



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 8th August 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 11th August Trinity 11

9am **Skeffington** BCP Holy Communion (Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman)

10am **Gaulby** Morning Prayer (Hilary Painter)

11am **Keyham** Holy Communion (Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman)

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Kings Norton** Choral Evensong (Michael Hammond, Cantor)

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 Morning Prayers on

10th August at 9am (From Gaulby Church)

To Join our Zoom Prayers:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2139072137?pwd=WjV4WDJBTElzeVB0YkRCCcVJISEc0QT09>

Meeting ID: 213 907 2137 Passcode: 405197

Sunday 11th August 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Reflection: Hilary Painter

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

DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE:

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Collect for Sunday 11th August

Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 for Sunday 11th August 2024 Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

In the Gospel reading today Jesus declares himself to be 'the bread of life' and attracts some grumbling from the Jewish leaders. How can this man, who they know to be the son of a local carpenter, claim to have come from God and be the source of all good things needed for people to draw close to God and have everything they need to do that? Of course, those who believed in him soon took up bread and wine as symbols of the body and blood of Christ and all that he did for us. Interestingly, there are some Christians who use what are their own staple foods rather than bread. This is helpful to make it clear that Jesus is the source of all we need to lead holy lives and come into the presence of God, our Father, as forgiven people and claim the promise of eternal life. But what about us now? Certainly when I was a child, although bread was bought rather than home baked as it would have been in the past, we were encouraged (if not ordered) to eat bread even with large meals and it was always available. I think now to try to come up with one staple food to use as a symbol for Jesus would be almost impossible and I think we should follow Paul's plea to the Ephesians that we ourselves must be Christlike as we seek to draw people in to find out about Jesus and come to know him as their Saviour. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you. Be imitators of God therefore as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant sacrifice and offering to God." (Ephesians 4:32 - 5:2). This is a big ask of us but we must remember that one of the worst things and the most likely to turn people away from Christ and his church is when Christians, any of us but especially those who are senior or well known, behave in a far from Christlike way. If we sincerely and faithfully seek God's help, as well as that of Christ himself and the Holy Spirit, even we can follow Paul's teaching and lovingly bring others to have the wonderful joy of having Christ as their 'bread of life' and all that they need to be forgiven and claim the promise of eternal life as their own.

Revd Christine Blodwell

Bible Readings:

Sunday 11th August 2024

Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

1 Kings 19.4-8

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.'

5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.'

6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

7 The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.'

8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Ephesians 4.25-5.2

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another.

26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

27 and do not make room for the devil.

28 Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,

32 and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

5. 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2 and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6.35, 41-51

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.'

42 They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?'

43 Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves.

44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

48 I am the bread of life.

49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

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.'

Additional Prayer for Sunday 11th August Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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
mary.nicol@gmail.com / 01539 850204 / 07464 309966

About the speaker: Hylton is a local farmer and translator of embankmentals with a focus on forests and regenerative agriculture. He is the chief of the hedgerows of Great Ouse, an Oxford-based think tank for topical forests.
About Food for Thought: Talks about life, faith and contemporary issues.

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:

CANCELLED 11th August: Welham to Hallaton (4 miles with a stop in Slawston) Unfortunately, this walk has had to be cancelled as so many people are away.

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.

'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.**



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.

Eco Church Conversations

Saturday 14 September, 10am-2pm – Holy Trinity, Leicester

You and your Eco Champions are invited to be inspired about your church's Eco Church journey.

Whether you are just starting to think about how to work with the Eco Church award, or wondering how to get to Gold, this is a chance to listen to inspiring speakers as well as have some of those conversations with key local people who might have the answer to your questions. Come and network, gather resources and support and be inspired as to how your community can care for God's creation.

Book online here:

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

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

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.Chaohan@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.

