



Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 7th August 2025

Sunday 10th August, Trinity 8

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

10am **Hallaton** Holy Communion (Revd Crystal McAllister)

11am **Knossington** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

Sunday 17th August, Trinity 9

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

11am **Owston** Holy Communion (Revd Michael Wilson)

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

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

6.30pm **Shangton** Songs of Praise (outdoor, weather permitting), followed by a bring and share finger supper (Revd Brian Davies)

Sunday 24th August, Trinity 10, Bartholomew

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

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

11am **Cold Overton** (with Knossington) Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

Saturday 30th August

5.30pm **Hallaton** Harvest Supper following Flower & Produce Show (Revd Crystal McAllister)

Sunday 31st August, Trinity 11

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

11am **Gaulby Launde Deanery Service** (Revd Crystal McAllister)

Saturday Mornings

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.55am)

All welcome. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89820297969?pwd=HD1LgaqamMFBN2y1m7p226w0h2KVkj.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969. Passcode: 470000

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Sunday 10th August 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader and Reflection: Hilary Painter

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKI91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGl8Q.1>

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Collect for Sunday 10th August

Eighth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our
hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of your
commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here
and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 10th August 2025

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 15: 1-6

"We are a covenant people" is a claim made by many protestant churches and following St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, we can be sure that it is to the covenant here in Genesis that they refer. Abram is met by God, and assured of divine favour, but Abram argues that this favour can only be temporary, as he has no heir to succeed him, so his wealth and status transfers to a foreigner on his death, and not to his son. God then promises him not only a son, but that his ancestors through that son would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Then comes one of the most cited verses in the bible, verse 6, that Abram believed God, and God credited this as righteousness. From this verse Paul was able to point to salvation coming through faith, rather than adherence to law or good works. As Abram through faith became righteous Abraham, so we through faith in the redemptive work of Jesus on the cross also become heirs to God's promise to Abram. Thus says St. Paul we are heirs of the covenant and thus a covenant people.

Mike Hammond Ordinand

Bible Readings:

Sunday 10th August

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 15.1-6

1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.'

2 But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'

3 And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'

4 But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'

5 He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'

6 And he believed the Lord ; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-and Sarah herself was barren-because he considered him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12.32-40

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;

36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Additional Collect for Sunday 10th August Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
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.

The Foodbank has **MOST URGENT NEED of:**

Microwave rice, Corned beef, Tinned peas, Tinned ham, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned vegetarian meals, such as veggie chilli, Marmalade.

They also need:

Meals that do not need cooking e.g. John West Fish and rice meals, Biscuits, Snacks and cereal bars, Coffee (small jars), Custard, Fruit squash/ juice, Hot dogs (tins or jars), Red meat: mince, stew, Bolognese, chilli, Pasta sauce, Microwave puddings, Pasta sauce, Peanut butter, Chicken in sauce, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), Tinned carrots, Tinned pasta, Dried potatoes (Smash), Crackers, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned tomatoes, Fray Bentos pies, Sandwich paste, Teabags, Cup of Soup, Tinned potatoes, Tuna, Sugar (500g), Cup of soup, ALPRO yoghurts (long-life,

for the shelf not fridge), Long-life meals, Robinsons minis or similar for families (small squash concentrates), Small cartons of long life milk (for homeless people or someone without a fridge)

The list of food always required is on the website:

<https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk>

Where possible and available, consider giving tins with a ring-pull as these can also be used for homeless people where the food is appropriate (e.g. fish, tinned fruit, etc)

Farewell to Archdeacon Richard Worsfold

Further to the announcement dated Tuesday 6th May 2025, advising that The Venerable Richard Worsfold has been appointed as Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester. We can now confirm that **Richard will be licensed during an early morning service in the Bishop of Manchester's chapel on Tuesday 23rd September**, with a formal welcome service in the Deanery to be announced in due course.
Richard's farewell service here in Leicester will be Monday 15th September at 5.30pm at Leicester Cathedral.
All are welcome to attend.

Gaulby Church: 80th Anniversary of VJ Day

Thursday 14th August at 7pm



You are invited to a short service of remembrance and thanksgiving for all those who served in the Far East during WW2

Thursday 14 August
7pm at Gaulby Church

Prayer Desks

Billesdon Church have 2 spare Prayer Desks

If any church would like one, contact Keith Evans:

Keith Evans, Church Warden 01162596438/ 07754395006

keithevans6@btinternet.com



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

Teas in Gaulby Church

Saturdays 2-30-4.30pm

Join us every Saturday until mid-September in Gaulby church for a cream tea, homemade cake, or just a cup of tea or coffee.

Teas are served between 2:30pm and 4:30pm, with optional seating outside when weather permits.

Discover Horninghold's Heritage

Sunday 21st September 2-4pm



Hallaton's Community Harvest Supper

Saturday 30th August at 5.30pm

It follows the Flower & Produce Show and before a fish & chip supper.



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>

Launde Minster Community August Services

You can now find the services throughout the Launde Deanery/ Minster Community on the website: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk> under the Tabs:

'AUGUST SERVICE TIMES'

NOTE: Back copies of Newsletters available on Launde Minster Community website

Do you want to have a look for something in previous editions of the Gaulby and Coplow, and the Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletters?

Back copies can be downloaded from the Launde Minster Community website at: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/newsletters>



NEW: Revd Richard Trethewey Appointed Archdeacon of Leicester



Richard is well known by many in the diocese for his work as Assistant Archdeacon and Chair of the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Commenting on the appointment, Bishop Martyn said: "I am particularly pleased that Richard has agreed to become the next Archdeacon of Leicester. His appointment provides continuity at a time of considerable change in the diocese, and I know that he will bring real wisdom and energy to the work of supporting parishes through these changes. Richard has rich parish experience himself, both in this diocese as well as Birmingham and Lichfield. I am looking forward to working with him in this new role."

Reflecting on his new role, Richard said: "It is nearly 10 years since I was interviewed to take up a post in the Diocese of Leicester, and in that time a lot has changed for me personally and in the diocese. Over those years I have been privileged to have been able to contribute to the life and mission of the diocese, primarily of course in my parishes of Glenfield and Newtown Linford, then as Area Dean, Chair of the DAC and most recently Assistant Archdeacon. "I am aware that I have a lot to learn as I move from one side of the diocese to the other, but I am looking forward to stepping up to the responsibility and stepping across to the Archdeaconry of Leicester to continue to serve the churches and people of this county and city as we pursue our vision of the Kingdom of God." From Monday 27 October, Richard will be contactable on Richard.Trethewey@LeicesterCofE.org or via the Archdeacons' office number.

NEW - Farewell Service for The Venerable Richard Worsfold

Monday 15 September, 5.30pm – Leicester Cathedral

All are invited to attend this service of thanks for Richard's 30 years of ministry in Leicestershire as he moves to be Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester.

NEW: St Wistan Said 'Yes' – Who Else Might God Be Calling?

"What makes a saint? Not halos, not headlines, but hands."

In a new video Bishop Saju reflects on the life and death of St Wistan, asking us to consider how God might be calling us to serve Him.

"I believe God is still calling young and old, bold and quiet, rich and poor, from every background," says Saju, "Not perfect people, mind you, just willing ones. If something stirs within you don't brush it off. Talk to someone."

If you would like to join Bishop Saju and our Diocesan Director of Ordinands Revd Sue Willetts for an informal vocations conversation on Saturday 11 October, 9.30-11am at Bishop's Lodge, please RSVP

to Claire.Stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org

Watch the video here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/st-wistan-said-yes--who-else-might-god-be-calling.php>

NEW: Ven Richard Worsfold, Archdeacon of Leicester

We are holding a collection towards a gift for Richard which will be presented to him at his farewell service on 15 September to thank him for 30 years of ministry in this Diocese.

If you would like to contribute, you can do so by bank transfer, using the reference 'RW Gift' as follows:

– Sort code: 20-49-37

– Account number: 90577103

– Account name: Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance
Alternatively, you can send a cheque payable to 'Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance' to:

Sonal Pankhania, Finance Office, **St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ.**

Please write 'RW Gift' on the back of the cheque.

NEW: Introducing the Revd Phil Bryson, Diocesan Disability Adviser



As part of our commitment as a diocese to prioritise the inclusion and flourishing of all God's people in our worshipping communities, the Revd Phil Bryson has taken up the position of Diocesan Disability Adviser.

The purpose of this role is to work collaboratively with others in the diocese to enable churches to be welcoming places for people with disabilities and neurodivergence,

and their households, and to support their growth into ministry and leadership.

Revd Phil is visually impaired, and has been since the age of 11. Talking about his experiences and calling to the role, he said: "My experience as a disabled (or as I like to say 'differently abled') person, and as a priest, has given me a particular passion for worship and ministry being accessible to all people, and the value of including differently abled people... Through the role of Diocesan Disability Adviser, I hope that churches can be enabled to be more aware and more accessible of differently abled people and their households both to participate in worship and church life and also to developing their own vocation."

Phil is currently assembling a Disability Advisory Group, which he will chair. This group will have representation of a broader range of disabilities and neurodivergence, bringing together a wide range of knowledge and experience to develop advice and strategy. If you would like to be considered for the Group, please get in contact with Phil. Phil can be contacted about this role on phil@harborough-anglican.org.uk

Read the full story:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/introducing-the-revd-phil-bryson-diocesan-disability-adviser.php>

NEW: Update to National Safeguarding Resources

The following documents have now been officially withdrawn from the Church of England website, as they have been superseded by updated guidance and codes of practice:

- Parish Safeguarding Handbook
- Protecting All God's Children
- Promoting a Safe Church (2006)

These documents are no longer in use, so please ensure that any printed copies are removed and securely disposed of.

All current safeguarding guidance is now available in the **Church of England's Safeguarding e-manual** which should be your first point of reference for policy and practice. **Read more:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/notices/important-update-regarding-national-safeguarding-resources.php>

NEW - Vocations Conversation

Saturday 11 October, 9.30-11am – Bishop's Lodge

Join Bishop Saju and Revd Sue Willetts for an informal vocations conversation. **Watch Bishop Saju's invitation here:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/st-wistan-said-yes--who-else-might-god-be-calling.php>

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Claire.Stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org



NEW: Generosity Week is a celebration of God's generosity that is lived out in our churches and parishes. It gives us an opportunity to engage with and support the wider community as we celebrate the generosity found. This isn't a celebration of 'our' generosity but God's, which is found within the church and outside it.

To start planning and promoting Generosity Week, take these three steps:

1. Pick a week – the national week runs from Sunday 28 September to Sunday 5 October but if another time works better for you, do it then.
 2. Choose what to do – think what your church needs and look through the resources available (see below).
 3. Plan your Sundays – two Sundays works well as it gives you one chance to explore gratitude and one to consider generosity. To get you started, there are service outlines, sermon starters and prayers – all generosity themed.
- If you would like to find out more or would like support in planning a Generosity Week in your church, contact our Parish Giving Officer at Laura.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org or 07897003488. **Find resources and more information:** <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/generosity-resources/generosity-week/generosity-week-resources-churches>

NEW - Bishop's Lecture 2025: Professor Lord Tarassenko

Thursday 30 October, 5.30pm-7.00pm – Loughborough University

The lecture will be given by the Professor Lord Tarassenko entitled **'Will we still need God when we reach Artificial General Intelligence?'**

Professor Lord (Lionel) Tarassenko CBE FREng FMedSci is the first president of Reuben College. He is a world-leading expert in the application of signal processing and machine learning to healthcare, with a strong track record in translation to clinical medicine. He was appointed as a non-party-political peer in the House of Lords in May 2024.

Further information and booking details:

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/chaplaincy/chaplaincy-events/2025/bishops-lecture-2025/>

Part of the 'Chaplaincy Lectures', a joint initiative between the Bishop of Leicester and universities in Leicester and Loughborough.



OWL Conference - Pray and Play in Creation

Saturday 27 September, 9.30am-3.30pm – Launde Abbey

Whether you are a regular Forest Church leader or just interested in exploring outside worship, join us for a family-friendly, low-tech, relaxed Outdoor Church Gathering.

There will be opportunities to worship together and walk alongside our experienced workshop hosts in small groups. Set in the beautiful grounds of Launde Abbey, we will pray and play as we worship our Creator God within creation; we will put into practise what we are learning; and we will share our own experiences, hopes and dreams as we seek to establish and develop outdoor Christ-centred communities.

There will be the opportunity to attend three workshops as well as gather for worship and enjoy shared food.

Early Bird Tickets cost £10, including lunch, and are available until 14 July (regular cost £12).

We are also looking to welcome Young Leaders (14-18) at £8 each and children of attendees are welcome (free under the age of 12).

See full details and booking here: <https://buff.ly/ris1y1k>

View the poster: <https://buff.ly/ESYO2h8>

For more details, please contact AnneScott@htl.church

South Asian Heritage Month - A Time for Reflection and Action



The theme for this year's South Asian Heritage Month, which runs from 18th July to 17th August is 'Roots to Routes'.

With the celebration of South Asian Heritage Month, the next few weeks are an opportunity for the country and our local churches in the diocese to share in unique traditions and cultures that may differ from their own. **See a list of ways you could experience and reflect on South Asian culture this month:**

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/sahm-top-twelve.pdf>

While the South Asian population makes up the majority in certain parts of Leicestershire, our local churches may not be as diverse. Therefore, this month gives us a chance to further understand the South Asian experience, how it is lived generally, but also specifically in relation to our faith.

Heritage is a divine blessing and a reminder of the importance of actively cherishing our differences as reflections of God's kingdom.

Michael Ravuri, Intercultural Ministry Enabler, has put together an important and powerful collection of resources to celebrate South Asian Heritage and inform our church communities.

Cathedral Civic Service to Mark the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day



A special reflective service will take place at Leicester Cathedral at 5.30pm on Thursday 14th August to mark the 80th anniversary of VJ (Victory over Japan) and the end of the Second World War

Held on the eve of the anniversary, the service will offer space for remembrance and reflection on the end of the Second World War, which came just days after the devastating atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Members of the public are invited to attend the service, which invites people to pause and consider the ongoing instability of the world, the continued proliferation of nuclear weapons, and the deep and enduring need for peace.

Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Mike Kapur OBE CstJ, said: "Marking the 80th anniversary of VJ Day gives us an opportunity to reflect not only on the end of one of the darkest chapters in our history, but also on the sacrifices made by so many, including those from Leicester and Leicestershire. It is vital that we remember the past in order to build a more peaceful future."

The service will include prayers, readings and moments of silence, offering a quiet and powerful tribute to those affected by the war and its aftermath.

See all Cathedral events:

<https://leicestercathedral.org/events>

Video Explores Focal Ministry



Focal Ministry is emerging in the diocese as a way to recognise those who are called to love and serve their local church and community

Focal ministers are people who are:

- Rooted, embedded in their communities.
- Visible, seen as the face of the local church.

– Fruitful, enable others to grow in faith.

In this new video, Liz Rawlings speaks to Associate Minister, Hilary Painter, who explains her sense of calling to Focal Ministry.

Some people who serve as Focal Ministers will, like Hilary, be existing licensed Associate Ministers; but others may not and the diocese is committed to enabling them to be recognised, authorised and supported as spiritual leaders in their parishes.

If you would like more information on Focal Ministry, **visit our website:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/info-for-leaders/vocations/focal-ministry/> or

contact Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

Watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quK7NK4S6wc>

#All Creatures Great and Small



You might remember the national church's previous summer campaigns designed to showcase our local churches, including 'church door challenge' and 'stained glass summer'.

This year is on the theme of 'All Creatures Great and Small' and we'd love to see your animals in churches, or within your church grounds.

Whether it's a snapshot of local wildlife, pets who have paid your church a visit, or depictions of animals in stained glass windows, paintings and carvings, why not get creative and share your photos and videos on social media from now until 31 August 2025.

Tag them #GreatAndSmall – a selection will be shared every week on the Church of England's social media channels. **See more information and ideas:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/digital-labs/blogs/celebrating-all-creatures-great-and-small-get-involved-summer-social-media-campaign>

South Asian Heritage Special Service

**Sunday 17 August, 6.15 pm (doors open at 5.30pm)
– Church of the Martyrs, Leicester**

This special gathering will include South Asian worship, traditional and contemporary music, and expressions of faith through dance, spoken word and storytelling. After the service, stay and enjoy a taste of South Asian food—alongside Christian fellowship.

For more info, please

email Shobha.Gosa@leicestercofe.org

Mental Health First Aid Training

**Wednesdays: 24 September, 1, 8 and 15 October,
9.30am-1pm – The Cube on Symingtons, Market
Harborough.**

Training aimed at leaders, paid or voluntary, who work with young people and want to develop how they support young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Training is free but spaces are limited, so we do ask that you only sign up if you can make all 4 dates.

Book here: <https://mhfaengland.org/course-booking-form/?id=d3e657ca-2c41-f011-8779-7c1e52208a30>

Eco Church Conversations

**Saturday 6 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – All
Saints with Holy Trinity Church, Loughborough**

Creationtide is a season when the Church focuses on caring for God's Creation (1 September to 4 October).

This service at the start of Creationtide will be a chance to lament together for the environmental problems we see, and to walk forward in hope as we are inspired by positive actions taking place around the Diocese.

There will be time to consider the Eco Church Award and next steps for your own church communities. We would love you to participate with prayer and action this Creationtide.

Stomp Around Leicester



Forty gentle giants have journeyed into Leicester's streets, parks and open spaces, forming a jumbo trail across the city **until Sunday 21 September.**

The Cathedral is home to a mini-herd of baby elephant sculptures, adopted and decorated by local schools and community groups. When the trail ends, the baby elephants will stomp back to join their owners, while the giant elephant sculptures will be auctioned on Wednesday 8 October to raise money for the hospice, which helps terminally ill local people and their families at the most difficult times of their lives.

Learn all about the Trail: <https://stomproundleicester.co.uk>

