



# Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am Zoom Launde Parishes Zoom Service

**Leader & Reflection:** Mike Hammond

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

**PLEASE USE THIS LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGl8Q.1>

**Meeting ID:** 836 7967 6342

**Passcode:** 079282

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**T. 0203 481 5240**

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## Saturday Mornings

### Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

**All welcome. Join Zoom Meeting**

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## Collect for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil

and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope,

may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory

we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he 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: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Second Sunday before Advent

The Christmas advertising campaigns have started, a reminder that Advent is nearly upon us. There are cards to write, presents to choose, entertaining and catering decisions, all to be fitted around our usual activities.

However, help is at hand. Spending a little time reflecting on the meaning of Advent, can deepen our connection to its purpose and help us to prepare ourselves spiritually for the arrival of Jesus. It can also help us to decide what's important and what's just media hype and fear of missing out.

Advent is a season of preparation, waiting, and hope. The beginning of the Christian year, it culminates in the celebration of the birth of Christ. Reflecting on Advent can be a deeply spiritual experience, as it invites us to anticipate both Christ's first coming as a baby in Bethlehem and His second coming in glory.

**Hope:** Advent is a time to cultivate hope, both in the anticipation of Christ's birth and His return. The Old Testament prophets spoke of a coming Saviour, and in Advent, we are reminded of the fulfilment of that hope. Also, our thoughts turning to...

**Peace:** The angels brought a message of peace to the shepherds and today, as much as ever, we pray for peace, particularly in the Biblical lands and peace in our own lives.

**Joy:** Advent is a time of joyful anticipation. Even as we wait in the winter darkness, we look forward to the great joy that Christmas can bring.

**Love:** the ultimate expression of God's love was that he sent His Son into the world. Advent is a time to reflect on God's love for humanity and how we are called to pass on that love.

**Preparation:** the season of Advent is all about preparing, both for the celebration of Christ's birth and for His second coming. It's a time for us to reflect and make space for God in our lives.

**Hilary Painter**

## Bible Readings:

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Second Sunday before Advent

Daniel 12.1-3

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

1 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.

2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Hebrews 10.11-14 15-18 19-25

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

11 And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.

12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God',

13 and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.'

14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.[

15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

16 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds',

17 he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,

20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),

21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,

25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13.1-8

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

13 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!'

2 Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,

4 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?'

5 Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray.

6 Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray.

7 When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.

8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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## Additional Collect for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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## Food for Thought Places still available

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

The Fox & Hounds, Tugby

Contact Mary to book: [marytwidell@gmail.com](mailto:marytwidell@gmail.com)

01858 555204 or 07464 309966



### Food for thought

An evening with  
Dr Phil Evans

Black holes, cosmic explosions and  
their inventor

Meat and talk £15

Wednesday 20th November  
7pm meet for 7:30pm start  
The Fox and Hounds, Tugby

Bookings (by Thursday 14th November):  
[marytwidell@gmail.com](mailto:marytwidell@gmail.com) / 01858 555204 / 07464 309966

About the speaker: Phil is a physicist and X-ray astronomer. He is a lecturer in the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Leicester.  
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.

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## 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 Diocese Ministry Community

Please let Linda Jones know

On [Linda.Jones@btinternet.com](mailto:Linda.Jones@btinternet.com) or call 01858 555249



## Whittle & Wine

Concert at St Peter's, Knossington

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm

Tickets £12 available from Sue Sills 01664 454584, Debbie Thomas 01664 454970 or Liz Sanders 07956622054



St Peter's Knossington 7.30 Friday 22nd November  
David Whittle, Music Director of music at Leicester Grammar School, returns with a new selection of songs played on the magnificent organ of St Peter's. Along with the wine you'll be able to enjoy the wine, the refreshments and enter our blind bottle raffle. All in the good cause of helping the church into a new century.

TICKETS £12.00  
(under £700 Free)  
To book call:  
Sue Sills 01664 454584  
Debbie Thomas 01664 454970  
Liz Sanders 07956622054

Contributions to the refreshments would be gratefully received.

Churches in Leicestershire are invited to St Peter's

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## 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>

## 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/>



## Discover Churches: A New Toolkit

Discover Churches is a new resource designed to help volunteers extend a warm and meaningful welcome to visitors exploring church heritage, art, and community. It was launched at the recent Church Visitor and Tourist Association conference. **Find out more at the National Churches Trust website:**

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/explore/discover-churches-toolkit>



## Stamps for your Christmas Cards

Buy your stamps from the Church Association of Sudan and South Sudan (CASSS)

***The war in Sudan has been described as 'The Forgotten War'.***

Did you know that:

\* Half of Sudan's population – more than 24.8 million people, almost 13.6 million of whom are children – are in need of urgent assistance.

\* Sudan now has the world's largest number of internally displaced people, with more than 11 million people uprooted by the conflict which began in April 2023 – 2 million more have left Sudan in search of safety.

**The churches in Sudan and South Sudan are in a desperate situation and are providing humanitarian aid in the most desperate of situations.**

By buying new stamps through the CASSS you can help this situation without costing you any more because CASSS is a registered charity and buys the stamps legally through a stamp dealer at less than face value. This allows CASSS to sell the stamps at normal prices and the difference in prices raises funds for the CASSS.

Stamps are available in all denominations.

**Please give your orders to John and Mary Twidell by Friday November 22nd.**

[Mary.twidell@gmail.com](mailto:Mary.twidell@gmail.com) 01858 555 204

## Safeguarding Sunday and Signposting

**A quick reminder that Safeguarding Sunday is coming up this week on 17 November.**

The theme and focus for this year is 'Let's talk about it' and is a chance for our churches, schools and worshipping communities to show how they take their safeguarding responsibilities seriously while exploring together what safe spaces look like and celebrating all the hard work that goes on in our diocese. **Watch a safeguarding video message from our bishops and find out more:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/churches-across-the-diocese-encouraged-to-mark-safeguarding-sunday.php>

If you or anyone you are in contact with are affected by the recent publication of reports regarding serious abuse within the Church of England and want to talk to someone independently, you can contact the diocesan safeguarding team: <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding> Alternatively, call the Safe Spaces helpline on 0300 303 1056 or visit [safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk](https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk) It's never too late to come forward. You will be listened to, supported, cared for, and advised

## The Bishop of Leicester and the Bishop of Loughborough are pleased to announce the appointment of Sophie Holder as Director of Racial Equity for the Diocese of Leicester.

Bishop Martyn said: "I am delighted that Sophie has agreed to take on this key role in the diocese. Sophie brings a wealth of experience in equality, diversity, inclusion and most significantly, racial equity, and will take the lead in forging ahead with this important work in the diocese. I look forward to welcoming her."

"I am passionate about creating a culture of inclusion and belonging and, as Director of Racial Equity for the Diocese of Leicester, will ensure that community, compassion and equity – as exemplified by Christ – is at the heart of my work," said Sophie. "...Building and achieving racial equity will be a journey, one that will take time, change, wisdom and faith. There will be triumphs and challenges, but I believe if we stay the course, God will transform our diocese into a place that welcomes, serves, and introduces all to Christ."

Sophie will be commissioned to her new role at Diocesan Synod on Saturday 23 November 2024 and will begin work on Friday 6 December 2024.

*The role of Diocesan Director of Racial Equity has been made possible by national church Racial Justice funding and has been offered on an initial three-year term, by approval of our Bishops' Council and Diocesan Synod.*

**Read more about Sophie and her role:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/bishops-appoint-sophie-holder-as-diocesan-director-of-racial-equity.php>

## Supporting our Link Diocese: Fundraising for New Benches in Kiteto Cathedral



**A diocesan campaign to raise enough money to provide durable, long-lasting seating in Kiteto Cathedral, is appealing to churches to donate the price of one bench.**

The Dioceses of Leicester and Kiteto in Tanzania have been linked since 1982. We, as a diocese, partner with Kiteto to support the area in improving education, training pastors, planting churches and by offering financial support for emergencies arising from natural causes.

At the moment, much of the seating is plastic chairs that gradually and inevitably depreciate. The Cathedral currently have six benches and are asking for 62 – at £55 each. Could your church donate a bench? **Read the full story and how to donate:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/supporting-our-link-diocese-fundraising-for-new-benches-in-kiteto-cathedral.php>



**Everyone is warmly invited to our Global Carol Service, an intercultural celebration of Christmas followed by refreshments and drinks.**

In addition to the cathedral choir, we will have carols, readings, and prayers in various languages. Join us as we come together to embrace one another across cultural and ethnic boundaries, celebrating with joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## Face to Face Safeguarding Training

The following safeguarding training is available:

- **Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse** – 5 December, 11am-3.15pm, St Nicholas Church, Fleckney. Bring your own lunch. Code: LF2FRADA2051224
- **Foundation Training** – 7 December, 9.30am-1pm, All Saints Church, Church Lane, Sheepy Magna. Code: LF2FF3071224

View the booking form:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ULdo7-8FGsLgdwITR0vz8NYyHV7I5kQn/edit>

For further information visit our website:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/training-and-events>

## 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.

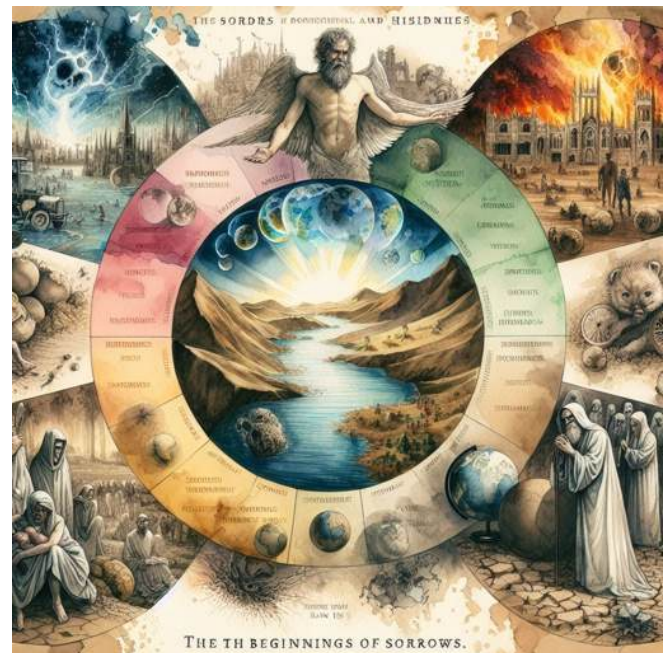
Webinar Dates:

- November 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)



Mark 13.1



Mark 13.8

