



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 27th February 2025

Sunday 2nd March, Next before Lent

9am **Hungarton** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
10.30am **Illston** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**
4pm **Billesdon** Choral Evensong (Revd John Taylor)

Wednesday 5th March, Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday at Launde Abbey

There will be administration of ash at all three services. **Abbey's Ash Wednesday services are open for anyone in the deanery/MC who would like to come.**

8am Eucharist (please ring Reception before 4pm the day before)
12noon Midday Prayer (come in via Reception)
5pm Evening Prayer (come in via Reception)
6pm Launde Parishes **Zoom Ash Wednesday Service** *See link opposite*

Friday 7th March, World Day of Prayer

10am **Hallaton** World Day of Prayer Service (Deanery Community Led) **Also to be live-streamed on Zoom – see link opposite**

Sunday 9th March, 2 Lent 1

9am **Skeffington** BCP Holy Communion (Revd John Taylor)
10am **Gaulby** Morning Prayer (Hilary Painter)
11am **Billesdon** 1st Lent Holy Communion (Revd John Taylor)
11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

Sunday 16th March, Lent 2

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

Sunday 23rd March, Lent 3

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

Sunday 30th March, Lent 4, Mothering Sunday

10am **Gaulby** Morning Prayer Mothering Sunday (Hilary Painter)
11am **Hungarton** Mothering Sunday (Revd John Taylor)
11am **Church Langton** Mothering Sunday **Launde Deanery/ Minister Community Service**
11am Launde Deanery **Mothering Sunday Zoom Service**

Saturday Mornings **Zoom Prayer Meeting**

Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.55am)

All welcome. Join Zoom Meeting

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Sunday 2nd March 11.00am Zoom **Launde Parishes Zoom Service**

Leader & Reflection: Shayne Ardron

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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Wednesday 5th March 6pm Zoom **Launde Parishes Zoom ASH WEDNESDAY Service**

Leader: Hilary Painter

Reflection: Revd David Palmer

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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Friday 7th March 10.00am Zoom **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Service**

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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Collect for Sunday 2nd March Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 2nd March 2025 Sunday next before Lent

Sometimes we look back at significant moments or events in our lives and we call them 'turning points'. Our readings today tell of turning points in the history of the Israelites and in the life of Jesus.

We see Moses coming down from Mt Sinai with the 10 Commandments, the Law which changed the old tribes of the Hebrews into a nation under God with a new purpose to be God's servant. Jesus is shone through with light on the mountain (Mt Hermon possibly) and he then leaves Galilee behind to set his face towards Jerusalem and the Cross.

Moses was alone in the presence of God's glory on the mountain and he was certainly 'lit up' when he came down, and told the people what God had said. Jesus with his three friends was also shining with light in God's presence on the mountain, and the disciples heard the words, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him." These are moments of the greatest significance and lead to life-changing events.

At the turning points in our lives, we too need to be listening carefully to God like they did. That is what Lent is for. It's an opportunity to burn to ashes the things that are stopping us from moving forward (or moving anywhere) and it is also for seeking God's direction in our lives through giving attention to prayer, study, worship and service. Fasting in Lent is not about starving ourselves to death; it is about arranging our lives to be more attentive to God.

Paul certainly had that in mind when he wrote his second letter to people in Corinth. He talked about removing the veil which had come to prevent people from seeing God. Instead, he says we should listen to God's Spirit guiding our lives – for "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom". Think of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday as turning points in our lives to free us up to receive God's guidance as we look to the light that guides us onward.

Revd Philip Norwood

Bible Readings: Sunday 2nd March 2025 Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 34.29-end

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

32 Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;

34 but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,

35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness,

13 not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

14 But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds;

16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

2 We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Luke 9.28-36 [37-43a]

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'-not knowing what he said.

34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'

36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

38 Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.

39 Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him.

40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.'

41 Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.'

42 While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

43 And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples,]

Additional Collect for Sunday 2nd March Sunday next before Lent

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Launde Deanery Synod

**Thursday 27th February 7.15 for 7.30pm
Tur Langton Village Hall**

The meeting is open to anyone interested in the proposed discussions as well as our Deanery Synod reps so feel free to send more than 1 person per Parish. Please also send apologies to Wendy Lewis in writing before Synod. Written questions are welcome to be

submitted to Wendy by or on Friday 21st February. For more information contact Wendy on

wendy.lewis@LeicesterCofE.org

World Day of Prayer 2025 Service

St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton

Friday 7 March at 10am. Suitable for all the family

Everyone is very welcome

*This service will be livestreamed. **See page 1 of this newsletter for the Zoom link.***



Launde Zoom Lent Course

From Thursday 6 March 6pm-7pm for 6 weeks

Exploring Bishop Guli's Book '*Cries for a Lost Homeland, Reflections on Jesus' Sayings from the Cross*'

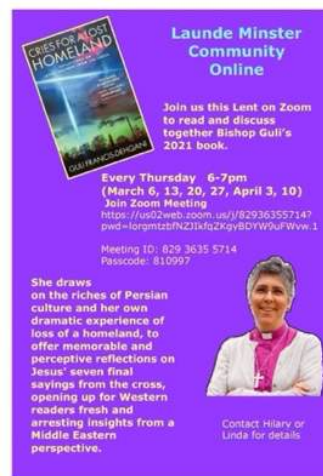
Everyone is welcome.

To join use this link: Join Zoom Meeting

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Food for Thought

Wednesday 12th March 7 for 7.30pm

The Fox and Hounds, Tugby

Bookings by Thursday 6th March: mary.twidell@gmail.com

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Food for thought

An evening with
Dr Caroline Beardmore

Learning Through Life

Meal and talk £17.50

Wednesday 12th March

7pm meet for 7.30pm start

The Fox and Hounds, Tugby

Bookings (by Thursday 6th March):

mary.twidell@gmail.com / 01858 555204 / 07464 309966

About the speaker: Caroline combined university teaching with practical studies of lung function in children. She spent time living in Jerusalem and Montreal. She took up beekeeping 25 years ago and studied to become a Master Beekeeper, which she teaches.

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



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>



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>



Evangelist Retreat

Thursday 10 April to Friday 11 April – Launde Abbey

Are you a lay evangelist? Would you like to spend time with others, sharing ideas, worship, reflection and resourcing? Church Army's Resources team are joining with Launde Abbey to facilitate a retreat for anyone who is an evangelist or whose work includes mission and evangelism.

Cost £150. **Click here to book:**

[https://booking.eu.guestline.app/LAUNDE/availability?hotel=LAUNDE&arrival=2025-04-10&departure=2025-04-11&adults=1&children=0&filters\[rates\]\[\]=ENT_CHU_ARMY](https://booking.eu.guestline.app/LAUNDE/availability?hotel=LAUNDE&arrival=2025-04-10&departure=2025-04-11&adults=1&children=0&filters[rates][]=ENT_CHU_ARMY) or call Launde Abbey on 01572717254.

For more information email jane.henderson@churcharmy.org

Lent and Easter at Launde Abbey

There are lots of opportunities to pray and reflect at Launde Abbey throughout Lent and Holy Week.

A number of 'Soul-Filled Meanderings' are taking place, led by Jo de Graff, and including a guided walk, prayer service and soup lunch. **See details here:**

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/events/category/soulfilledmeanderings/>

On *Ash Wednesday*, 5 March, the administration of ash will be offered at all of Launde's services – midday and 5pm for non-residents.

A retreat is being held throughout *Holy Week*. You can join for as much as you like by booking an overnight stay or attending for the day. **See details here:**

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/event/holyweek2025/>

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/>

Kiteto Cathedral Bench Appeal

Thanks to all who contributed to the appeal to fund 60 benches for Kiteto Cathedral in our link diocese of Tanzania. More than £2200 has been raised, enough for 40 benches. You

can still donate to the appeal. **See full details on our website:**
<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/supporting-our-link-diocese-fundraising-for-new-benches-in-kiteto-cathedral.php>
Members of our diocese will be visiting Kiteto next month.

Consultation on the Nomination of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury

Your feedback through this public consultation will play a vital role in shaping the decision-making process as we seek God's guidance for the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

Views can be submitted online or by post. Full details are available on the Church of England website:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/governance/archbishops/canterbury-crown-nominations-commission/consultation-nomination-106th-archbishop-canterbury>



The Church of England's Lent theme for 2025 is Living Hope.

This special webinar explores the resources available for churches this Lent and Easter, explaining more about the theme, and featuring reflections and various printed and digital resources for use in your worshipping communities. They'll also be an opportunity to ask any questions you might have about making the most of Lent and Easter and the Living Hope theme.

Find out more about Living Hope:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/living-hope-resources-lent-2025>



Thursday 27 February, 6pm-7.30pm – St Andrew's Jarrom Street

In the first Bishop's Chaplaincy lecture of 2025, Lord Woolley of Woodford is joining us to address how we can seek to increase the diversity and representation of minoritised groups.

The evening is free to attend and open to all. It will include a Q&A and refreshments will be served. **See full details and booking:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-belief-that-we-can-change-the-world-tickets-1220867350109?aff=oddtcreator>

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>

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/>

