



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 1st August 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 4th August Trinity 10

9am **Hungarton** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

10am **Skeffington** Morning Praise (Congregation Led)

10.30am **Illston** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

4pm **Billesdon** Choral Evensong (Revd John Taylor)

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

3rd August at 9am (From Gaulby Church)

To Join our Zoom Prayers:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2139072137?pwd=WjV4WDJBTEIzeVB0YkRCcVJISEc0QT09>

Meeting ID: 213 907 2137 Passcode: 405197

Sunday 4th August 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Reflection: Revd Jayne Lewis

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 #

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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

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Collect for Sunday 4th August Tenth Sunday After Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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

Reflection for Sunday 4th August 2024 Tenth Sunday After Trinity

In Rome, the Arch of Titus commemorates the victory over the Jews in 70 AD. Objects stolen from the Temple are depicted, and prisoners shown being dragged along by ropes around their necks – the usual spoils of victory. Paul uses this image of Jesus returning in triumph to Heaven. “When he ascended on high, he made captivity (i.e. Satan) itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people”. It’s a picture of a victor returning home, dragging a lot of prisoners, and giving war medals to his troops. Jesus did defeat evil by his sacrifice on the cross, and our ascended Lord has indeed given his people not silver medals but many gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts of a great variety which we can and must use in his service. His generosity is boundless. See how he fed thousands of people but there was even more than they could eat which was still left over.

But people did not appreciate this. Those whom Jesus had fed just wanted more free food: they could not see his stupendous miracle as revealing even more amazing things which he still had to give them. So too the Israelites in their wilderness travels complained about lack of food while overlooking the amazing miracle of God’s power in freeing them from Egypt. Because the people could not see beyond getting free food, they missed the point of God’s whole purpose for their lives. ‘How are we meant to do what God wants us to do?’ they ask. ‘Believe in me,’ says Jesus. In the last week of his life, some Greeks asked to see Jesus. He gave them a message: “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; if it dies, it bears much fruit.” (John 12.24) In other words, we cannot see Jesus or do what God wants us to do unless we believe in the one whom God has sent, and that means living Jesus’ life of love and sacrifice, nourished by the Bread of Life.

Revd Philip Norwood

Bible Readings:
Sunday 4th August 2024
Tenth Sunday After Trinity

Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

3 The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."'

10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

11 The Lord spoke to Moses and said,

12 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."'

13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

Ephesians 4.1-16

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

8 Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people.'

9 (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?)

10 He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,

12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.

15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

16 from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

John 6.24-35

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

24 So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

26 Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.'

27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

28 Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?'

29 Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'

30 So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?'

31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." '

32 Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.'

33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

34 They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

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.'

Additional Prayer for Sunday 4th August Tenth Sunday After Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
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

An evening with
Hyllon 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.hellon@gmail.com / 01858 555054 / 07404 30998

Around the speaker's lecture is a local history and geographical introduction with a focus on travel
and regenerative agriculture. This is on offer at the lecture at Goadby, or Oxford Road 500
and for special events.

Around 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:

11th August: Welham to Hallaton (4 miles with a stop in
Slawston)

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.**

Fundraising for World Vision – Global 6k Walk for Water by Linda Jones

Monday 22nd July to Sunday 28th July **THANK YOU**



I successfully completed the 6k Global Walk for Water in aid
of World Vision on Sunday. It was fun. My aim was to raise
£1,000. With your help, I have achieved that and more.

My fundraising currently sits at £1,380!

Thank you so much to all of you who donated to World
Vision and for the tremendous support. The money that we
together have raised will make an enormous difference to
the children, their families and their communities across
some of the poorest and most dangerous countries of the
world. It is so sad that so many communities still lack the
basic rights of access to water, education and health facilities
and the ability to work to provide for their families. World
Vision is working to alleviate that suffering and enable
communities to become self-sufficient and have a better
quality of life.

**It is not too late, you can still donate using the link to my
fundraising page:** <https://www.justgiving.com/page/linda-jones-1712740246007> Or email me on

l.jones2k@btinternet.com **Thank you so much.**

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.Chauhan@LeicesterCofE.org



Exodus 16.2-4, 9.15

