



LAUNDE ABBEY WEEKEND AWAY

5th to 7th June 2026

Friday evening to Sunday afternoon

Join our church family for a weekend away - spend time learning, praying, worshipping and relaxing with Parish friends - old and new.

- Spiritual Refreshment
- Building friendships
- Expanding our Vision
- Building community
- Great venue with delicious food and a bar

The Abbey sits amongst beautiful countryside boasting some of the finest walks, and key cycle routes.

Here is the website which gives a feel for the Abbey and its location.

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/>



The Theme of the weekend will be ‘Blessing’

What it means to be blessed by God (Matthew 5) and how we may be a blessing to others (Matthew 25).

We are blessed to be joined by two experienced and inspiring speakers who will help us to explore this theme –

The Venerable Richard Trethewey and Revd. Charlotte Gibson.

Richard served as Associate Vicar at Knowle Parish Church from 2006 for nearly 10 years, including time on secondment in Aston and Nechells, and playing cricket regularly with the now Rector of Solihull. He moved to Leicester as the first Rector of the newly formed Benefice of Glenfield and Newtown Linford. Having served as Area Dean of Sparkenhoe East (2019-2023), and Assistant Archdeacon across the whole diocese (2023-5), he became the ninth Richard to be appointed as Archdeacon of Leicester (2025), a post which has some claim to being the oldest Archdeaconry in the country.



Mthr Charlotte serves as Missioner for St. George's, Edgbaston, and as Anglo-Catholic Missioner for Church of England Birmingham as part of the Mission Support team. The latter post is a five-year project focused on supporting five churches to grow spiritually and numerically, whilst also developing a missional learning community for churches across our diocese who regard themselves as sacramentally focussed.



Due to limited availability, if you have any special preferences, e.g. for accommodation, please book early to avoid disappointment. All dietary requirements can be catered for - just let us know at time of booking.

Details All meals provided from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch.

Location: Launde Abbey, Launde Road, Launde, Leicestershire, LE7 9XB

Tel: 01572 717254 This is about 1.5 hours drive from Solihull.

Facilities

The Abbey sits amongst beautiful countryside boasting some of the finest walks, and key cycle routes.

Guests with disabilities are very welcome to Launde Abbey and they make every effort to adapt their warm hospitality to the needs of every guest.

Two buildings with various meeting rooms which can accommodate groups from 41 to 65 people. They have 39 en-suite bedrooms which are a mixture of single, twin, double and family rooms. And they have an excellent restaurant.

They have a walled kitchen garden where they grow their own fruit and vegetables for their guests.

To book your place(s) please complete the form enclosed.

Recognising that practicalities and cost make it difficult to bring children we are also running a

Parish Away Day for Adults and Children on Saturday 27th June 2026 at Blackwell Court, Near Bromsgrove. **See separate leaflet.**

Children of any age are very welcome to the Launde Abbey Weekend but please bear in mind that we are not resourced to run special activities for them.



History

Launde Abbey was established in 1119 by Augustinian black canons. All that remains of the original Abbey is the medieval Chapel which can accommodate up to 50 people comfortably.

Thomas Cromwell visited the Abbey at the time of the reformation and liked the Abbey so much he bought it from King Henry VIII. Thomas did not live at the Abbey but his son Gregory did. Gregory's tomb is the largest monument in the Chapel today.

