



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 15th May 2025

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. See special link below***

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=HD1LgaqamMFBN2y1m7p226w0h2KVkj.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969. Passcode: 470000

Sunday 18th May 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader: Sue Sills **Reflection:** Revd David Palmer

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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Sunday 18th May at 4pm Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Revd Jayne Lewis's Farewell Service *Livestream*

To Join this livestream on Zoom, click on this link:

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Collect for Sunday 18th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help

we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

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'

Reflection: Sunday 18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalms 148 (See below)

It's not often that we reflect upon the psalms, which is a pity because they are such a storehouse of ways to praise and talk to God. Whatever emotions are uppermost at the time, there's a psalm which reflects those feelings. The mood of the psalmist, often David, goes from despair to elation, hate to love, war to peace, defeat to victory, and then back again. However, he always returns to God, giving thanks and praising him. Apart from being a warrior and eventually a king, David is also a musician and so praises God through his gift, in song accompanied by instruments such as the harp, the lyre and the cymbals.

The psalm for today, 148, is one of the 'Hallelujah' psalms. Hallelujah means 'praise the Lord' and each of the last five psalms begins with these words. The thing I love about these psalms is the joy they express in just being alive. 148 tells so many different things to praise the Lord – few of which can speak!

For David, praising God was not just about singing and he considered that all things glorify God in their own way. The sun praises God by being sunny, the rain praises God by being wet and so on.

How can we use our gifts to praise the Lord? Well; our singers sing, our musicians play, our preachers pass on the good news, our gardeners and farmers gladden our hearts by tending to the plants and crops. Some have the gift of cooking, some are attentive listeners, some comforters and some have the gift of prayer. The list is endless because we have each been blessed with different gifts.

This week, think what your gifts are, how you use them. Give thanks to God for them and rejoice. Hallelujah.

Hilary Painter

Psalm 148

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

6 He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and women,
old and young together;
let them praise the name of the Lord.

13 For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Alleluia.

Bible Readings:

Sunday 18th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11.1-18

11 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.

2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him,

3 saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?'

4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,

5 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.

7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'

8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.'

10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;

14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?'

18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Revelation 21.1-6

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

6 Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

John 13.31-35

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come."

34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Additional Collect for Sunday 18th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
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.

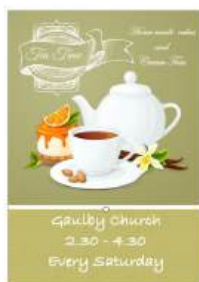
To make a donation to The Well's Food bank fund,
by bank transfer to *The Well Kibworth*

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

Gift Aid Forms can be downloaded from the website:

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

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 *This will be livestreamed on Zoom for those who cannot be there in person (see special Zoom link on page 1)*



We wish Revd Jayne Lewis a Very Happy Retirement.

Thank you for your Ministry, Leadership, Support and Friendship





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/>

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>



Caring for God's Precious Gift of Creation



Has your church filled in the Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) yet?

The Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) is an easy-to-use online tool that will reveal your church's carbon footprint, based on the energy you use to heat and light your buildings. All the information you need to fill in the EFT can be found on your church energy bills and should take less than an hour to complete.

As well as being of use at a diocesan level, data collected from the tool will help your church understand its own carbon footprint and could result in savings on energy bills. Churches may also be eligible for grants that will help kickstart their carbon reducing projects as we journey together to reach Net Zero Carbon.

Across the Church of England, Leicester is one of 12 dioceses which have achieved over 30% so far.

The deadline for completion is 30th June

Find out more about the EFT:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/caring-for-gods-precious-gift-of-creation.php>

Bishops' Lent Appeal - Final Call for Donations

Many thanks to all who have supported our Lent Appeal for The Leprosy Mission.

Please can any remaining funds raised be donated this week. **You can donate online here:**

<https://actions.leprosymission.org.uk/page/164499/donate/1?ea.tracking.id=cplnt>

Consultations for the Next Archbishop of Canterbury

More than 11,000 people have participated in the consultations for the next Archbishop of Canterbury – carried out online, by post and in person between February and March this year.

The public consultation was a unique opportunity to influence the future of leadership within the Church, helping to discern the gifts, skills and qualities required in the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury to meet the needs of the Church today and in the years to come.

Read more about how things will proceed:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/press-releases/11000-people-take-part-consultations-next-archbishop-canterbury>

Ride+Stride 2025

Ride+Stride 2025 will take place on Saturday 13 September this year. 107 churches and chapels have already registered to be open on the day.

It promises to be another very successful event – opening churches and raising funds for repairs and improvements.

To register your church or chapel, **please use the online form here:** <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

In June, area organisers will contact churches who haven't registered, to ensure that at least 300 churches and chapels open on the day.

LeicesterShire Historic Churches Trust are seeking new area organisers for Leicester, North-East Leicestershire, and South-West Leicestershire. If you could offer your help, contact Sean Dudley for more

information: sean.lhct@gmail.com

NEW - Leading Worship for Everyone

Saturday 24 May, 10am–3pm, St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Hathern

A workshop for all who want to develop their skills and confidence in leading worship.

To register email: MMBookings@LeicesterCofE.org

NEW - 'Mars: War and Peace' Cathedral Installation

Friday 16 May to Sunday 8 June – Leicester Cathedral

This May Leicester Cathedral welcomes Luke Jerram's extraordinary sculpture Mars for the first time. Following the success of Jerram's Museum of the Moon and Gaia installations, Mars promises to be another unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages.

An awe-inspiring seven-metre sculpture of Mars in Leicester Cathedral will be accompanied by a stellar line-up of events.

Experience Mars during cathedral opening hours or book on to one of several evening events, including concerts, theatre and a ceilidh. **Find full details on the cathedral website:** <https://leicestercathedral.org/mars-war-and-peace>

Focal Ministry: Online Q&A

Tuesday 20 May, 7pm – Zoom

Focal ministry is an emerging role in the diocese and, indeed, nationally.

We are developing a vision for focal ministry and pathways for discerning, equipping and supporting those who are called to offer spiritual leadership to their local church. If you would like to find out more or join a conversation about focal ministry, you are invited to an on-line Q&A session.

[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 944 8736 2938

Passcode: 0bMFD1%q

For further information,

contact Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org



Join in and commit to prayer from 29 May to 8 June, the 11 days from Ascension to Pentecost.

Visit [ThyKingdomCome.global](https://thykingdomcome.global) to find a range of digital and physical resources including reflections, a prayer journal and a 'Digital Detox' prayer guide aimed at young people. Make the most of this opportunity to encourage your

church community to pray expectantly, alongside voices from around the world, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done." **Find inspirational resources here:**

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

Taste of Heaven Intercultural Worship Festival

Saturday 24 May, 11am-8pm – Coventry Cathedral

The Taste of Heaven Festival is an opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural diversity and creativity of the UK Church through live performances, workshops, food and worship.

Due to our commitment to enabling intercultural vision and ministry across the diocese, the Intercultural Worshipping Communities Project is offering 50 free tickets on a first come first served basis. To apply, please **fill in this form:**

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=jlbsCEtcMUW8FlpkvvNgxgRoLasDhcZBnmAISKD7Ve9UNIZOQIFBSVhMVDZLUTk5Uk9WUUIxN0laNS4u&route=shorturl>

Please note it is only possible to apply for one ticket per person. Optional transport from Leicester is included.

Any questions,

contact Michael.Ravuri@LeicesterCofE.org

Alternatively, **book directly through Eventbrite:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/taste-of-heaven-intercultural-worship-festival-tickets-1133435468999?aff=oddttdcreator>

NEW - The Sound of Musings: Launde Abbey Retreat

Monday 1 June to Friday 6 June – Launde Abbey

This year, the beloved musical *The Sound of Music* celebrates its 60th anniversary.

Anglican priest and former BBC radio presenter Bryony Wood is leading a retreat based on her book *The Sound of Musings*. Retreat participants will explore their own journeys of faith with Bryony through story, song, Scripture and creative reflection. With plenty of space for both laughter and stillness, the retreats promise to be spiritually enriching, gently challenging – and rather a lot of fun. **Visit the Launde Abbey website for full details:**

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

