



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 8th May 2025

Sunday 11th May, Easter 4,

Christian Aid Week 11-17th May

9am **Skeffington** BCP Holy Communion (Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman)

10am **Gaulby** Morning Prayer (Lay led)

11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Revd John Taylor)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

Sunday 18th May, Easter 5

10.30am **Keyham** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

11am **Billesdon** Songs of Praise (Lay led)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

4pm **Tilton** Jayne Lewis's Farewell Service ***This service will be live-streamed on Zoom (details to follow)***

6pm **Skeffington** Evensong (Revd Philip Norwood)

6pm **Illston** Evening Prayer (Lay led)

Sunday 25th May, Easter 6

9am **Skeffington** CW Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Gaulby** Holy Communion (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=HD1LgagamMFBN2y1m7p226w0h2KVkj.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969. Passcode: 470000

Sunday 11th May 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Christian Aid Week

Leader: Mary twidell (Horninghold)

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKI91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

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Launde Minster Community May Services

You can now find the services throughout the

Launde Deanery/ Minster Community on the

website: [https://launde-minster-](https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk)

[community.webador.co.uk](https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk) **under the Tab: 'MAY**

SERVICE TIMES'

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Collect for Sunday 11th May

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him,

from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,

that we may seek those things which are above,

where he reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 11th May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

We have another example in our Gospel of the Jewish leaders refusing to believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah, even though these were the very people who would be very familiar with all the prophecies regarding the coming Messiah because they would have studied the Jewish scriptures from their childhood, probably having been sent to study with a Jewish Rabbi, who would most likely be a renowned Pharisee. Most ordinary boys, and certainly no girls, would not have had this opportunity but would, like those whom Jesus chose to be his close disciples, be apprenticed to what ever trade or business their family was involved in - just as Jesus himself had been. In other words, these were the men who should have been able to recognise God's Son, the Messiah, by the signs he was giving and by the acts of healing and love he was bringing to people in need. They challenge him by saying if he was the Messiah why did he not just say so. Jesus answers by saying that he has been doing exactly that but they have chosen not to listen or believe him. The reason he gives is that they are not his sheep and they do not hear or recognise his voice unlike the many other people who are following him. These simpler people are taking his words to be true rather than judging him against many complicated words of Scripture and missing out on the amazing fulfilment of centuries of promise and prophecies.

We move on in our reading from Acts to the very early church. We hear how Peter, one of the very followers who Jesus had spoken of - an apprentice fisherman - was healing Tabitha (or Dorcas). This is the man who, in spite of denying he even knew Jesus, had been put in over all charge of his Church, and here had followed Jesus's own example of bringing healing to Tabitha, who has served Jesus and the church very faithfully and lovingly.

Perhaps the reason these Jewish leaders did not hear or understand the words of Jesus was because they could not believe that someone, who had not been through the intensive study of the Scriptures that they had, could possibly be the Messiah or that the kind of people who

were following him could know who he was. This should be a warning to us. Jesus accepted and encouraged people of faith and did not judge them by their academic prowess. He knew that God, his Father, loved all those who put their faith in Jesus and therefore Himself, and his love for them was so great that very soon after this Jesus would make the greatest sacrifice of all to save these people and make it possible for them to live with him forever. We too are called to love, welcome and lead people to Jesus and to see them through his eyes of love and not through the eyes of those judgemental leaders in the Temple.

Revd Christine Blodwell

Bible Readings:

Sunday 11th May

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.36-end

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.'

39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Revelation 7.9-end

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

12 singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'

14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

John 10.22-30

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,

23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

25 Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;

26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

30 The Father and I are one.'

Additional Collect for Sunday 4th May

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

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 21st May 6.45 for 7.15pm at Launde Abbey: Faith in Farming by Lord Donald Curry CBE
Bookings by 15th May to Mary Twidell
mary.twidell@gmail.com 01858 555204 /07464309966

Teas in Gaulby Church

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.

Skeffington Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 24th May 10.30 – 12.30



A concert at All Saints Church Slawston

Saturday 17 May at 7pm (to be seated by 6.45pm)

Guitar Recital by James Woodrow, renowned local Guitarist of BBC Proms Fame! £10 per adult, £5 under 16s, under 10s Free!
In aid of church funds

Please purchase tickets from Wendy Edmond: 017746 018444 or wendyedmond@ymail.com by Wednesday 14 May please
Looking forward to seeing you there! 🎵

Farewell Service for Revd Jayne Lewis

St Peter's Church, Tilton on the Hill

Sunday 18th May at 4pm



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>

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/>

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Announcement: The Venerable Richard Worsfold, Archdeacon of Leicester

With grateful thanks for his ministry and prayers of blessing for the future, we announce that The Venerable Richard Worsfold, Archdeacon of Leicester, has been appointed as full-time Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester.

Richard's responsibilities as Area Dean will include providing deanery leadership, identifying opportunities for growth in mission communities, and clergy development across this area of Greater Manchester.

Richard became Archdeacon of Leicester in 2018.

Commenting on the announcement, Richard said: "Ministering as Archdeacon has been a wonderful privilege, supporting a wide variety of church communities, chaplaincy/school settings and so many gifted ministers and church officers, working with valued deanery and diocesan colleagues. He added: "After 30 years of living and ministering in Leicestershire, Jenny and I will hugely miss the close friendships, connections and ministries that have developed over that time. We will, however, find ourselves living closer to our children and their families, which has also been an important factor in our discernment.

The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester, said: "Richard has given so much to this diocese over many years as parish priest, Area Dean and Archdeacon. His humility and joy in ministry have been a shining example and we will miss him greatly.

"However, I am pleased that this opportunity has emerged for Richard and Jenny to move closer to family and I will be praying for them as they prepare for this move.

