



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 5th June 2025

Sunday 8th June, Pentecost

9am **Skeffington** BCP Holy Communion (Revd John Taylor)

10am **Gaulby** Morning Prayer (Lay led, Hilary Painter)

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

Sunday 15th June, Trinity Sunday

9.00am **Goadby** Informal Service on 'Persecuted Churches', followed by breakfast at the home of Uel and Paula Sandford at The Old Schoolhouse, Goadby, LE7 9EE. Please let Revd David Palmer know if you would like to join them: harboroughfx@gmail.com

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Keyham** Songs of Praise (Revd David Palmer)

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

6pm **Illston** Evening Prayer (Lay led, Hilary Painter)

Sunday 22nd June, Trinity

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

11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion Patronal Festival (Revd Jonathan Dowman)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Gaulby** Holy Communion (Revd Christine Blodwell)

Sunday 29th June, Trinity 2

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

4pm **Gaulby** Songs of Praise, followed by refreshments (Congregational led)

6pm **Knossington** Choral Evensong sung by the Melton Church Choir **Deanery-wide event**

JULY - Sunday 6th July

10.30am Church Langton Joint Deanery Service and Farewell to Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman followed by refreshments and a picnic in the grounds of Church Langton School

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 8th June 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Reflection: Hilary Painter

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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Collect for Sunday 8th June Pentecost

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 8th June 2025 Pentecost

John 14:8-17

What would we do without the disciples in John's gospel? Always ready with the question that leaves Jesus exasperated at their lack of understanding and always leading to some deep theological truth in response. This time it is Philip, wanting to see the Father. Jesus immediately responds by pointing out that through his ministry anyone who had seen Jesus had ultimately seen the Father. We along with the disciples are invited to accept that Jesus's ministry was a revelation of God the Father in Jesus. The reference to the believing of the miracles recorded in this passage is key to understanding the messianic and divine role of Jesus. John restricts the miracle stories to eight, with each one showing that Jesus while being the human messiah expected by the Jewish nation, was also a divine member of the trinity. The first miracle of changing the water into wine would have been seen in the pagan world as a symbol of Jesus's divinity, as in Pagan thought wine was linked to divinity. Likewise, the healing at the pool of Bethesda, possibly a pagan shrine, showed Jesus's superiority over the pagan Gods of healing. John intended his readers to see these miracles through the lens of divinity, and through this come to see Jesus as divine, and we should continue to embrace this today.

Mike Hammond

Bible Readings:

Sunday 8th June

Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?'
8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'
12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'
13 But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'
14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
17 "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 8.14-17

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'
16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 14.8-17 25-27

8 Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'
9 Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?'
10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.
12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.
13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.
15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.
17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.
[25 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you.
26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.
27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.]

Additional Collect for Sunday 8th June

Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Food Bank Appeal:

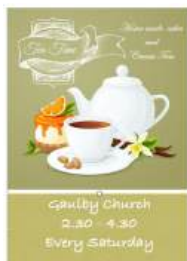
Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks. All donations welcome, which may be left in any of our Church porches, or you can donate online.

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>

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.

Discovery Trail, St Peter's Church, Horninghold

Saturday 7th June 2-4pm



Horninghold Summer Party, Horninghold Hall

Saturday 5th July 6.30 to 9.30pm

See poster for ticket sales



Tugby Village Hall Quiz Night

Saturday 28th June 7-10pm with 2 course supper

For more information and to book contact: Madeleine Wang

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Tugby Village Hall



7-10pm Sat 28th June
£15pp

With a 2-course supper

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This is a church fundraiser

Midsummer in Song at Fotheringhay

Celebrate the Summer Solstice on Saturday 21st June by joining the Harborough Singers at Fotheringhay Church for an evening of song, strawberries and a glass of something cool and fizzy.

The Singers will present a programme of music for Midsummer, themed around Song, Sonnets and Verse. Appropriately, Shakespeare's glorious words from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will feature in several settings, including Sarah Quartel's beautiful 'I know a bank where the wild thyme blows', and Paterson's magical 'Lullaby to Titania'. Biblical settings will include Dove's 'Seek him that maketh the Seven Stars', Howell's 'Like as the Hart' and Bairstow's 'I sat down', with words from the Song of Solomon.

The evening will begin at 6pm

Tickets are £16 and include a glass of bubbles (prosecco or elderflower) and strawberries. Perfect for midsummer.

From www.harboroughsingers.com

Box Office Adele on 07581 341957 or

Email adele_rogers@ymail.com

Launde Minster Community June 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: JUNE SERVICE TIMES'

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/>



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>

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>



Thy Kingdom Come

Thursday 29 May to Sunday 8 June

2025 marks the 10th year of Thy Kingdom Come, a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

You and your church community are invited to take part.

Find full information and resources at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

Being Missional Today - Day Conference

Tuesday 10 June, 9.30am-5pm – Coventry Cathedral

A festival of missional thinking exploring the impact of disruptions in church and world, the liminality of this current season, and the role of reconciliation practices. Featuring 22 different speakers, with Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani and Revd Dr Al Barrett headlining. *Being Missional Today* promises to be a stimulating event for those looking for inspiration in the missional challenges facing us today. **Full details and bookings:** <https://reconciliation-initiatives.org/being-missional-today/>

Fundraising for Church Buildings Webinar

Wednesday 11 June, 7.30-8.30pm – Zoom

Do you have a church project in mind but don't know where to start with fundraising? Ecclesiastical have developed a Church Fundraising Hub to help churches with this.

Heather Ford, Church Support Manager with Ecclesiastical will lead the session and take you through their easy to follow resources to help you build a successful campaign. To register, email ChurchBuildings@LeicesterCofE.org *This is the first of five free webinars from the Church Buildings Team in partnership with Ecclesiastical Insurance. The webinars cover fundraising, insurance, health & safety, opening churches & church security and climate change & Net Carbon Zero. Dates are 11 June, 9 July, 6 August, 3 Sept and 1 Oct at 7.30-8.30pm on Zoom.*

Storytelling for Everyone

Saturday 14 June, 10am-2pm – St Martins House, Leicester

Our 'For Everyone' training sessions are practical workshops to help you develop your skills, knowledge and experience in different aspects of church life.

In this workshop we will explore why stories matter and what makes a good story, with some practical tips on writing and telling good stories. **Visit our Learning Hub to book:** <https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/storytelling-for-everyone-2/>

Please bring a packed lunch.

ReSource Rural Renewal Leaders' Gathering

Friday 27 to Saturday 28 June – Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire

Are you engaged in rural church leadership, or do you know someone who is?

ReSource recognises the specific challenges facing rural churches, and this residential offers an opportunity to meet with others in similar circumstances, to pray and worship together, and to learn more about the path to renewal offered by ReSource. **Full details and bookings:**

<https://www.resourcingrenewal.org/ruralgathering>

Faraday Institute Summer Course: Science, Religion and Justice

Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July – Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge and Online

A week exploring how issues of justice for the poor and disadvantaged are very much informed and influenced by science. **Full details and bookings:**

<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/event/science-religion-and-justice/>

The Faraday Institute works at the intersection of science and religion. If you'd like to receive regular news from them, sign up here:

<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/churches/connect/>

