



# Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

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

### NOVEMBER

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls' Day

6pm **Gaulby** All Souls' Day (Hilary Painter)

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent, All Saints' Day

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

10.30 **Illston** All Saints' Day (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

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

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent, Remembrance Sunday

9am **Hungarton** War Memorial with **Keyham** (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

10.30am **Gaulby** Remembrance Sunday (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

10.45am **Billesdon** Church then War Memorial Remembrance Service (Revd John Taylor)

10.45am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service** Remembrance Service

#### 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 27<sup>th</sup> October 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

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**T. 0203 481 5240**

Enter the **Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342** followed by #

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## Saturday Mornings

### Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

**If you would like to join our Zoom Prayers, please email**

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## Collect for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Fourth Sunday before Lent

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the  
saints:

grant to us the same faith and power of love,

that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,

we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;

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: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

### Fourth Sunday before Lent/ All Saints Day

On the west front of Westminster Abbey, there are ten modern statues commemorating Martyrs of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. One of them is Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda who was brutally murdered by Idi Amin. I got to know him in 1968 at a conference in a building next to Westminster Abbey and subsequently in Uganda. He was a gentle and loving family man, full of wisdom and courage.

We are remembering people full of love, wisdom and courage this Sunday. We call them saints, but they were ordinary people like us, yet they were called upon to witness their loyalty to Jesus in a wonderful way.

Today's Old Testament reading is found in the Apocrypha section of our Bibles (because it was written in Greek, not Hebrew). The Jews were struggling to protect their faith against the Greek rulers of the area. Judas Maccabaeus and his brothers had led the struggle and violence on both sides had called for great heroism. Many died, and now "the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God". Their deaths, as in any conflict, were a disaster yet what they did was heroic and inspiring, and because of God's love, they will "shine forth for ever".

In the Revelation to John, the growing Church was surrounded by people who had suffered heroically or their faith yet their witness provided a message of hope. God will "wipe away every tear from their eyes". There will be refreshment for the thirsty, comfort for the sorrowful, and a secure place in the presence of God. For John's readers and for us, here is encouragement and hope in discipleship.

Jesus was showing great courage in coming to Bethany where his friend, Lazarus, had been taken ill. Jesus had told his disciples several times what was awaiting him in Jerusalem and what his did in raising Lazarus resulted in the warrant for his arrest. But Jesus' courage and witness to the love and power of God gave hope not just to those gathered around him, but to all of us today who are 'called to be Saints'.  
**Revd Philip Norwood**

## Bible Readings:

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

**Fourth Sunday before Lent**

**Deuteronomy 6.1-9**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

6 Now this is the commandment-the statutes and the ordinances-that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy,

2 so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long.

3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

6 Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

7 Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

8 Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead,

9 and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**Hebrews 9.11-14**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

11 But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation),

12 he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified,

14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

**Mark 12.28-34**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'

29 Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;

30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

31 The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

32 Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other",

33 and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself", -this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.'

34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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**Additional Prayer for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Fourth Sunday before Advent**

God of glory,

touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,  
that we with all creation

may rejoice to sing your praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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## Bible Readings:

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

**All Saints Day**

**Wisdom 3.1-9**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

1 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

4 For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

5 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

6 like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

7 In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.

8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

9 Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

## Alternative Reading to Wisdom 3.1-9:

### Isaiah 25.6-9

#### New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines  
strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

8 he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God  
will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from  
all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he  
might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### Revelation 21.1-6a

#### New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first  
heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea  
was no more.

2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming  
down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride  
adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See,  
the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with  
them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be  
with them;

4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be  
no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.'

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See,  
I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for  
these words are trustworthy and true.'

6 Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the  
Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will  
give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

### John 11.32-44

#### New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she  
knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been  
here, my brother would not have died.'

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who  
came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in  
spirit and deeply moved.

34 He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him,  
'Lord, come and see.'

35 Jesus began to weep.

36 So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

37 But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened  
the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from  
dying?'

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the  
tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

39 Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister  
of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a  
stench because he has been dead for four days.'

40 Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you  
believed, you would see the glory of God?'

41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked  
upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard  
me.'

42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this  
for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they  
may believe that you sent me.'

43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,  
'Lazarus, come out!'

44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound  
with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.  
Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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## Collect for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November All Saints Day

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love 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**

## Additional Prayer for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November All Saints Day

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## Jeff's Ride + Stride

All the sponsorship money is now in and amounts to a  
very satisfactory £985. Since almost all of this has been  
gift aided, I will have raised an amazing total of over  
£1,200. Thank you all so much for your  
sponsorship. Ride + Stride is the Leicestershire Historic  
Churches Trust's major fundraiser and enable us to give  
grants for church repairs throughout the city and county.  
Indeed, many of our village churches have been  
beneficiaries in the past. **Revd Jeff Hopewell**

## All Souls Day, St Peter's Church, Gaulby Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6pm



The Gaulby Group  
St Peter's, Gaulby  
St Michael and All Angels, Ilston  
St John the Baptist, Wings Norton  
St John the Baptist, Little Stretton

### All Souls' Day In loving memory...

You are warmly invited to an informal service of music, readings, prayers and quiet time to remember and give thanks for the lives of departed loved ones.

St Peter's church, Gaulby

Saturday 2nd November  
at 6pm

Refreshments

A warm welcome for all



## Food for Thought Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm The Fox & Hounds, Tugby



### Food for thought

An evening with  
Dr Phil Evans

Black holes, cosmic explosions and  
their inventor

Meal and talk £15

Wednesday 20th November  
7pm exact for 7.30pm start  
The Fox and Hounds, Tugby

Bookings by Thursday 14th November  
mary.moving@gmail.com 01509 553204 / 07424 303065

About the speaker Phil is a physicist and CERN researcher. He is a member of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. About Food for Thought: 'Food for Thought' is a series of talks, arranged by a local group of churches, bringing support from parishes in the Diocese.

## 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/>

## 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>

## World Day of Prayer 2025 St Michael & All Angels Church, Hallaton Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – *Would you like to be involved?*



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/ Leicester Community

Please let Linda know how  
On [Linda.D@stmic.com](mailto:Linda.D@stmic.com) or call 02858 55293



## St Peter's Church Tilton

There will be **a service of commemoration in St Peter's Church on Saturday 2nd November at 4pm** for anyone who wishes to remember a loved one. There will be an opportunity to light a candle and have their name remembered in prayers, but people are also welcome to remember privately. The service will be led by Revd Jayne Lewis. If you want a name read out in the prayers please let Brenda Cox know. You can message privately email [coxes2008@coxnet.co.uk](mailto:coxes2008@coxnet.co.uk)  
**All are welcome.**



## Coffee Morning in aid of Jeel Al Amal Orphanage and School, Al Shoroog School for Blind Children and Rehabilitation Hospital, BETHLEHEM Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am to 12 noon The Old School, Church Street, Billesdon

### COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024  
10.30 TO 12.00  
IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CHURCH STREET,  
BILLESDON

Produce, Gifts, Books, Raffle etc.

Contributions welcome

In Aid of  
Jeel Al Amal Orphanage and School, Bethany  
Al Shoroog School for Blind Children, Bethlehem  
Rehabilitation Hospital, Bethlehem

Palestinian Churches in the West Bank as well as GAZA now  
have no income from visitors or state support. Through the  
McCauley Educational Trust, we are able to get funds directly to  
them.

ALL WELCOME



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>

**'Shakespeare in Song' by the Harborough Singers St Andrew's Church, Lyddington on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm**



**Modern Slavery Workshop Wednesday 6 November, 9.30am-12pm – St Martins House, Leicester**

Modern slavery touches all our lives. This workshop aims to help us better understand the complex national and local scenarios and to explore how we may better work together to combat slavery.

Speakers will include Jim Hatton from Leicestershire Police and Bishop Alastair Redfern, who has long held a national brief for the Church on this issue. **Book here for your free place:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/modern-slavery-workshop-tickets-1034697487037>

**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/>

**'The Challenge of the Margins'- Chaplaincy Lecture by the Rt Hon The Lord Paul Boateng CVO**

**Thursday 7 November, 6pm (doors 5.30pm) – Loughborough University**

A lecture given by the Rt Hon The Lord Paul Boateng CVO entitled *'The Challenge of the Margins – The Role of Church and State in Addressing the Needs of the Overlooked at Home and Abroad'* as part of the new Chaplaincy Lectures – a joint initiative between the diocese and the universities in Leicester and Loughborough.

Lord Boateng is a former Chief Secretary to the Treasury and High Commissioner to South Africa, currently the Chairman of The Archbishops Commission on Racial Justice, and Co-Chair of the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission. **Further information and booking:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bishop-of-leicesters-chaplaincy-lectures-with-loughborough-university-tickets-1038744291137>

**Anti Racism Training: Embrace the Diversity Saturday 2 November, 9.30am-3.30pm – St Martin's House, Leicester**

'Embrace the Diversity' is a chance to enhance your awareness of contemporary, systemic, and interpersonal racial discrimination. Its aim is to delve into the challenges that may impede the development of healthy intercultural relationships and work towards promoting one of the diocesan strategic priorities: fostering Intercultural worshipping communities.

In this training programme, you will learn: some of the language used to discuss racism and anti-racism, to make the distinction between being 'not racist' and anti-racist, the roots of racist ideologies and their impact on the Church & society today, about practical actions aimed at promoting racial unity in the church community This training is free of cost and open to all. Lunch will be provided.

To book your space email [Dinta.Chauhan@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Dinta.Chauhan@LeicesterCofE.org)

