



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 17th October 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 20th October, Trinity 21, Harvest Thanksgiving

10.30am **Keyham** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

11am **Billesdon** Songs of Praise (Revd Christine Blodwell)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Illston** Evening Service (Hilary Painter)

6pm **Skeffington** Harvest Festival (Revd Philip Norwood)

Sunday 27th October, Last Sunday After Trinity,

All Saints Day, Bible Sunday

9am **Skeffington** CW Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

TBC **Gaulby** Teatime Café Church (Hilary Painter)

📅 Saturday Mornings

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.45am)

If you would like to join our Zoom Prayers, please email

Hilary Painter: hilarypainter@icloud.com

📅 Sunday 20th October 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Reflection: Hilary Painter

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 20th October

Twenty-first Sunday After Trinity

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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



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>

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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/>

Reflection: 20th October 2024

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

How does one become great? This week's gospel asks, and answers, the question. Many over the years have been given this title but what does it mean to be great in God's eyes?

James and John seem to be on a Quest for Greatness, but without any understanding of what it entails. When Jesus describes this path it's definitely not the one they had in mind!

The other disciples are understandably miffed so Jesus calls them together to explain.

Serving others, Jesus tells us, is the path to true greatness and his own life models this.

Unlike those such as Alfred the Great, Jesus is not usually given this title but no single person has altered the course of world history more than him. He is great by any standard, but he redefines greatness, teaching that path to true greatness lies not in being served but in serving others.

He invites us to do the same; to spend our lives looking for opportunities to give to others what Jesus has given to us.

In today's world this is not a popular choice; most prefer being served. Restaurants don't attract customers by telling them that they can wash their own dishes!

In the eyes of the world, people feel that they have made it when they spend their lives being waited on, hand and foot. But even for those who achieve that goal, they are often left with an emptiness in their lives. Being served by others may make us physically comfortable, but it doesn't appear to lead to happiness. Those who are truly happy and fulfilled have learned how to serve others. They have discovered that life is not all about us and our needs and comfort. Learn from Jesus how to be truly happy and have that inner peace that we all hunger for.

Hilary Painter

Bible Readings:

Sunday 20th October 2024

Twenty-first Sunday After Trinity

Isaiah 53.4-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 4 Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him
stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the
punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has
laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led
to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
- 8 By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut
off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
- 9 They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no
violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with
pain. When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
- 11 Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find
satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many
righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because
he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore
the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrews 5.1-10

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 5 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in
charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to
offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
- 2 He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and
wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness;
- 3 and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own
sins as well as for those of the people.
- 4 And one does not presume to take this honour, but
takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

- 5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a
high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to
him, 'You are my Son,
today I have begotten you';

6 as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for
ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.'

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and
supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who
was able to save him from death, and he was heard
because of his reverent submission.

8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through
what he suffered;

9 and having been made perfect, he became the source
of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

10 having been designated by God a high priest
according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10.35-45

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward
to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for
us whatever we ask of you.'

36 And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do
for you?'

37 And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your
right hand and one at your left, in your glory.'

38 But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you
are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or
be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'

39 They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them,
'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism
with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to
grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry
with James and John.

42 So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know
that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as
their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are
tyrants over them.

43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to
become great among you must be your servant,

44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be
slave of all.

45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to
serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

**Additional Prayer for Sunday 20th October
Twenty-first Sunday After Trinity**

Almighty God,

in whose service lies perfect freedom:

teach us to obey you

with loving hearts and steadfast wills;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collects, Readings and Reflection for Harvest Thanksgiving

Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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**

Reflection for Harvest Thanksgiving

Extract from 'Roots on the Web'

"...In a 2019 poll, 67 per cent of parents, from all faiths and none, expressed warm memories of taking part in Christian harvest festivals, saying that they wanted their children to do the same. The perceived benefits were: giving thanks for the good things in our lives, teaching children where their food comes from and showing generosity to people in need.

Harvest is one of our farming village's best-attended services. Even the smallest child can understand. The church is lovingly decorated with flowers and fruit. I organise a choir, to belt out well-loved hymns: *We Plough the Fields and Scatter, All Things Bright And Beautiful* and *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*. The children bring up harvest gifts to the altar, destined for our local food bank.

Harvest is more than a nostalgia trip for traditionalists. Certainly, older people revisit happy childhood memories and there is the aroma of apples stored for the winter and smoke from the post-harvest burning of the fields, and people make a corn dolly to take to church. However, recognising the cyclical nature of human existence — "for everything there is a season" (Ecclesiastes, iii, 1) — has what feels like a renewed modern resonance. After 18 months dominated by the Pandemic, our human vulnerability to challenges such as disease, weather problems and disruptions to the supply chain feels more relevant than ever.

Our food bank's stock is running low. News reports of empty supermarket shelves add a poignancy to realising our interdependence, reliance on others and the need for connection, for the supply of our most basic human needs.

Farmers' reports at harvest suppers offer insight into lives lived on the land. The TV series *Clarkson's Farm* has recently engendered a wider respect for farmers and a more sympathetic understanding of the problems that they face every year. Their livelihood is dependent almost entirely on the weather and other factors beyond their control. No prayer is perhaps more heartfelt than a farmer's prayer for rain — or for it to stop raining.

Small rural churches often seem rather marginalised, treated in diocesan league tables like "failed" urban churches...Yet harvest allows countryside communities a big moment of celebration.

Harvest conveys a feeling of handing on the baton to the next generation. I have so far failed to pass on my Christian faith to my own children, who accept the common social attitude that religion is the cause of war. However, in my own life, Christianity has been nothing but a source of comfort and joy. The author John Buchan said that an atheist was a man who had "no invisible means of support". I hope that small rural churches will stay open long enough for my children to return to them if they ever want to do so.

Harvest suppers showcase the glories of nature, coming to terms with not being in control, looking after the hungry and needy and the wonderful reading from St Matthew about the lilies of the field, advising against worrying about what to wear. They add up to a message that the nation's mental health problems could be addressed if we looked not inwards but upwards and outwards, with gratitude at all the good gifts around us."

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Additional Prayer for Harvest

Thanksgiving

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings:

Harvest Thanksgiving

Joel 2.21-27

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 21 Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
- 22 Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
- 23 O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
- 24 The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- 25 I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

1 Timothy 2.1-7

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone,

2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,

4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

6 who gave himself a ransom for all-this was attested at the right time.

7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Alternative Reading to Joel Timothy 2.1-7

1 Timothy 6.6-10

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;

7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;

8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Matthew 6.25-33

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

25 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,

29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?"

32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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>



St Peter's Church Tilton

There will be **a service of commemoration in St Peter's Church on Saturday 2nd November at 4pm** for anyone who wishes to remember a loved one. There will be an opportunity to light a candle and have their name remembered in prayers, but people are also welcome to remember privately. The service will be led by Revd Jayne Lewis. If you want a name read out in the prayers please let Brenda Cox know. You can message privately email coxes2008@coxnet.co.uk
All are welcome.



Coffee Morning in aid of Jeel Al Amal Orphanage and School, Al Shorooq School for Blind Children and Rehabilitation Hospital, BETHLEHEM

**Saturday 9th November 10.30am to 12 noon
The Old School, Church Street, Billesdon**

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2024

10.30 TO 12.00

IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CHURCH STREET,
BILLESDON

Produce, Gifts, Books, Raffle etc.

Contributions welcome

In Aid of

Jeel Al Amal Orphanage and School, Bethany
Al Shorooq School for Blind Children, Bethlehem
Rehabilitation Hospital, Bethlehem

Palestinian Charities in the West Bank as well as Gaza now have no income from visitors or state support. Through the McCabe Educational Trust, we are able to get funds directly to them.

ALL WELCOME

‘Shakespeare in Song’ by the Harborough Singers St Andrew’s Church, Lyddington on Saturday 2nd November at 7.30pm



SHARBOROUGH SINGERS

Shakespeare in Song

Saturday 2nd November

7.30pm

The concert will take place in the hall of St Andrew's Church, Lyddington, Leicestershire. Tickets are £10.00 and £5.00 for children under 16. The concert will be held in aid of the Harborough Singers' fund. The concert will be held in aid of the Harborough Singers' fund. The concert will be held in aid of the Harborough Singers' fund.

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10.00 and £5.00 for children under 16. For more information, please contact the Harborough Singers on 01509 211111 or visit our website at www.harboroughsingers.co.uk



Prisons Week: 13-19 October

For nearly 50 years, Prisons Week has encouraged Christians everywhere to pray for prisoners and their families, victims of crime, their communities and those working or volunteering in the criminal justice system.

This year's focus is taken from Mark 10:21 – “Jesus looked at him and loved him.”

Find more information, daily prayers and resources, go to **Prison Week website:**

<https://www.prisonweek.org/2024-campaign/>

Referring to the Household Support Fund

Leicestershire County Council have made it possible for churches to become referring bodies for the Household Support Fund.

Both clergy and lay leaders can refer people in need who live in the county to receive support with cost-of-living pressures – particularly in the form of food and fuel vouchers.

If you would like your church to become a referring organisation, you can register by

emailing householdsupportfund@leics.gov.uk.

To find out more about the scheme, who is eligible for support, and what help they can get **Visit the Leicestershire County Council website:**

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/assessment-and-eligibility-for-care-and-support/household-support-fund>

Bishop Martyn’s Commitment to Support the City’s Homeless Community



Bishop Martyn recently visited The Bridge Homelessness to Hope on Melton Street in Leicester to meet the staff and guests of the charity and learn about its food service, arts provision and more.

In Leicester, the Bishop is also Chair of the Homelessness Charter and a patron of SoundCafé, two initiatives pioneered by the diocese to support people experiencing homelessness. Bishop Martyn said: “The Bridge has a wealth of inspirational people and I came away from my visit full of hope. Even in the toughest circumstances, there is courage, resourcefulness and perseverance on display, and The Bridge exists to encourage these qualities.”

Read the full story:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/bishop-martyns-commitment-to-support-the-citys-homeless-community.php>

'Church Matters' newsletter from Ecclesiastical

Ecclesiastical’s Autumn/Winter newsletter includes seasonal risk advice and information on fundraising and finances. **Read the newsletter:**

<https://ecclesiastical.com/church/church-matters/>



It's Black History Month during October. This year's theme, 'Reclaiming Narratives', emphasises the importance of acknowledging people's identity in Christ and in their culture, as well as recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

Our Intercultural Worship team would like to encourage you and your church to engage with Black History Month:

"It's crucial to retell the stories of African Caribbeans who contributed to the building of this country and our churches, especially in the Diocese of Leicester. This history doesn't just belong to Black people; it's the history of the United Kingdom as a whole."

Visit our website to watch a video exploring the theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives' along with details of local events marking Black History Month.

Visit our website:

<https://leicester.anglican.org/news/reclaiming-narratives-during-black-history-month.php>

OCTOBER VIEWING FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OPEN THE MIND AND HEART

As part of **Black History Month**, the Church invites congregants to watch these films on Racial Justice – **Visitor**, **Chocolate Digestive** and **After the Flood**

Visitor and **Chocolate Digestive** are short film monologues by Testament, a West Yorkshire performer, poet, and rapper, exploring racism within the Church. These works, based on interviews about systemic and personal racism, were commissioned by the Leeds Church Institute and Bishop Smitha Prasadam.

After the Flood highlights the overlooked history of African chattel slavery in British Christian history and explores biblical principles for racial reconciliation in today's churches. Archbishop Stephen Cottrell recommended it for Bible study and small groups to reflect on being one in Christ.

Watch Visitor:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVPuCLWxPqs>

Watch Chocolate Digestive:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrXiHsRTRfQ>

Watch After the Flood:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUvQvLteO_A

Ethics of Inclusion Webinar

Tuesday 29 October, 7.30pm – Online

Penny Pullan, a reader in our diocese, is sharing the results of her research into the experience of people of working age with chronic conditions or invisible illnesses in the Church of England.

In this interactive and accessible webinar, you will hear the occasionally shocking results of Penny's research, and explore ways to help people with often-neglected illnesses, including ME and Long COVID, take their place fully within your church community. **Book a place on this free webinar:**

[Book a place on this free webinar.](#)

'The Challenge of the Margins'- Chaplaincy Lecture by the Rt Hon The Lord Paul Boateng CVO

Thursday 7 November, 6pm (doors 5.30pm) – Loughborough University

A lecture given by the Rt Hon The Lord Paul Boateng CVO entitled *'The Challenge of the Margins – The Role of Church and State in Addressing the Needs of the Overlooked at Home and Abroad'* as part of the new Chaplaincy Lectures – a joint initiative between the diocese and the universities in Leicester and Loughborough.

Lord Boateng is a former Chief Secretary to the Treasury and High Commissioner to South Africa, currently the Chairman of The Archbishops Commission on Racial Justice, and Co-Chair of the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission. **Further information and booking:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bishop-of-leicesters-chaplaincy-lectures-with-loughborough-university-tickets-1038744291137>

Anti Racism Training: Embrace the Diversity

Saturday 2 November, 9.30am-3.30pm – St Martin's House, Leicester

'Embrace the Diversity' is a chance to enhance your awareness of contemporary, systemic, and interpersonal racial discrimination. Its aim is to delve into the challenges that may impede the development of healthy intercultural relationships and work towards promoting one of the diocesan strategic priorities: fostering Intercultural worshipping communities.

In this training programme, you will learn: some of the language used to discuss racism and anti-racism, to make the distinction between being 'not racist' and anti-racist, the roots of racist ideologies and their impact on the Church & society today, about practical actions aimed at promoting racial unity in the church community This training is free of cost and open to all. Lunch will be provided.

To book your space

email Dinta.Chauhan@LeicesterCofE.org

