



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 16th January 2025

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 19th January, Epiphany 2, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January

10.30am **Keyham** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
 11am **Billesdon** Songs of Praise (Revd Christine Blodwell)
 11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**
 5pm **Hungarton** Compline (Churchwarden Led)
 6pm **Illston** Evening Prayer (Hilary Painter)
 6pm **Skeffington** Evensong (Revd Philip Norwood)

Sunday 26th January, Epiphany 3

9am **Skeffington** CW Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
 11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
 11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**
 6pm **Gaulby** Holy Comunion (Revd Christine Blodwell)

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

Sunday 19th January 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader: Hilary Painter **Reflection:** Jessie Tang, Intercultural Ministry Director, Leicester Diocese

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

PLEASE USE THIS LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGl8Q.1>

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Collect for Sunday 19th January Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God,
 in Christ you make all things new:
 transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
 and in the renewal of our lives
 make known your heavenly glory;
 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

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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>

Reflection: Sunday 19th January 2025

Second Sunday of Epiphany

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week, January 18-25, is a time for all Christians to come together to pray for greater unity among the Christian denominations. It's a time to ponder both historical and present-day divisions, and to seek God's guidance for healing and reconciliation.

It's a time to recognise the diversity within Christianity, the variety of traditions, cultures, languages and theological views. Division frequently leads to tension, but this week of prayer calls us to look beyond our differences to see the richness of God's work in the different expressions of the Christian faith and to remember that we are united in Christ.

At times Christians have been divisive, judgmental, or have forgotten Christ's love. This week is a time to ask God to heal broken relationship between denominations and also between individuals within the Church. Unity doesn't mean uniformity. It involves listening to one another, understanding the beliefs and practices of other traditions, and valuing these differences. It's a time to get together, deepen our sense of community and build bridges rather than walls.

Disunity weakens our witness to Christ in the world; however by working together we become stronger as we demonstrate love, peace, and justice - God's kingdom at work.

Central to this Week is prayer. Prayer unites us not only with one another but also with God, for we need his guidance and grace to achieve unity and mutual understanding.

Working towards unity is ongoing but Hope is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We pray for the day when 'there will be one flock, one shepherd' (John 10:16). This hope encourages us in our efforts to achieve God's ultimate plan for His people.

Unity is not an end in itself but a way in which we can glorify God and advance his kingdom on earth, step by step.

Hilary Painter

Bible Readings: Sunday 19th January 2025

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 62.1-5

- 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her
vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- 2 The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by
a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
- 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the
Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- 4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but
you shall be called My Delight is in Her,
and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- 5 For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom
rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

- 1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I
do not want you to be uninformed.
- 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were
enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.
- 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one
speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be
cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the
Holy Spirit.
- 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same
God who activates all of them in everyone.
- 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the
common good.
- 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of
wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge
according to the same Spirit,
- 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of
healing by the one Spirit,
- 10 to another the working of miracles, to another
prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to
another various kinds of tongues, to another the
interpretation of tongues.
- 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,
who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit
chooses.

John 2.1-11

- 1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of
Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.
- 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the
wedding.

3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to
him, 'They have no wine.'

4 And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that
to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'

5 His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells
you.'

6 Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the
Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty
gallons.

7 Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they
filled them up to the brim.

8 He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to
the chief steward.' So they took it.

9 When the steward tasted the water that had become
wine, and did not know where it came from (though the
servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward
called the bridegroom

10 and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first,
and then the inferior wine after the guests have become
drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee,
and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Additional Collect for Sunday 19th January

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Food Bank Appeal:

Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks. All
donations welcome, which may be left in any of our Church
porches, or you can donate online.

To make a donation to The Well's Food bank fund,
by bank transfer to *The Well Kibworth*

Sort Code: 40-32-04 **Acc:** 41666959 **Ref:** 'Foodbank'

Gift Aid Forms can be downloaded from the website:

<https://www.thewellkibworth.org/support-us>



Food For Thought

Wednesday 22nd January 7.00 for 7.30pm

Fox and Hounds, Tugby

Our speaker is Vanessa Li

'From Roots to Wings. Connecting the dots of my life story from HK to U.K.'

2 course supper £17.50

Further information contact Mary Twidell on 01858 555204 or mary.twidell@gmail.com)



Food for thought

An evening with
Vanessa Li

From Roots to Wings: My life story from
Hong Kong to the UK

Meal and talk £17.50

Wednesday 22nd January
7pm for 7.30pm start
The Fox and Hounds, Tugby

Bookings by Thursday 19th January
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About the speaker: Vanessa has been well thought of in Hong Kong and moved to Leicester in 2007. She is a qualified teacher with 15 years experience in primary and secondary schools. She is passionate about connecting children and young people.

About Food for thought: Talks about life, faith and contemporary issues, arranged by a local group of Christians, including supper from Leicester C of E Deanery.

Our Churches Online:



All have web pages on **'A Church Near You'**

Billesdon <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/3500/>

Hungarton <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4708/>

Keyham <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4709/>

Skeffington <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/3502/>

Goadby <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14444/>

The Gaulby Group

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4699/>

Launde Deanery Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Training

Monday 20th January 2025 in Tugby

Course: Basic Awareness Course

Code LF2FBA120012

Time 10 am – 12.30 pm

St Thomas Becket Church, Tugby, LE7 9WD

Travelling east from Leicester on the A 47, turn right into the village, and the church is on the right-hand side. Parking is available outside the church.

Safeguarding training 30th January 2025 in Billesdon

Course: Basic Awareness Course Code

LF2FBA2300125

Time 10am – 12.30pm

The Old School Billesdon, next to St John The Baptist Church, at the Junction of Brook Lane and Church Street.

To book contact Wendy Lewis on

wendy.lewis@leicestercofe.org

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>



Leading Worship for Everyone

Saturday 18 January, 10am-3pm – Holy Apostles, Leicester

A practical workshop to gain confidence in leading others in worship in the local church. The session includes:

- Our experience of worship
- The shape of worship
- Engaging with the Bible
- Leading others in prayer
- Resources and guidelines

Refreshments served from 9.30am, session starts at 10am.

Register on the Learning Hub:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/leading-worship-for-everyone-4/>

Tanzania Trip – Initial Meeting

Tuesday 21 January, 7-9pm – The Church of the Martyrs, Leicester

We are currently working towards a visit to our partner diocese in Tanzania in 2025. Would you like to be part of this link diocese learning exchange visit?

In particular, we would like to invite 'developing' leaders to be part of the team, including curates, lay ministers in training, emerging leaders in Intercultural Worshipping Communities and the Mothers' Union.

Whether you consider yourself to be in one of the above categories, if you are a supporter of someone who is one of those leaders, or if you just have a keen interest to discover more about our link dioceses and the visit, then you are warmly invited to this initial meeting. **Find out more:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/link-diocese-learning-exchange-visit-for-leaders.php>

Embrace the Diversity

Saturday 8 February, 10am-3pm – St Martins House, Leicester

A training day on tackling contemporary, systemic and interpersonal discrimination, with a view to developing a healthy intercultural church.

For more information and to book your space, email Dinta.Chauhan@LeicesterCofE.org

DBS Eligibility Webinar

Wednesday 12 February, 9.30-11am – Microsoft Teams

For those involved in safeguarding and DBS checking, this free online workshop on DBS eligibility will cover:

- The different levels of DBS checks available.
- Eligibility, and when an employee or volunteer is eligible for a particular level of check.
- What 'regulated activity' is.
- What the DBS Update Service is, and its benefits.
- Other safer recruitment practices that can be in place and how DBS checks form a part of these.

Sign up here:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/318a305e-7cd5-4e82-8126-64a9a7733920@f24d93ec-b291-4192-a08a-f182245945c2>

Future DBS Webinars:

DBS Barring Webinar, 5 March, 12.30-2pm. **Sign up:**

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/1766f13d-fc92-464a-b499-7e310c452193@f24d93ec-b291-4192-a08a-f182245945c2>

DBS Update Service Webinar, 28 March, 11am-12pm. **Sign up:**

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/475a8565-b1aa-4370-93ea-98ed82c5207b@f24d93ec-b291-4192-a08a-f182245945c2>

Step Forward Vocations Event

Saturday 8 March, 10.30am-4pm – Bishopthorpe Palace, York

Step Forward is an opportunity for those aged 18 and 30 to find out about ministry in the Church of England. It includes input from Archbishop Stephen Cottrell and those with recent experience of the discernment process and theological training. **Register your interest:**

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

Storytelling for Everyone

Saturday 15 March, 10am-3pm – St Martins House, Leicester

A practical workshop to gain confidence in leading others in worship in the local church. The session includes:

- Our experience of worship
- The shape of worship
- Engaging with the Bible
- Leading others in prayer
- Resources and guidelines

Refreshments served from 9.30am, session starts at 10am.

Register on the Learning Hub:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/storytelling-for-everyone/>

OWL Network – Growing Community

Saturday 15 March, 10-11.30am – Zoom

Come and be inspired by a morning with Revd John White. John is the founder and leader of the Hazelnut Community, a worshipping community that has social innovation, economic inclusion, political and spiritual transformation at its heart.

He is passionate about connecting with creation and addressing the reality of the climate emergency.

This will be a wonderful chance to think about using our church land differently, creatively growing community and deepening our roots in God our creator and sustainer.

Register to receive Zoom link:

<https://htl.churchsuite.com/events/1ipewiye>

3rd Anglican Intercultural Mission Conference

Wednesday 19 to Friday 21 March – Fountains Church, Bradford

Following the success of the previous Intercultural Mission Conference in Leicester, this gathering promises to unite over 300 participants dedicated to advancing intercultural mission in the Church of England.

Under the theme, 'How will we make disciples of all nations in our different contexts?', the conference will include dynamic keynote sessions, practical workshops, and transformative discussions. **More information and registration:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-third-anglican-intercultural-mission-conference-tickets-1004427518747?aff=oddtcreator>

Racial Justice Sunday – Save the Date

Next year's Racial Justice Sunday is on 9 February 2025 and marks the 30th anniversary of the initiative.

A pack of resources to help plan services has been compiled by the Racial Justice Sunday Writers' Group and produced by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. The pack includes service plans, sermon outlines and articles. **Find more information and resources:** <https://ctbi.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-9-february-2025/>

2025 Environment Awareness Days Calendar

A resource published by the Church of England to help churches keep environmental issues in focus.

The 2025 Environment Days and Key Events Calendar lists key days, weeks and months which are associated with the environment, climate change awareness, and reaching net zero carbon.

Download the Calendar PDF here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2024-12/environment-calendar-2025.pdf>

See more from the Church of England Environmental Programme:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/church-england-environment-programme>

