



# Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent,



### Remembrance Sunday

9am **Hungarton** War Memorial with **Keyham** (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

10.30am **Gaulby** Remembrance Sunday (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

10.45am **Billesdon** Church then War Memorial Remembrance Service (Revd John Taylor)

10.45am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service** Remembrance Service

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

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

11am **Keyham** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Gaulby** Evening Prayer (Hilary Painter)

6pm **Skeffington** BCP Evensong (Revd Philip Norwood)

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Sunday next before Advent,

#### Christ the King

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

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Gaulby** Holy Communion (Revd Christine Blodwell)

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am Zoom

### Launde Parishes Zoom Service

#### Remembrance Sunday

**Leader & Reflection:** Hilary Painter

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

**PLEASE USE THIS LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQK191dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

**Meeting ID:** 836 7967 6342

**Passcode:** 079282

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## 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](mailto:hilarypainter@icloud.com)

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## Collect for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

### Third Sunday before Advent

#### Remembrance Sunday

Almighty Father,

whose will is to restore all things

in your beloved Son, the King of all:

govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,

and bring the families of the nations,

divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,

to be subject to his just and gentle rule;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Reflection: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Third Sunday before Advent

#### Remembrance Sunday

Jesus has just come from his time of retreat in the wilderness, having resisted temptations from Satan to take the easy way out. He is told of the imprisonment of John the Baptist and knows that it is the time to announce who He is and the purpose of his mission on earth. His first task is to gather a group of disciples together and he does this by calling, not academics or intellectual as other rabbis would have done, but some fairly ordinary fishermen he came across. These men, Mark tells us, immediately leave what they are doing and obey his command to follow him. This account should both encourage us and challenge us. It's good to know that Jesus calls ordinary people like us to serve him but challenging to know that the fishermen respond so quickly to his call. When we feel that God is calling us to serve him in a certain way it is not always easy to respond immediately. Most of us will be hesitant and ask if it is really God calling us and we will need time to explore the possibility more deeply. There is nothing wrong with that but our exploration must involve much prayer and not necessarily just our own. It is a good idea to ask other people to pray about it too - perhaps a few trusted friends who can help us seek God's will for us and how we can help in the situation we feel we are being called to. One of the difficulties of being in such a situation is that we can feel that we are not good enough. Maybe Jesus wants someone with more faith or religious knowledge, but here in this account it is made very clear that Jesus knows who he is calling and all that follows in the Gospels and later in the accounts of the early church tells us that, apart from Judas, who sadly went astray, that band of disciples became a strong and faithful group who gave much, including their own lives, to continue Jesus' ministry on earth and build up the church to which we all belong. May we be encouraged

and inspired by this and help each other to respond to whatever calling Jesus makes upon us, knowing that however challenging it may seem he will be there with us and we will be able to rely on the prayers and help of each other.

**Revd Christine Blodwell**

## **Bible Readings:**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Third Sunday before Advent**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**Jonah 3.1-5, 10**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

3 The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,

2 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.'

3 So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.

4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!'

5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**Hebrews 9.24-end**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

24 For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

25 Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own;

26 for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement,

28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**Mark 1.14-20**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

15 and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake-for they were fishermen.

17 And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'

18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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**Additional Collect for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**November Third Sunday before Advent  
Remembrance Sunday**

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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## **Jeff's Ride + Stride**

All the sponsorship money is now in and amounts to a very satisfactory £985. Since almost all of this has been gift aided, I will have raised an amazing total of over £1,200. Thank you all so much for your sponsorship. Ride + Stride is the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust's major fundraiser and enable us to give grants for church repairs throughout the city and county. Indeed, many of our village churches have been beneficiaries in the past. **Revd Jeff Hopewell**

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## **Food for Thought**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**

**The Fox & Hounds, Tugby**



**Food for thought**

An evening with  
**Dr Phil Evans**

**Black holes, cosmic explosions and  
their inventor**

Meet and talk 7.15

**Wednesday 20th November**  
7pm-8.30pm start  
**The Fox and Hounds, Tugby**

Sponsored by Tugby 14th November  
http://www.tugby14th.com/2024/11/20/

About the speaker: Phil is a physicist and an astronomer. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Physics and a member of the Council of Science and Technology. He is also a member of the Royal Society. He is a member of the Royal Society of Open Science and a member of the Royal Society of Arts. He is a member of the Royal Society of Medicine and a member of the Royal Society of Engineers.



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/>

## 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>

## World Day of Prayer 2025

**St Michael & All Angels Church, Hallaton**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – *Would you like to be involved?***

It does not involve a lot of work as the women of the Cook Islands have prepared the service for us and all of the materials have been provided. We just have to decide how we would like to run the service and who should do what on the day. **Do get in touch with Linda Jones**  
[l.jones2k@btinternet.com](mailto:l.jones2k@btinternet.com) or call 01858 555249



A date for your diary:  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

World Day of Prayer Service

at St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton

**Would you like to be involved?**

It would be lovely to involve people from churches across  
the Leicestershire/Minster Community

Please let Linda Jones know

On [Linda.Jones@leicester.org](mailto:Linda.Jones@leicester.org) or call 01858 555249



## Stamps for your Christmas Cards

**Watch this space! Buy your postage stamps and support projects in South Sudan and Sudan.**

This opportunity will be available again this year - details from Mary Twidell will be in next week's newsletters

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

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

### COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Shoroog School for Blind Children, Bethlehem  
Rehabilitation Hospital, Bethlehem  
Palestinian Churches in the West Bank as well as Gaza zone  
have no income from visitors or state support. Through the  
McCauley Educational Trust, we are able to get funds directly to  
them.

ALL WELCOME



## Churches Across the Diocese Encouraged to Mark Safeguarding Sunday

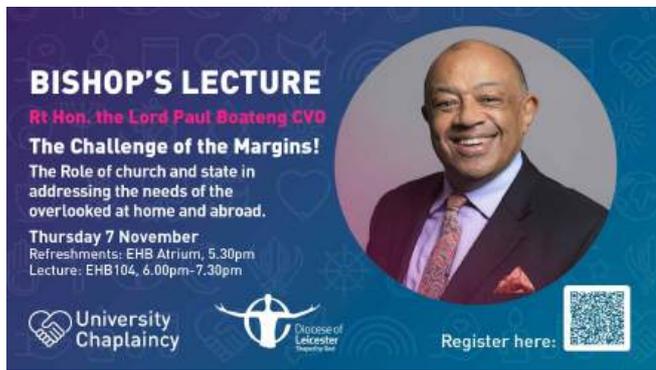
**Churches across the diocese are being encouraged to mark Safeguarding Sunday on 17 November 2024.**

Safeguarding Sunday is an annual awareness-raising campaign spearheaded by the safeguarding charity thirtyone:eight. It's an opportunity for congregations to use their regular Sunday service to listen and talk about how spaces can be created that are safer for everyone, and to celebrate all the good work that is being done by so many behind the scenes.

The theme and focus for this year is 'Let's talk about it.' You can find all the Safeguarding Sunday resources including films and animations, prayers, preaching notes, children's activity sheets, hymns, songs and a safeguarding pledge, and register to take part at [safeguardingsunday.org](https://safeguardingsunday.org).

Bishop Martyn and Bishop Saju, have made a video talking about the importance of safeguarding and recognising the tireless work and vital ministry of those in our diocese who are committed to creating a safe, open and welcoming environment for all. **Read more and watch the video:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/churches-across-the-diocese-encouraged-to-mark-safeguarding-sunday.php>



## '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>

## Modern Slavery Workshop

**Wednesday 6 November, 9.30am-12pm – St Martins House, Leicester**

Modern slavery touches all our lives. This workshop aims to help us better understand the complex national and local scenarios and to explore how we may better work together to combat slavery.

Speakers will include Jim Hatton from Leicestershire Police and Bishop Alastair Redfern, who has long held a national brief for the Church on this issue.

**Book your free space:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/modern-slavery-workshop-tickets-1034697487037>

## Leading Worship – for Everyone

**Saturday 16 November, 10am-3.15pm, All Saints Parish Centre, Blaby**

A workshop for any church member wanting to grow in skills and confidence leading others in worship, prayer and engaging with the Bible. The session will be interactive and practical with opportunities to share experiences and grow together. *Refreshments from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. Visit our Learning Hub to register:*

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/leading-worship-for-everyone-3/>

## New Webinar: Digital Giving for Advent and Christmas

This webinar will explore how Digital Giving can support your church, from online donations to contactless and in-person giving options, plus QR codes and promotional material. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to schedule a 1:1 Zoom session with Ariel Baker from Generous Giving, where you'll receive personalised guidance on setting up a free digital giving QR code.

*Webinar Dates:*

- November 11, 11.30am
- November 14, 6.30pm
- November 22, 11am

**To reserve your spot, or if you have any questions, please email:** [Ariel.Baker@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Ariel.Baker@LeicesterCofE.org)

## Unconscious Bias Training: Embrace the Difference

**Saturday 9 November, 10am-2pm – St Nicholas Church Hall, Market Harborough**

A training workshop examining our biases, learning how they become embedded and exploring God's design in diversity. *Doors open at 9.30am with refreshments. Lunch included.*

This training is free, but spaces are limited so please book by emailing [Alison@Harborough-Anglican.org.uk](mailto:Alison@Harborough-Anglican.org.uk)



