



## Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Easter 7, Sunday after Ascension Day

9am **Hungarton** Holy Communion (Rev'd Jeff Hopewell)

10am **Skeffington** Songs of Praise (Congregation led)

*Everyone is welcome*

10.30am **Illston** Holy Communion (Rev'd Jeff Hopewell)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

4pm **Billesdon** Choral Evensong (Rev'd John Taylor)

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Pentecost

9am **Skeffington** BCP Holy Communion (Rev'd John Taylor)

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

11am **Billesdon** Pentecost Holy Communion (Rev'd John Taylor)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity Sunday

11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Rev'd Philip Norwood)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

6pm **Keyham** Songs of Praise (Rev'd David Palmer)

6pm **Skeffington** Evensong (Rev'd Philip Norwood)

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

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Trinity

9am **Skeffington** CW Holy Communion (Rev'd Philip Norwood)

11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion Patronal Festival (Rev'd Jonathan Dowman)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

6pm **Gaulby** Holy Communion (Rev'd Christine Blodwell)

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> July

11am **Church Langton Joint Deanery Service and Farewell to Rev'd 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

## **Launde Minster Community May 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'**

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 11.00am Zoom**

**Launde Parishes Zoom Service** **WORLD VISION**

**Leader & Reflection:** Linda Jones

**To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:**

**PLEASE USE THIS LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKI91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

**Meeting ID:** 836 7967 6342

**Passcode:** 079282

**DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE:**

**T. 0203 481 5240**

Enter the **Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342** followed by #

Enter the **Passcode: 079282** followed by #

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## **Collect for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

### **Sunday after Ascension Day**

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

O God the King of glory,

you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ

with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,

but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us

and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## **Reflection: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

### **Sunday after Ascension Day**

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

It is a fact of life that we are always preparing for something - a holiday, a diagnosis, the next meal etc.

After the Ascension of Jesus, the disciples were told to wait for the Holy Spirit to give them inspiration to begin their mission. Like them today, we pray that same prayer, "Thy Kingdom come...", and we open our hearts and minds to sharing the Pentecost experience of knowing the presence of God in our life as disciples of Jesus.

Paul had a great longing for the Kingdom of God to be a reality in the lives of all whom he met. In Philippi that involved helping the slave girl to find freedom; it involved seeing beyond the pain and frustration of unjust imprisonment; and it led to transforming the life of the jailer and his family. Paul was always prepared for the unexpected.

The first readers of the final verses of the Revelation to St. John were not only hoping that persecution would one day come to an end, but they were preparing for the

climax of their faith in the heavenly glory. They were trying to see beyond their sufferings to the refreshment of the water of life and the glory of heaven as they prayed 'Come, Lord Jesus'.

It was Jesus himself, in the Gospel of St. John, who was praying that his disciples would be prepared for the reality of the Kingdom of God through their commitment to a life of love and a striving for unity. In a world which ignores God, that unity which Jesus prays for is first and foremost with God and through a life of sacrificial love with all others of faith.

Whenever we pray the Lord's Prayer, we open our hearts to Jesus telling us to be open to the Pentecost experience and to be ready for the demands of love.

**Revd Philip Norwood**

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## **Bible Readings:**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

### **Sunday after Ascension Day**

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

#### **Acts 16.16-34**

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.'

18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities.

20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews

21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.'

22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.'

29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

30 Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'

31 They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.'

32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

#### **Revelation 22.12-14,16, 17, 20-end**

12 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

16 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

17 The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

20 The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

#### **John 17.20-end**

20 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word,

21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,

23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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## Additional Collect for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June Sunday after Ascension Day Seventh Sunday of Easter

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BISHOP'S LODGE on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May:

### The Revd Crystal McAllister

We are pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd Crystal McAllister, currently Ordained Pioneer Minister in the Framland Deanery, as **Interim Oversight Minister in the Launde Deanery Minster community**. This 3-month role will begin on 1st July 2025.

**A huge thank you**  
to everyone who joined me  
as I said thank you and farewell  
on the occasion of my retirement.  
It was a delight to see those who could make it.  
  
Thank you also  
to those who contributed to the refreshments  
and for your very generous gifts  
they are much appreciated.  
With love and prayers  
Jayne



## Food Bank Appeal:

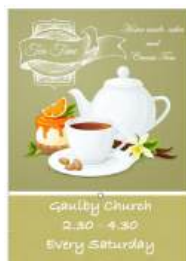
Our Churches continue to support local Foodbanks. All donations welcome, which may be left in any of our Church porches, or you can donate online.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm



## Horninghold Summer Party, Horninghold Hall

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 6.30 to 9.30pm

See poster for ticket sales

**HORNINGHOLD SUMMER PARTY**  
By kind permission of Peter and Jayne Webb  
at Horninghold Hall, Horninghold LE16 8DH  
On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
6.30pm to 9.30pm

**Ticket Price: £25 (includes wrap and dessert)**  
Children Under 11 FREE

By aid of St. Peter's Church Fabric Fund  
**BACS: Sort Code: 30-05-47 Acc: 00648058**  
(Cheques payable to SPFFC)

**Food:** Pork and beef wraps supplied by Launde Farm Foods  
Served with salad and a choice of sauces  
Vegetarian and gluten free options available

- Holding table with scrumptious desserts
- Bar selling Wines, Prosecco, Beers and soft drinks (cash or card)
- Entertainment by professional jazz/swing singer Gareth John
- Raffle in aid of Air Ambulance and LOROS
- Auction

Tickets are now on sale, please contact:-  
Jayne Webb: 01534 555197 (jayne@horningholdhall.com)  
Katie Holmes: 01534 555197 (katie@horningholdhall.com)  
Mary Twiss: 01534 555197 (mary@horningholdhall.com)  
Sandra Griffin: 01534 555197 (sandra@horningholdhall.com)

[horningholdhall.com](https://www.horningholdhall.com)

No Smoking on the premises

## Tugby Village Hall Quiz Night

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 7-10pm with 2 course supper

For more information and to book contact: Madeleine Wang

[Madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com](mailto:Madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com)

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7 -10pm Sat 28th June

£15pp

With a 2-course supper

For more information or to book  
contact

[Madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com](mailto:Madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com)

This is a church fundraiser

## Stand Up Against Street Harassment Bystander Online Training

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust are delighted to announce that they have partnered with L'Oréal Paris to exclusively bring you the expert-approved "Stand Up Against Street Harassment" international training programme by "Right To Be". Sessions are *thirty minutes* long and *free of charge* to attend. This is online training. There are a range of dates. **To get more information and sign up, use this link:** <https://www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/Events/Category/events>



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>



## 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>

## Glimpse the Beauty of Launde Abbey Online



Launde Abbey is known and loved by many in our diocese as a place to retreat and be refreshed. 'God's peace and love fills Launde Abbey...' is what one recent guest remarked. Another commented it was, 'an opportunity to step out of a busy life'.

Launde Abbey cater for day and residential groups, organised and self-guided retreats, all with the opportunity to participate in their daily rhythm of prayer.

To showcase this special place and extend the invitation to visit, Launde Abbey have launched a new website. Whether you are organising a conference, away day, looking for a led retreat or seeking some much-needed time out, take a look and see what Launde Abbey has to offer.

**Visit the new Launde abbey website:**  
<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk>

## Completion of New Heritage & Learning Centre

Leicester Cathedral is delighted to announce the completion of its highly anticipated Heritage & Learning Centre.

This state-of-the-art extension is designed to share the rich heritage of the Cathedral and engage visitors in new and exciting ways.

*The centre will officially open to the public on Saturday 14 June 2025, marking a significant milestone in the Cathedral's history. Reads more on the Cathedral website:*

<https://leicestercathedral.org/news/2025/05/completion-of-new-heritage-and-learning-centre>

## Journey in Faith Course 25/26

**Our next Journey of Faith course begins this September.**

This three-term course will offer you the time and space to *grow* in your knowledge of the Christian faith, *deepen* your relationship with God and *explore* how to live out faith in the whole of life.

The weekly sessions are open to anyone, with a choice of



venues and days to suit you. **Download the flyer for more information:**

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/jif-25-26.pdf>

**Sign up for the introductory session on Saturday 13**

**September:** <https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/journey-in-faith-jif-25-26-introduction-saturday-13th-september-2025/>

## NEW - Face-to-face Safeguarding Training

*The following safeguarding courses have spaces available:*

### Basic Awareness

Saturday 31 May, 9am-11.30am

St. Mary's Centre, Mountsorrel Lane, Sileby LE12 7NF

Course Code: LF2FBA3310525

### Basic Awareness

Saturday 7 June, 9.30am-12pm

The Bridge, 1 Main Street, Countesthorpe, LE8 5QX

Course Code: LF2FBA3070625

### Foundation

Saturday 7 June, 12.30pm-4pm

The Bridge, 1 Main Street, Countesthorpe, LE8 5QX

Course Code: LF2FF2070625

### Foundation

Saturday 21 June, 9am-12.30pm

St. Mary's Centre, Mountsorrel Lane, Sileby LE12 7NF

Course Code: LF2FF1210725

**To attend, send the completed booking form**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ULdo7-8FGslgdwITR0vz8NYyHV715kQn/edit?tab=t.0> including the course code to [SGBookings@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:SGBookings@LeicesterCofE.org)

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> June*

**Find out more about the EFT:**

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

## 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](mailto:sean.lhct@gmail.com)



## '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>

