Sunday 19 May.

To support individuals and groups in doing that, the national church has produced a series of new and updated resources, including a new Cheeky Pandas animated episodes of Bible stories for children; digital content produced by young people, for young people, to encourage them to think about the big questions of life; a pocket sized prayer journal and workspace prayer diary; and a whole range of activities for churches.

However you choose to engage with Thy Kingdom Come, we would love to hear about it – you can email us at communications@leicestercofe.org to tell us about what you have planned.

Learn more and to access the resources, click here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/new-ways-of-engaging-with-thy-kingdom-come-for-2024.php>

Iain McKillop Exhibition

Until 20 May – Leicester Cathedral

An Easter exhibition of paintings by acclaimed British artist Iain McKillop, produced through 20 months of near isolation during the Covid-19 pandemic and intended as a memorial to all who were affected by it.

Stations of the Resurrection explores the accounts of witnesses who were convinced of Jesus' return to life following his crucifixion.

A set of over 20 paintings, they are accompanied by the book *Stations of the Resurrection: Encounters with the Risen Christ*, offering reflections on each of these episodes from poet Malcolm Guite and Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani.

(Available from the Cathedral shop outlet and Christian Resources Leicester.)

McKillop hopes to make us consider the evidence of the Gospel accounts, the implications of Jesus' resurrection, and what aspects might convince us to trust in God and Christ's teachings today.

Free entry during Cathedral opening hours.

May Festival

Monday 13 May, 7pm – St Andrew's Church, Jarrom Street, Leicester.

Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass, where the Celebrant and Preacher will be The Most Revd Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

There will be no concelebration. Clergy and readers are welcome to robe and process. If you would like to do so (choir dress: cassock, cotta/surplice and optional white stole) please let Fr Johannes know beforehand:

standrewsjarromstreet@gmail.com

An Intercultural Church for a Multicultural World – a Church Times Webinar

Tuesday 28 May, 6pm – online

The Church Times are hosting a free webinar on the themes of Bishop Martyn's latest book, *An Intercultural Church for a Multicultural World*. As well as the contributors to the book (Bishop Martyn Snow, Bishop Saju Muthalaly, Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy and Jessie Tang), speakers will include Revd Dr Richard Sudworth (Inter-Religious Affairs Advisor to the Church of England) and Revd Anjali Kanagaratnam (Racial Justice Co-Ordinator in the Diocese of Bristol), with the discussion chaired by Revd Dr Sharon Prentis (Deputy Director for the Church of England's Racial Justice Unit).

Whether you have had a chance to read the book or not, it will be an opportunity to discuss its themes, reflect on some of its proposals for the Church and wider society, and discuss how its ideas can be best taken forward so that intercultural mission in the Church of England can best flourish.

You can sign up for your free place

here: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/intercultural-church-for-a-multicultural-world>

