



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 12th June 2025

Sunday 15th June, Trinity Sunday

9.00am **Goadby** Informal Service on 'Persecuted Churches', followed by breakfast at the home of Uel and Paula Sandford at The Old Schoolhouse, Goadby, LE7 9EE. Please let Revd David Palmer know if you would like to join them: harboroughfx@gmail.com

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Keyham** Songs of Praise (Revd David Palmer)

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

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

Sunday 22nd June, Trinity

9am **Skeffington** CW Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion Patronal Festival (Revd Jonathan Dowman)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

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

Sunday 29th June, Trinity 2

11am **Billesdon** Songs of Praise (Lay led)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

4pm **Gaulby** Songs of Praise, followed by refreshments (Congregational led)

6pm **Knossington** Choral Evensong sung by the Melton Church Choir **Deanery-wide event**

JULY - Sunday 6th July

10.30am **Church Langton Joint Deanery Service and Farewell to Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman** followed by refreshments and a picnic in the grounds of Church Langton School

Further services will be added soon

Saturday Mornings

Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

All welcome. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89820297969?pwd=HD1LgaqamMFBN2y1m7p226w0h2KVkj.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969. Passcode: 470000

Sunday 15th June 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Reflection: Hilary Painter

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKI91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGI8Q.1>

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Collect for Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the
Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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: Sunday 15th June 2025 Trinity Sunday

It seems strange to be approaching the season of Trinity, ordinary time the lectionary calls it, before the year is half over, because the next season is Advent, then Christmas and our calendar year is gone!

The Holy Trinity, which we celebrate this Sunday, can be as a wise and far reaching guide for our lives, if we let it. It's how Christians understand who God is. Every act of Christian worship is rooted in our belief in that there is one God existing in three persons: the Father, the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

That makes the Trinity season the framework for everything else and the Church's calendar is shaped around the work of the Trinity.

Advent (the beginning of the church's year) and Christmas focus on the Father sending the Son.

Lent and Easter focus on Jesus' mission, death, and resurrection.

Pentecost focuses on the Holy Spirit being sent to empower the Church.

Then comes Trinity Sunday, which brings it all together. The weeks of the Trinity are generally when we learn about the teaching and miracles of Jesus and how to live out our faith.

The Trinity is the perfect example of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit working together in harmony, a model for us to practice love, compassion, and cooperation in the ways we connect with others.

The different persons of the Trinity show us the importance of community, connection, understanding, support and mutual respect.

The Holy Spirit is the presence of God within us, it can guide our decisions, inspire us to act kindly, and support our spiritual growth.

Our blessings are always given in the name of the God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit to remind us of the core of our belief - three in one and one in three.

Hilary Painter

Bible Readings:

Sunday 15th June

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31

- 1 Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
2 On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
3 beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
4 'To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
- 22 The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
23 Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth-
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
28 when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I
was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Romans 5.1-5

- 1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16.12-15

12 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Additional Collect for Sunday 15th June

Trinity Sunday

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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>

Teas in Gaulby Church



Join us every Saturday until mid-September in Gaulby church for a cream tea, homemade cake, or just a cup of tea or coffee.

Teas are served between 2:30pm and 4:30pm, with optional seating outside when weather permits.

Horninghold Summer Party, Horninghold Hall

Saturday 5th July 6.30 to 9.30pm

See poster for ticket sales



Tugby Village Hall Quiz Night

Saturday 28th June 7-10pm with 2 course supper

For more information and to book contact: Madeleine Wang

Madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com

Tugby Village Hall



7-10pm Sat 28th June
£15pp

With a 2-course supper

For more information or to book contact

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This is a church fundraiser

Midsummer in Song at Fotheringhay

Celebrate the Summer Solstice on Saturday 21st June by joining the Harborough Singers at Fotheringhay Church for an evening of song, strawberries and a glass of something cool and fizzy.

The Singers will present a programme of music for Midsummer, themed around Song, Sonnets and Verse. Appropriately, Shakespeare's glorious words from A Midsummer Night's Dream will feature in several settings, including Sarah Quartel's beautiful 'I know a bank where the wild thyme blows', and Paterson's magical 'Lullaby to Titania'. Biblical settings will include Dove's 'Seek him that maketh the Seven Stars', Howell's 'Like as the Hart' and Bairstow's 'I sat down', with words from the Song of Solomon.

The evening will begin at 6pm

Tickets are £16 and include a glass of bubbles (prosecco or elderflower) and strawberries. Perfect for midsummer.

From www.harboroughsingers.com

Box Office Adele on 07581 341957 or

Email adele_rogers@ymail.com

Launde Minster Community June Services

You can now find the services throughout the Launde Deanery/ Minster Community on the website: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk> under the Tabs: JUNE SERVICE TIMES'

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/>



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>

NOTE: Back copies of Newsletters available on Launde Minster Community website

Do you want to have a look for something in previous editions of the Gaulby and Coplow, and the Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletters?

Back copies can be downloaded from the Launde Minster Community website at: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/newsletters>



Diocesan Synod Summary - May 2025

A meeting of the Diocesan Synod took place on Saturday 17 May at St Martins House in Leicester, with an agenda that covered a range of topics including finance, education, and safeguarding.

Bishop Martyn's Presidential Address highlighted positive signs of reversing church decline, emphasising our Intergenerational Communities strategic priority and plans for intergenerational hubs to encourage lifelong discipleship in young people.

During a presentation from the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE), Tracey Manns, deputy director, elaborated on the DBE's vision to transform the lives of children and young people through effective, distinctive, rooted, and inclusive education. She noted that while schools often focus on results, behaviour, and attendance, the DBE emphasises renewing the mind (Romans 12:2),

character development based on Christian values, holistic pupil development, and daily collective worship to help students experience the Kingdom of God.

Questions from the floor were challenging, particularly around finance and Minster Communities, and in addressing the future, Bishop Martyn said that our hope is in God and comes from prayer and worship. Speakers also highlighted the need to increase congregation numbers and giving in churches.

Read full details and Bishop Martyn's address:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/synod-summary-may-2025.php>

Bishop Martyn Speaks Out About Child Poverty

Bishop Martyn, who serves as the lead bishop for poverty in the Church of England, has spoken widely and passionately about the need to eradicate child poverty.

He recently commented on the Government's extension of free school meals to all children in households receiving Universal Credit, as well as on new data showing the 'sheer scale' of child poverty. **You can read more here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/about-us/bishop-of-leicester-and-loughborough/bishop-martyn/>

Journeying with the Psalms through Life's Ups and Downs

St Dionysius traditionally makes much of their choir at services such as Nine Lessons & Carols, and their Easter Vigil, but saw an opportunity to create an event for the summer.

"I have often been struck by the honesty of the psalms and how they bring voice to both the ups and downs of life," explains Revd Phil. "The idea developed for a service that journeys through the different forms of psalms. I thought it could be a powerful act of gathered worship and provide an opportunity for the special involvement of the choir." Revd Phil worked with Pam Abbott, the choir coordinator and Jane Holyland, one of their organists, to set out a journey through the psalms that marks different tones; those that cry out in lament, those that are reflective, and those that are joyous – including an acclamation of God as creator of the world.

"Although the psalms are ancient texts, and the specific contexts in which they were written vary from our own contexts, there is nevertheless a commonality that resonates," says Revd Phil. "The sense of crying out to God in the midst of personal struggles and at the injustices in the world around is relevant today, and indeed throughout history. Similarly, the more joyous notes of thanksgiving and exultation are relatable even if the specific context is different."

The team are hopeful that through the readings, liturgy, music and silence there will be space for people to come to God with whatever is going on in their lives and the wider world.

The inaugural Festival of Psalms is on Sunday 22nd June 6-7.30pm. All are welcome

More about St Dionysius: <https://www.harborough-anglican.org.uk/stdionysius>

Fundraising for Church Buildings Webinar

Wednesday 11 June, 7.30-8.30pm – Zoom

Do you have a church project in mind but don't know where to start with fundraising? Ecclesiastical have developed a Church Fundraising Hub to help churches with this.

Heather Ford, Church Support Manager with Ecclesiastical will lead the session and take you through their easy to follow resources to help you build a successful campaign.

To register, email ChurchBuildings@LeicesterCofE.org

This is the first of five free webinars from the Church Buildings Team in partnership with Ecclesiastical Insurance. The webinars cover fundraising, insurance, health & safety, opening churches & church security and climate change & Net Carbon Zero. Dates are 11 June, 9 July, 6 August, 3 Sept and 1 Oct at 7.30-8.30pm on Zoom.

Create a Self-guided Tour of Your Church

Church Explorer is a new app that allows you to create interactive self-guided tours of your church.

You can include photos, floor plans, audio and video to help visitors learn about your church or churchyard in an engaging way.

You can also link a groups of churches with a 'pilgrimage' trail, and accept donations through the app. **Find out more about Church Explorer:** <https://at-creative.co.uk/churchexplorer-app/>

NEW - Marriage Law Webinar

Monday 23 June, 3.30pm – Zoom

This is an essential, free, online training session designed to equip clergy, parish officers, and administrators with the latest guidance on marriage law within the Church of England.

This webinar will cover key legal responsibilities, including banns, qualifying connections, immigration considerations, and the correct completion of marriage documentation. This session will suit those new to the area or in need of a refresher.

Speakers: Lee Coley, Diocesan Registrar and Frances Reynolds, Registry Assistant, Stone King LLP

Book to receive the Zoom link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tyB76jxKSEyJrQ_1qPBBVQ#/registration

Minster Community Process: Check-in and Chat

Selected Thursdays, 12.30pm-1.30pm – Zoom

Upcoming dates: 19 June, 3 July, 31 July, 14

August, 28 August

The Minster Community process is rolling out across our diocese. You may have lots of questions around the process, such as what's happening, when, and why? To help with your understanding of the process and listen to your perspective Beth Cluer, the Facilitation Lead for Minster Communities, is holding some 'Check in and Chat' sessions over Zoom. Please do feel free to come and chat with Beth.

Use this link to join the meetings:

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/99029210542?pwd=fjzohV9bhwBEcKvBiQW1XM5YlZfVb4.1#success>

You can also email Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org

Storytelling for Everyone

Saturday 14 June, 10am-2pm – St Martins House, Leicester

Our 'For Everyone' training sessions are practical workshops to help you develop your skills, knowledge and experience in different aspects of church life.

In this workshop we will explore why stories matter and what makes a good story, with some practical tips on writing and telling good stories. **Visit our Learning Hub to book:** <https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/storytelling-for-everyone-2/>

Please bring a packed lunch.

NEW: RECOGNISE

Monday 7 to Sunday 13 July

RECOGNISE is a national week of recognition for everyone involved in ministry with children, young people, and their families (CYPF).

Sunday 13 July is a day for churches nationwide to celebrate and thank those involved in this vital ministry.

Within your normal church service on Sunday 13 July, give 10 minutes to 'recognise' those involved with CYPF Ministry in your church. **Download service ideas and a blessing:**

<https://d3hgriq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/recognise.pdf>

ReSource Rural Renewal Leaders' Gathering

Friday 27 to Saturday 28 June – Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire

Are you engaged in rural church leadership, or do you know someone who is?

ReSource recognises the specific challenges facing rural churches, and this residential offers an opportunity to meet with others in similar circumstances, to pray and worship together, and to learn more about the path to renewal offered by ReSource. **Fill details and bookings:**

<https://www.resourcingrenewal.org/ruralgathering>

Faraday Institute Summer Course: Science, Religion and Justice

Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July – Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge and Online

A week exploring how issues of justice for the poor and disadvantaged are very much informed and influenced by science. **Full details and bookings:**

<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/event/science-religion-and-justice/>

*The Faraday Institute works at the intersection of science and religion. If you'd like to receive regular news from them, **sign up here:***

<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/churches/connect/>

NEW: Chaplaincy Celebration and Recommissioning

Sunday 28 September, 3.30pm – Leicester Cathedral

A special time to give thanks to God for the enormous contribution of our chaplaincies across the Diocese.

All are warmly invited to attend this service.

