



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 10th October 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 13th October Trinity 20, Harvest Thanksgiving

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

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

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

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 13th October 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader: Mary Twidell **Reflection:** John Bartlett

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

PLEASE USE THIS LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

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Collect for Sunday 13th October

Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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

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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>

Reflection: 13th October 2024 Trinity 20

Mark gives us a great challenge through his account of Jesus's encounter with a rich man who asks Jesus what he needs to do to inherit eternal life. I get the feeling that Jesus already knows that this man needs a challenge but Jesus starts off referring to what the man already thinks is needed that is his obedience to the ten commandments. Jesus summarises them and the man states that he has obeyed them all his life. Jesus then looks upon him with love, knowing that something much more is needed and also knowing that the something is going to be very difficult and painful for this man. And indeed the call to give all away to the poor causes the man to turn and walk sadly away because he has great wealth. When the disciples show surprise at Jesus's statement that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven and Peter points out that they have left everything behind to follow Jesus, he answers that while nothing is impossible with God, it is certain that those who have given their all will inherit great heavenly treasure in the form of forgiveness and eternal life. Like most societies that which Jesus had come to live in revered and even worshipped great wealth and assumed that just as rich people could have everything they wanted on earth, that would also apply in heaven. This is something we are seeing more and more in our own society today and the challenge for us is not to be part of that but to remember Jesus's teaching about where our wealth really lies and also to remember that Jesus led a very humble life right from its beginning. Born in a stable, laid in a manger by humble parents then he resisted Satan's temptation to worship him instead of God and if he did this he would be given the power and riches of the world. As well as thanking God for what we do have, we must willingly seek his advice as to what we can give and share with those who are in need. We must help our society to get rid of the modern equivalent of that image of a golden calf and put Jesus, our Lord and King, back on the throne. That will not be an easy or painless thing to do and is indeed a great challenge but we must think of all that Jesus has done for us, giving up his heavenly throne to come to live among us and sacrificing his life to give us forgiveness and the certainty of true wealth when we spend eternity with him.

Revd Christine Blodwell

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."

Emma Thompson is a freelance writer and a member of Save the Parish

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>

Open Doors

Saturday 12th October



Revd David Palmer, Pioneer Priest

Coffee Concert at Billesdon Church

Saturday 12th October

Philip and Shona Millward (piano/ organ and violin)

Coffee served from 10.30am followed by a 40 min recital at 11. Admission free; retiring collection to a good cause.

All welcome

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/>



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



Games Night at the Cathedral!

12 October 2024, 7pm

Join us for a fun-filled evening with games like Scrabble, Jenga, Klask, Hues and Clues, Onitama, Cobra Paw, Catan, and Sushi Go! Drinks from our bar, music, and a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for all. **Don't miss out!**



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



Shakespeare in Song

Saturday 2nd November

St Andrew's Church

Lyddington

7.30pm

The choir made 400 copies of the programme for the occasion. The programme is available to view on the website - St Andrew's Church Lyddington - or by contacting the choir secretary, Wendy, on 01530 810000. The programme is available to view on the website - St Andrew's Church Lyddington - or by contacting the choir secretary, Wendy, on 01530 810000.

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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/>

A Service for Prisons Sunday is being held on 13 October, 6pm at St Paul with St Augustine Worship Centre in Leicester. It will include time to pray for prisoners, their families and those that work with them.

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>



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>

Looking to the future in the Diocese of Leicester

Our Diocesan Strategy was approved by Diocesan Synod on 3 September 2024. It is a discernment of what God is saying and doing in Leicester and Leicestershire and how we should respond in the coming years.

The Bishop of Leicester, the Rt Revd Martyn Snow, describes the strategy as "a living document in a rapidly changing world" and so it will change and evolve over time, and will be used to guide our decision making and allocation of resources.

A simple 'Strategy on a Page' document has been created, together with an outline of the **3 Key Questions** for churches and ministers, and **5 Strategic Priorities** for our bishops and diocesan support.

These documents are available on our website:

<https://leicester.anglican.org/strategy/>

Learning to live well together - Blog

The Revd Dr Tom Wilson, Director of the St Philip's Centre in Leicester, is currently guest author on the *Difference* blog.

He believes living harmoniously with people of different beliefs is a learnable skill, like riding a bike. Revd Tom says by fostering meaningful encounters, understanding, trust, and cooperation, we can bridge divides. He also emphasises open-minded dialogue, respectful disagreement, and collaboration as key to overcoming societal challenges and building a peaceful society. Read Tom's blog here:

<https://difference.rln.global/blog/learning-to-live-well-together/>

Everybody Conference

Saturday 12 October, 10am-3.30pm – St John the Baptist, Clarendon Park

This one-day conference is dedicated to empowering Christians to live for Jesus in their everyday lives. Bishop Saju Muthalaly will be the keynote speaker. **Further details and booking:**

<https://stjohnthebaptist.churchsuite.com/events/2lg6lhxt>

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

