



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 11th September 2025

Sunday 14th September, Trinity 13, Harvest

Thanksgiving

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

9am **Skeffington** BCP Holy Communion (Revd John Taylor)

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

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Shangton** Harvest Festival (Revd David Palmer)

Sunday 21st September, Trinity 14, Harvest

Thanksgiving

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Keyham** Harvest Festival (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

6pm **Skeffington** Evensong (Mike Hammond)

6pm **Illston** Evening Prayer (Hilary Painter)

Sunday 28th September, Trinity 15, Harvest

Thanksgiving

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

9am **Skeffington** CW Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

10.30am **Hungarton** Harvest Festival (Revd Crystal McAllister)

11am **Billesdon** Harvest Festival (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

5pm **Glooston** Harvest & Birthday Celebration (Mike Hammond) *See your invitation below*

6pm **Gaulby** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

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 14th September 11.00am Zoom Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader and 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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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/>

Collect for Sunday 14th September

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,

who called your Church to bear witness

that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love,

that all who hear it may be drawn to you;

through him who was lifted up on the cross,

and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 14th September 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Luke 15: 1-10

I don't know about you, but I can really relate to this reading. You realise something is missing, some keys or a book say, and it's not where you thought it was. So, you immediately stop what you are doing and conduct a search, and the keys turn up down the sofa, or the book has fallen behind the shelf etc. And that feeling of joy and relief you feel when you have found that item, like the shepherd of the lost sheep or the woman with the lost coin. I don't know if I would throw a party to celebrate but I suspect Jesus was using this to highlight the depth of emotion.

God, Jesus is saying to the Pharisees and the teachers of the law is like that when people who are not righteous repent and turn away from their past lives and start to live to please him. That sense of joy at finding your lost keys or lost book pales into insignificance in comparison. Dealing with new converts to Christianity who come from very different backgrounds and life styles can be hard, but when we struggle we need to remember this passage.

Mike Hammond

Bible Readings:

Sunday 14th September 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 32.7-14

7 The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely;

8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

9 The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.

10 Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

12 Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."'

14 And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

1 Timothy 1.12-17

12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,

13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,

14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-of whom I am the foremost.

16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15.1-10

15 Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

3 So he told them this parable:

4 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost."

7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

8 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost."

10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Additional Collect for

Sunday 14th September

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,

who called your Church to bear witness

that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love,

that all who hear it may be drawn to you;

through him who was lifted up on the cross,

and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Harvest and Birthday Celebration

Glooston 28th September at 5pm

You are all invited!



Music for Reflection

Leicester Cathedral

Saturday 1st November 7.30pm

Tickets £18/ Students £5

Box Office: 01858 467463

Email: j.r.balme@btinternet.com



Ride + Stride 13th September

Jeff Hopewell:

It's the time of year when I encourage friends to sponsor me for the Ride + Stride, raising money for the LeicesterShire Historic Churches Trust to enable them to make grants for church and chapel repairs within the city and county. This year, however, I can't stride, only hobble, as I am waiting for a hip replacement. I will be visiting churches on 13 September but only by car! **However the need for funds is no less than before so please support me on my fundraising page:** https://www.goodhub.com/go/leicestershire-historic-churches-trust-200868?fbclid=IwY2xjawMZc_hleHRuA2FibQlxMAABHrN_RjhSkY2IUSVqo0OXoRW7bcu7o0vJmw5yYCW-YgwWZu-9kegOhKtXbKzS_aem_fk4WS6XbpqEs1HOb3VLSXg
Many thanks indeed. Jeff Hopewell.

Ride + Stride 13th September

Claire and Graham Prowse

Claire and Graham will be cycling about 40 miles for the Ride and Stride this Saturday. We hope to visit about 15 or more churches on our route.

To support Claire and Graham use this link to donate:
<https://www.goodhub.com/go/leicestershire-historic-churches-trust-201011>

Good luck to everyone. It's a great cause.



Leicester Diocese Women's Ministry

Meeting Tuesday 16th September 7-9pm

Message from Revd Crystal McAllister

Dear Friends,

Some of you may not know that I am part of the Diocesan Women's Ministry Group. As a group, we are committed to creating a space for the women in our diocese, whether authorised,

licensed, ordained, or lay, to meet, make connections and encourage one another.

Our next in-person gathering is on **Tuesday, 16th September at 7pm. At St Andrews Church, Leicester Forest East.**

The Venerable Archdeacon Claire Wood will be sharing a reflection entitled '**Changing the world quietly, patiently, courageously and boldly**'. Bishop Martyn and Bishop Saju will be there too. If you would like to come, please book your place by 2nd September and state any dietary requirements you have.

Please RSVP to dwmg@leicestercofe.org if you wish to attend.

This is a FREE event. As part of the evening, a finger buffet is being provided.

I do hope to see some people from Launde Minster Community there.

A Recommendation from John Morrison, Hungarton and Zoom Church Congregation

"A Church History in Leicestershire" by Nick Miller

John brought our attention to this book which he strongly recommends. It charts the story of religion in England from pre-Christian times to the twentieth century, viewed through events and the eyes and experiences of the people in Leicestershire.

It can be purchased from many book sellers, including The Book Guild, Amazon and eBay

Teas in Gaulby Church

Saturday 2-30-4.30pm



Join us on **Saturday 13th September** in Gaulby church for a cream tea, homemade cake, or just a cup of tea or coffee. **The last time this year.**

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

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>

Prayer Desks

Billesdon Church have 2 spare Prayer Desks

If any church would like one, contact Keith Evans:
Keith Evans, Church Warden 01162596438/ 07754395006
keith.evans6@btinternet.com

Food for Thought

Wednesday 24th September 6.30 for 7.15pm start
Policing is not what you think with Uel Sandford



Skeffington Church Cream Teas

Saturday 27th September 2.30-4.30pm



Discover Horninghold's Heritage

Sunday 21st September 2-4pm



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>

Launde Minster Community August and September 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 Tab: **'SEPTEMBER SERVICE TIMES'**

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>



Creationtide – Peace with creation

1st September to 4th October

Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of Life. It is a month of unity, when Christians around the world celebrate the beauty and wonder of creation and commit to caring for our common home.

This year, we are called to be peacemakers with creation, all people and God, based on Isaiah 32:14-18.

The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between people and God.

This description of devastated cities and wastelands reveals how human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, repentance and solidarity.

Care for God's creation is part of our everyday faith as Christians. We honour God when we care for his creation. We show love to our neighbours, near and far, when we care about the environments in which they live. And we work for justice when we seek to tackle climate change and halt the loss of nature.

During Creationtide, that call feels all the more significant and is a great time to start, or expand upon our eco-conscious endeavours.

Take action and read more here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/creationtide-2025--peace-with-creation.php>

NEW: The Great Switch for Creation



This Season of Creation, pledge to make the Great Switch for Creation and take a small but impactful step towards our net zero carbon mission.

Switching to a green energy tariff is a small but powerful step your church can take to reduce your environmental

impact.

By choosing an ethical green energy supplier, we are:

- Ensuring our churches can be a beacon of hope for everyone.
- Actively increasing investment in renewable energy.
- Supporting ethical companies working hard to reduce carbon emissions, addressing global climate injustice.
- Demonstrating our faith in action.

Learn more:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/the-great-switch-for-creation.php>

NEW: Save the Date

‘The Sound of Power and Pride’ will be the Diocese of Leicester’s Black History Month concert, celebrating musical expression from Black

Diaspora. Join us on the night to hear a line-up of renowned Black musical artists. The event will be held at Holy Trinity Leicester (HTL church), at 6.30pm on **Saturday 18 October**, and tickets are free.

More details to come very soon.

NEW: Church Wardens and Church Officers Training Day: RSVP ASAP

The annual training day for Church Wardens and Church Officers takes place on Saturday 20 September, 9am-1.30pm at St Andrew’s Church in Leicester Forest East.

An opportunity to meet others carrying out these important roles in their parishes, there will be information and talks from diocesan staff, the Registry, a DAC Architect and Ecclesiastical Insurance.

If you would like to attend, RSVP ASAP to Paige Bradshaw-Jones, EA to the Archdeacons of Leicester and Loughborough: Paige.Bradshaw-Jones@LeicesterCofE.org

Paul and Antisemitism Seminars

Tuesday 9 September, 10am – St Philip’s Centre, Leicester

A series of seminars on Apostle Paul and Antisemitism with Revd Dr. Tom Wilson and a Jewish colleague. All are welcome to attend.

The sessions will be held on the following dates:

- Did Paul stop “being a Jew” Tuesday 9 September, 10am
- Did Paul lie when evangelising? Tuesday 14 October, 10am
- Did Paul call Jewish people dogs? Tuesday 11 November, 10am
- Who were the weak and the strong in Corinth? Tuesday 9 December, 10am

Journey in Faith Course - Introduction

Saturday 13 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House, Leicester

Journey in Faith is a 3 term course for anyone wanting to take the next step in their discipleship.

- Grow in your knowledge
- Deepen your relationship with God
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life

Visit our learning hub to book:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/journey-in-faith-jif-25-26-introduction-saturday-13th-september-2025/>

If you would like more information before joining please contact Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

East & Southeast Asian Heritage Month



September is East & Southeast Asian (ESEA) Heritage Month. During the month we are called to consider the theme ‘Reframing Resilience’.

This week, Jessie Tang, our Intercultural Ministry Director, reflects on her familial journey and celebrates the stories of many others who’ve migrated into our cities and worshipping communities.

See also a video featuring Jessie’s story and some words from Revd Pak Kwong Yip of Leicester Chinese Christian Church.

Find out more here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/east-southeast-asian-esea-heritage-month.php>

NEW: From Roost to Wings



To celebrate East and Southeast Asian Heritage Month, during September, we are sharing the familial journeys of people in our diocesan worshipping communities.

This week Vanessa Li, member of the Diocesan Nominations and Remuneration Committee, and former employee of Leicester Cathedral, tells her story...

Read Vanessa’s story:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/from-roots-to-wings.php>

NEW: Ride+Stride – Final Update

There are now 315 churches and chapels participating in Ride+Stride on Saturday 13 September.

This is more than last year and the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust are very grateful to all local church organisers for their help and support.

Visit their website to see the list of Open Churches:

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

For amendments please call Janet on 07840543288.

Visit the fundraising pages at goodhub.com:

<https://www.goodhub.com/go/lhct-ride-and-stride>

Everything is gearing up for a very successful Ride+Stride – opening churches and chapels for the day and raising funds for repairs and improvements. Go safely and enjoy the day!

Prayer Diary - September to December 2025

Our latest prayer diary is now available for you to use as part of your Everyday Prayer.

If you would like to receive a paper copy but are not on the mailing list, contact James Pickersgill, Bishop's Chaplain: Bishops.Chaplain@LeicesterCofE.org

View a digital copy here:

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/prayer-diary-sept-dec-2025.pdf>

Cathedral Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Saturday 20 September 4pm – Leicester Cathedral

The Dean and Chapter of Leicester Cathedral invite you to join them for a Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving following the restoration of Leicester Cathedral and the construction of the Heritage & Learning Centre.

RSVP essential by Friday 5 September 12pm to

Cathedral.RSVP@LeicesterCofE.org – 0116 261 5389

Minster Community Process: Check-in and Chat

Selected Tuesdays, 12.30pm-1.30pm – Zoom

Upcoming dates: 23 September, 7 October, 4 November.

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.](#) (Link remains the same)

You can also email Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org

You may find answers to your questions in our [Minster Communities FAQs](#)

Mental Health First Aid Training

Wednesdays: 24 September, 1, 8 and 15 October, 9.30am-1pm – The Cube on Symingtons, Market Harborough

Training aimed at leaders, paid or voluntary, who work with young people and want to develop how they support young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Training is free but spaces are limited, so we do ask that you only sign up if you can make all 4 dates. **Book here:**

<https://mhfaengland.org/course-booking-form/?id=d3e657ca-2c41-f011-8779-7c1e52208a30>

OWL Conference - Pray and Play in Creation

Saturday 27 September, 9.30am-3.30pm – Launde Abbey

For anyone interested in exploring outside worship, this is a day to pray, play and worship our Creator God within creation, set in the beautiful grounds of Launde Abbey.

Tickets £12, including lunch. Young leaders £8, under 12's free. **See full details and book here:**

<https://htl.churchsuite.com/events/rr1eu611>

View the poster:

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/owl-conference-2025.pdf>

For more details, please contact AnneScott@htl.church

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.

Parish Buying Supplier Expo

Monday 29 September 10am-3pm – St Martin's Church, Birmingham

Meet over 25 Church of England approved suppliers and hear from leading industry experts, covering all your parish needs. **Book your free ticket which includes lunch:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-buying-supplier-expo-st-martins-church-birmingham-tickets-1509571702599?aff=oddttdcreator>

For further information email ann-marie.childs@churchofengland.org

Church Treasurer: Insights Into the Role and Responsibilities

Tuesday 30 September, 7-8pm – Online

This course from ACAT is for new church treasurers, trustees looking for a new treasurer and those who have been asked to take on the role of church treasurer. Get a brief insight into the role and responsibilities of the role. Hear some things that you need to think about and ask the questions you need to ask.

Cost: Free if you sign up through the diocese. **Sign up here:**
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jlbsCEtcMUW8FlpkvvNgxqhdxq4bQFGlUEfVkhmr4tUM0hFNIF1FVIQ1Q1NEN0k2RkozMExOVzZaNC4u>

Being a Treasurer: The Basics

3 Sessions: Thursdays 2, 9 and 16 Oct 7-9pm – Online

A course from ACAT to equip new and experienced treasurers with the core knowledge needed to carry out their role. Designed for all those who are church treasurers new to the role or just need a refresher. Also for those who support church treasurers and would like to know what is involved. Cost: Free if you sign up through the diocese. **Sign up here:**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jlbsCEtcMUW8FlpkvvNgxqhdxq4bQFGlUEfVkhmr4tUM0hFNIFXNOVKRjIYWkRSRkg4WVBaSElaUi4u>

Digital Giving at Christmas

Tuesday 14 October, 12-1pm – Online

Join us in this webinar to learn about how to maximise your digital giving during the advent period, the Church of England's Christmas theme for 2025 and be inspired by some Christmassy campaign ideas. **Register here:**
https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0mUGOPPtTdCe3WCkyIOKnw#/registration

Gift Aid: Maximising the Benefits and Reducing the Pitfalls

Monday 24 November 6.45pm-8.45pm – Online

This course from ACAT will enhance your understanding of the complexities of Gift Aid and the small donations scheme (GASDS). Be guided through the jargon and find answers to those questions you always wanted to ask

about Gift Aid. Cost: Free if you sign up through the diocese. **Sign up here:**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jlbsCEtcMUW8FlpkvvNgxqhdxq4bQFGlUEfVkhmr4tUM0hFNIFXNOVKRjIYWkRSRkg4WVBaSElaUi4u>

Revd Chris Webb

There will be an informal opportunity to pop-in to the Abbey to say farewell to Chris between 2pm and 5pm on Thursday 18 September.

Please let the Abbey know via info@launde.org.uk if you intend to drop by that afternoon, and you are welcome to stay to Evening Prayer at 5pm.

If you would like to contribute to a thank you gift for Chris then please contact accounts@launde.org.uk for details of how to do so.

Save the Date: Safeguarding Sunday 2025

On Sunday 16 November 2025 and over the following weeks, thousands of churches and worshipping communities from diverse backgrounds and traditions will join together to shout about safeguarding and help protect vulnerable people.

This initiative, spearheaded by Thirtyone:eight, invites communities to come together to reflect on their safeguarding journey, and highlight all the good work that is being done to create safer places. **Find out more:**

<https://safeguardingsunday.org>

'Stepping Into the Bible' Retreat

**Monday 20 to Thursday 23 October –
Launde Abbey**

For many people, including Christians, the Bible is a bit of a closed book; this retreat opens it up.

Step into the world of the Bible and discover an evolving story in which people struggle with the same questions as we do, and where old ideas are discarded and are replaced by new.

The retreat will be led by Canon Dr Peter Sills, an experienced and engaging spiritual teacher and pilgrimage guide. **See full details here:**

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/event/steppingintothebible/>

Heartedge Conference: Living God's Future Now

Tuesday 28 October, 10.00am-19:30pm – St Martins House

Led by a team from St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, discover practical tools and fresh perspectives to invigorate your parishes' mission and ministry in both rural and urban contexts. Through workshops, theological insights, and moments of worship, this day aims to equip your church to flourish in compassion, creativity, and community engagement.

Tickets are £25 including lunch. Bring friends for an additional £10 each.

Followed by an Evening Concert by St Martin's Choral Scholars at St Nicholas Church – 6.30pm-7.30pm. (Can be booked separately.)

See full details and book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/living-gods-future-now-making-your-churchs-heart-sing-tickets-1425700060259>

Getting Started With Contactless Giving

Monday 15 September, 12pm-1pm – Online

Interested in offering contactless giving in your church but not sure where to start? This webinar will guide you through things to consider, the different devices currently available via Parish Buying, what the next steps are and where to find more information and support. **Register here:**

https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hbINcCTfQXSqNix2hbclPA#/registration

Bishop's Lecture 2025: Professor Lord Tarassenko

**Thursday 30 October, 5.30pm-7pm –
Loughborough University**

The lecture will be given by the Professor Lord Tarassenko entitled **'Will we still need God when we reach Artificial General Intelligence?'**

Professor Lord (Lionel) Tarassenko CBE FREng FMedSci is the first president of Reuben College. He is a world-leading expert in the application of signal processing and machine learning to healthcare, with a strong track record in translation to clinical medicine. He was appointed as a non-party-political peer in the House of Lords in May 2024

See full details and book here:

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/chaplaincy/chaplaincy-events/2025/bishops-lecture-2025/>

Part of the 'Chaplaincy Lectures', a joint initiative between the Bishop of Leicester and universities in Leicester and Loughborough.

Farewell Service for The Venerable Richard Worsfold

Monday 15 September, 5.30pm – Leicester Cathedral

All are invited to attend this service of thanks for Richard's 30 years of ministry in Leicestershire as he moves to be Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester.

Vocations Conversation

Saturday 11 October, 9.30-11am – Bishop's Lodge

Join Bishop Saju and Revd Sue Willetts for an informal vocations conversation. **Watch Bishop Saju's invitation here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/st-wistan-said-yes--who-else-might-god-be-calling.php>

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Claire.Stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org

Getting the Most Out of Contactless Giving

Tuesday 10 October, 10-11am – Online

Explore the ways to get the most out of your contactless device: top tips from successful churches, advice on reporting and Gift Aid, and more. **Register here:**

https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CmLyGfErT62jh-ikojqaeA#/registration

