



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 15th August 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 18th August Trinity 12

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

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

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

Sunday 25th August Trinity 13

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)

Saturday Mornings

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.45am)

To Join our Zoom Prayers: **PLEASE NOTE NEW LINK**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89820297969?pwd=HD1LqaqamMFBN2y1m7p226w0h2KVkj.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969 Passcode: 470000

Sunday 18th August 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader: Hilary Painter

Reflection: Ruth Croome on 'Mercy Ships'

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqG18Q.1>

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'The Work of Mercy Ships' – Reflection at Zoom Service on Sunday 18th August at 11am

At our Zoom Service on Sunday 18th August, we welcome Ruth Croome who will give the Reflection on the subject of Mercy Ships. This talk will explain how the world's largest charity-run hospital ships take life-changing medical care to the world's poorest. It looks at why the charity is needed in the first place, how it started, and how it operates today. We see some of our patients and the type of surgeries that are performed on board ship. And finally, we hear how Mercy Ships leaves a lasting legacy in the countries it visits, and its ongoing need for volunteers. The content is inspirational, poignant and life-affirming. **All are welcome to join 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>

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Reflection for Sunday 18th August 2024

Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

Proverbs 9.1-6

9 Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

2 She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,

she has also set her table.

3 She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

4 'You that are simple, turn in here!'

To those without sense she says,

5 'Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

6 Lay aside immaturity, and live,

and walk in the way of insight.

Wisdom's a woman at work. She's built an entire house. What skills does that take? Carpentry, masonry, plumbing, painting, engineering and design for starters! It's not a small house either, but one held up by seven pillars. She invited many people, so needs space to ensure she has room for everybody who accepts.

Wisdom's home is beautifully crafted to give glory to God and show hospitality to her guests.

She cooks, too; think of Mary Berry - no pies with soggy bottoms. Wisdom brings out good wine and probably some alcohol free stuff too. The table is set.

Wisdom doesn't just invite those she knows, she invites everyone, from the highest to the most lowly.

Some people behave as if they've never met Wisdom before. They choose their guests carefully. Wisdom's different. She invites 'the simple' and 'those without sense'. She wants them to come so badly that she searches out the guests herself, shouting out her invitation: 'A great feast has been set for you. Come, eat, and drink. You'll learn something good.' Wisdom is a woman working, cooking, and welcoming strangers into her home.

I knew a wonderful lady called Mrs Israel. Visiting her was almost embarrassing, she was so generous, not just with food but also her belongings and her kindness. We still have some silver sugar tongues she gave us because our 4 year old was fascinated by them.

Like Mrs Israel's, you'll never walk away from Wisdom's home empty-handed. Insight and understanding are

Wisdom's signature dish and the great thing about Wisdom is that she always has enough to share.

Wisdom isn't simply brain-power. Wisdom develops in the same way that an apprentice learns skills from the master. Wisdom's your grandmother showing you how to sprinkle flour so pastry doesn't stick. Wisdom's learning to use a knife so you don't cut yourself. It's watching, practicing, listening, and learning all wrapped up together.

Wisdom is inviting us to learn from her. We would do well to accept.

Hilary Painter

Bible Readings:

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Ephesians 5.15-20

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people
but as wise,
16 making the most of the time, because the days are
evil.
17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of
the Lord is.
18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery;
but be filled with the Spirit,
19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
among yourselves, singing and making melody to the
Lord in your hearts,
20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for
everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6.51-58

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven.
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the
bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'
52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying,
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

53 So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless
you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you have no life in you.

54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have
eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;
55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.
56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in
me, and I in them.

57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of
the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not
like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But
the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Collect for Sunday 11th August Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy
to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

Additional Prayer for Sunday 18th August Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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>

Food for Thought

Monday 2nd September 7pm for 7.30pm
Fox & Hounds, Tugby



Food for thought

An evening with
Hylton Murray-Phillipson
My Search For Meaning
From the headwaters of the Amazon to the hedgerows of
Leicestershire

Meal and talk £15

Monday 2nd September
7pm meet for 7.30pm start
The Fox and Hounds, Tugby

Bookings by Tuesday 27th August
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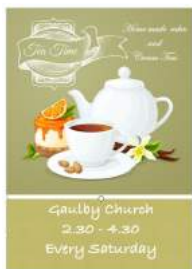
About the speaker: Hylton is a social former and international environmentalist with a focus on ethics and regenerative agriculture. He is co-chair of the Institute of Global Canopy, an Oxford-based think tank for tropical forests.
About Food for Thought: Talks about life, faith and contemporary issues.

Gaulby - Teas with entertainment

Saturday 17th August 2.30 – 4.30pm

Jan and Des Dyer will be there to entertain you. Jan is classically trained with a beautiful clear soprano voice.

All are welcome to join us.



Pilgrimage Walks in the Launde Minster Community

After the popularity of our Palm Sunday Pilgrimage (this year and in 2023), we are pleased to announce a series of mini pilgrimages this spring and summer across the Minster community.

The schedule of Pilgrimage walks for this summer:

15th September: Goadby to Gaulby (5 miles with a stop in Illston)

So why not walk with us and perhaps invite others to share the journey.

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/>



Leicestershire Historic Churches Grants

It's the 60th anniversary year of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust (LHCT), for which Ride+Stride is the principal fundraising event.

Ride+Stride 2023 raised £37,253, which was shared between churches and chapels nominated by sponsored participants, and the LHCT.

The Trust's share of the funds, together with generous grants from other charitable trusts, means they have at least £36,000 available for grants in 2024. At a recent meeting they awarded 12 grants totalling £29,400.

Their next grants meeting will be in November. **Click here for more information and to apply for a grant:**

<https://www.lhct.org.uk/apply-for-grant/>



Did you know that 'Eco-Communities' is one of our five strategic mission priorities in the Diocese of Leicester? Caring for God's world is part of our everyday faith as Christians, and it's something we care deeply about in the diocese.

Many of our churches have already registered with A Rocha as Eco Churches and achieved status from bronze through to gold, but wherever you are on your Eco Church journey, we thought it would be good to come together to share, learn, and inspire our worshipping communities in their eco endeavours.

We are therefore holding an **Eco Church Conversations Day** on **Saturday, September 14, from 10am-2pm, at Holy Trinity Church in Leicester.**

It's open to anyone, of any age, and all denominations are welcome to join in the fun.

This is a great opportunity to be inspired about your church's Eco Church expedition. Whether you are just starting to think about how to work with the Eco Church award, or wondering how to achieve your next status, you'll be surrounded by inspiring speakers and be renewed in vision.

On the day, there will be time to think through each of the five areas of the award and talk to key local people who might just have the answers to your questions, including:

- JRI (John Ray Initiative) in *Teaching and Worship*

- St Martins House in *Buildings*
- Care for God's Acre in *Land*
- Friends of the Earth in *Global and Local*
- Go Travel Solutions in *Lifestyle*

Come and network, gather resources and support, and be inspired as to how your community can care for God's creation.

There will be activities for children as well as the grown-ups.

A voluntary donation of £5 per person is suggested (to cover contributors' expenses).

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leicestershire-eco-church-conversations-tickets-929120332927>

Find out more about Eco Church:
<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>

New Everyday Faith App



Everyday Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England.

The app aims to help individuals to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the whole of life by providing carefully curated daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme. **Find out more here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/everyday-faith-app-develop-a-daily-connection-with-god.php>

Taking the Next Steps in Your Journey in Faith

The course is delivered over three terms and looks at: Exploring Faith, God's Call and Our Response, and The Development of the Church.

Revd Liz Rawlings, Diocesan Discipleship and Vocations Enabler, who co-ordinates JiF, says: "It doesn't matter if you are exploring faith, new to faith or have been in church for many years. You don't need to have done any learning before but come eager to learn and willing to share your own questions and experience."

There are five courses running on weekday evenings in venues around the diocese, starting with **an introductory session on Saturday 28 September.**

For more information and to book your place:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/taking-the-next-steps-on-your-journey-in-faith.php>

Ride+Stride

Saturday 14 September – all across Leicestershire.

Nearly 300 churches and chapels have registered to welcome visitors for this year's Ride+Stride.

There is still plenty of time to **Register on the website:**

<https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

If you have registered and your paperwork has not arrived, please contact the Ride+Stride Co-ordinator, Sean Dudley:

sean.lhct@gmail.com

To raise funds by riding, striding or welcoming, you can download a sponsorship form on the website (above) or **set up a Just Giving page here:**

<https://www.justgiving.com/l-h-c-t>

'easyfundraising' Webinar

Tuesday 24 September 2024, 12.30pm-1.30pm – Zoom

ACAT are offering a free webinar on generating income for your church using easyfundraising. **Learn more and book your free place:** <https://www.acat.uk.com/product/meet-the-funder-easyfundraising-free-unrestricted-funding-for-your-church/>

Mental Health and Wellbeing Day

Saturday 21 September, 9am-2pm – St John's Church, Hinckley

This training day is for all who want to know how to look after their own mental health better, and the mental health of others, particularly in a church setting.

Speakers will be Dr Emma Hayward and Sangita Jobanputra. *Please bring a packed lunch.*

The event is free, but please

email Kim.Ford@LeicesterCofE.org if you would like to attend.

Holy Listening Course at Launde Abbey

Are you interested in helping people deepen their spiritual lives? Could God be calling you to be a spiritual director?

Spiritual direction is the practice of being with people as they attempt to deepen their relationship with God, a prayerful ministry by which one Christian accompanies another as they discern the place and work of God in their life.

Holy Listening is a Launde Abbey training course which will help you develop skills and reflective practice for this ministry. You'll explore core aspects of Christian spirituality, and how we create and hold spaces that enable other people to hear God speaking in their lives.

Launde Abbey is seeking interested applicants to form its

cohort for 2025 and 2026. Applications must be submitted by Friday 27 September, with interviews to be held on 14 & 16 October.

Find out more about the ministry of spiritual direction and about *Holy Listening*:

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/holy-listening/>

Outdoor Church Gathering – Let’s go for a Walk

Saturday 7 September, 9.30am-1.30pm, Launde Abbey.

Whether you’re a regular Forest Church leader or just interested in exploring worship outside for the first time, this day is for you. **Download the flyer for more information:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/walk-flyer-aw-240524.pdf> The

aims of the gathering are to:

- Celebrate and share Outdoor Worship which is already established
- Support and encourage leaders of all ages within Outdoor Worshipping communities
- Inspire and birth new Outdoor Worshipping communities

There will also be an opportunity for an informal retreat after lunch, finishing at 4pm. **Book Now**

Early Bird Tickets cost £10 (including lunch) and are available until 8 July (regular price £12). We are also looking to welcome Young Leaders (14-18) at £8 each. **Book your place:** <https://htl.churchsuite.com/events/t2as1ynm>

Embrace the Difference - Unconscious Bias Training

Saturday 14 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House, Leicester.

This training workshop is a chance to examine our biases, understand how they become embedded, and explore God’s design in diversity. During the training, you will learn about different biases that exist in our society and church and how they influence our interactions with people who are different from us.

This training is free to attend. A finger lunch will be provided afterwards. **Sign up via the Hub:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/embrace-the-difference-unconscious-bias-training/> or by emailing the IWC project administrator at: Dinta.Chauhan@LeicesterCofE.org

Reconciling Habits Workshop using the Difference Course

Saturday 28 September, 9am-12.30pm – St Martins House, Leicester.

Monday 4 November, 7pm-8.30pm – a ‘regathering’ follow-up session on Zoom.

A two-session course where you’ll hear and share insights into the ways reconciliation is at the heart of the Christian faith and how it has a practical impact on our everyday lives and leadership as we serve through discipleship, pastoral work, and mission.

There’ll be the opportunity to practice using the habits personally and explore how to offer it to your communities by developing the three ‘reconciling habits’ – Be Curious, Be Present, and Reimagine. These habits are grounded in Biblical principles and seen in the life of Christ.

The course will be facilitated by Sharon March, Associate Minister and Lay Training Tutor, and Emma Crick de Boom, Reconciliation Enabler for Coventry Diocese.

Please make sure you can attend both sessions before registering. For more information & sign up here:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/the-reconciling-habits-workshop/>

Renew Wellbeing Cafés - Information Sessions

The Diocese of Leicester has been selected to join a pilot scheme offering parishes training and support from *Renew Wellbeing* to launch simple, welcoming, café-style spaces to improve mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. **This video explains the project:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhm6nPKM_Z4

Find out more at one of two (repeated) introductory sessions:

Tuesday 17 September, 2-3pm and Thursday 19 September, 11am-12pm on Zoom.

Email Sharon Andrews to

register: Revdsandrews13@gmail.com

Following these sessions there will be a training event for those wanting to take things further at St Martins House on Thursday 31 October, 10am-12pm.

