



# Hallaton and Whatborough Newsletter

Edition Date:  
1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

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

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2 Before Lent

9.30am **East Norton** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)

10am **Owston** Morning Prayers (Churchwarden Led)

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

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

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

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Sunday Next Before Lent

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

10am **Hallaton** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

4pm **Tur Langton** Evensong – all ages (Revd Jonathan Dowman)

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday

#### **Launde Abbey Ash Wednesday:**

8am Holy Communion

12noon Midday Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer (all including imposition of ashes)\*

\* Please let Launde Abbey know if you wish to attend the 8am Holy Communion (the door is usually locked at this time). Speak to reception on arrival for the other services.

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February Lent 1

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

11am **Tugby** Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February Lent

9.30am **Horninghold** Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer)

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

10am **Knossington** (with Cold Overton) Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

4pm **Hallaton** Teatime Service (Revd Jonathan Dowman) the other services.

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 11.00am Zoom Launde Parishes Zoom**

**Leader and Reflection:** Revd Jayne Lewis

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

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

**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 #

Enter the **Passcode: 172162** followed by #

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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/>

## Collect for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:

teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all  
things, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Reflection for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Second Sunday before Lent

Not long now to Lent! It would be good to look forward to doing something special, perhaps a special book to read, a discussion group, more effort to attend worship, more time for prayer, or other things perhaps as well. Reading, talking, discussing, worshipping, praying – a lot of words. But words are important for words feed our minds and help us to grow spiritually. Words are important in the Old Testament. God spoke the Word and the creation came into being, and the prophets told people, “Hear the Word of the Lord”. Words also speak wisdom, and in our Proverbs reading Wisdom is with God in the act of creation. She raises ‘her’ voice and is therefore feminine, but Wisdom is also identified with the role of Jesus, the Word, in creation.

But in our Gospel passage we read the familiar Christmas words: “The Word became flesh and lived among us and we have **seen** his glory.” In the New Testament people are told not only to listen, but also to see. Nathaniel was told that he would see the angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man. Most notably, some Greeks came to Philip and Andrew and asked to see Jesus. When Jesus received the message, he replied, “Unless a grain of wheat falls into ground, it remains a single grain...If it dies, it bears much fruit.” Jesus is saying to them, ‘If you want to see me and know me, follow my way of sacrifice; live my way of life.’

Lent can also be a time of fasting and that means being prepared to make certain sacrifices. We pray at each Eucharist that we might be sent out ‘as a living sacrifice’ and in Lent, as we look more closely at the life of our lord, we may see ways in which we can be more faithful in the sacrificial use of our time, skills and possessions. Perhaps by living sacrificially we can more fully enjoy the gift we were told about at Christmas - the power to become his children.

**Revd Philip Norwood**

## Bible Readings:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Second Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

8 1 Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
22 The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
23 Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
25 Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth-  
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
27 When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
28 when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was  
daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

Colossians 1.15-20

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of  
all creation;  
16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were  
created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or  
dominions or rulers or powers-all things have been  
created through him and for him.  
17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things  
hold together.  
18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the  
beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might  
come to have first place in everything.  
19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to  
dwell,  
20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to  
himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by  
making peace through the blood of his cross.

John 1.1-14

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with  
God, and the Word was God.  
2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things came into being through him, and without  
him not one thing came into being. What has come into  
being

4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did  
not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was  
John.

7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all  
might believe through him.

8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to  
the light.

9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming  
into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being  
through him; yet the world did not know him.

11 He came to what was his own, and his own people  
did not accept him.

12 But to all who received him, who believed in his  
name, he gave power to become children of God,

13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh  
or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and  
we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only  
son, full of grace and truth.

## Additional Prayer for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in 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 meat: ham, chicken  
meals, Bolognese, chilli, mild curry, minced beef, Spam;  
Fray Bentos pies; Small jars of sandwich paste; Jars of  
pasta sauce; Tinned fruit; Long-life fruit juice/ ordial;  
UHT milk (semi-skimmed or whole)

LEICESTERSHIRE  
CHORALE

Director Tom Williams  
Organ Nicholas Scott-Burt

**The Light Invisible Within**  
A programme of choral music, organ interludes  
and solo song with a flavour of the Epiphany and  
Candlemas to help bring in the New Year

Tickets available online from  
www.leicestershirechorale.co.uk  
or from the choir members on 01530 412444  
£10 Fri. 122 Fri. 123 1197/15 111

Saturday 3 February 2024, 7.30pm  
St Mary de Castro, Castle Street, LE1 5WN

Haydn  
Little Organ Mass

Monteverdi  
Beatus Vir

Bach  
Double Violin Concerto

**Spring Blessings**  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30 pm  
St Dionysius Church  
Market Harborough

Violins: Helena Thomas & Alexandra Peel  
Soprano: Felicity Hamilton  
Conductor: Charlie Penn  
Accompanist: Andrew King

Tickets: £12.00  
harboroughsingings.com  
Box Office: 07741 729558

## St Thomas a Becket, Tugby Snowdrop Sunday

### Sunday 18th February Snowdrop Sunday

Come and have a walk through the churchyard to see the beautiful snowdrops and spring flowers, and pop into the Church for tea, coffee and cake from **2pm to 4.30pm**

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## World Day of Prayer Service

### Billesdon Church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at

**10.30am.** Followed by refreshments. The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women in Palestine.



Coffee Fellowship

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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**

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**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

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## A PILGRIM TO GREECE

### Following in the Footsteps of St Paul

Tour by McCabe Pilgrimages to be led by  
Revd Canon Philip Norwood



For information, available dates and Booking:

<https://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/pilgrimages/following-in-the-footsteps-of-st-paul/>

## 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 Bence 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)



## Exploring Calling for Everyone

**Saturday 10 February 2024, 10am to 3pm – St Martins House Leicester**

Seminars throughout the day include caring for our buildings, leading worship, working with children and young people, helping others to deepen their faith, pastoral care, sharing faith, social action and caring for creation.

**Exploring Calling for Everyone takes place on Saturday 10 February, 10am to 3pm, at St Martins House, Leicester. Sign up here:**  
<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/exploring-calling-for-everyone/>

## Embrace The Difference - Unconscious Bias Training

**Saturday 3 February, 9.30am-12.30pm – Kempe Room, St Martins House, Leicester**

A training workshop which will help us examine our biases, understand how they become embedded, and explore God's design in diversity. **Sign up by emailing IWC Project Administrator** [dinta.chauhan@leicestercofe.org](mailto:dinta.chauhan@leicestercofe.org)