



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 22nd August 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

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)

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Sunday 1st September Trinity 14

- 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 8th September Trinity 15, Harvest Thanksgiving

- 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**

Sunday 15th September Trinity 16, Harvest Thanksgiving

- 10.30am **Keyham** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
- 11am **Billesdon** Songs of Praise (Revd Christine Blodwell)
- 11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**
- 6pm **Illston** Evening Prayer (Lay Led, Hilary Painter)
- 6pm **Skeffington** Evensong (Revd Philip Norwood)

Sunday 22nd September Trinity 17

- 9am **Skeffington** CW Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
- 11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
- 11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

TBC **Gaulby Lodge Farm** Harvest Festival

Sunday 29th September Trinity 18, Michael & All Angels

- 11am **Gaulby** Launde Deanery/ Minster Community Service, *livestream on Zoom*
- 11am **Billesdon** Harvest Festival (Revd Philip Norwood)
- 4pm **Hungarton** Harvest Festival (Revd David Palmer)
- 6.30pm **Keyham** Harvest Festival (Revd David Palmer)

Saturday Mornings

Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

To Join our Zoom Prayers: **PLEASE NOTE NEW LINK**

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

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969 Passcode: 470000



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>

Sunday 25th August 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Reflection: Madeleine Wang

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

PLEASE USE THIS LINK:

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

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Reflection for Sunday 25th August 2024

Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’ This was the opinion of many people in the wider circle of Jesus’ disciples when he maintained that he was the bread which came down from heaven and that they should eat his flesh and drink his blood. They were either rejecting his claim to come from heaven or the invitation to somehow consume him – or quite possibly both! He might be able to perform miracles but that didn’t make him divine. He might be able to provide vast quantities of bread and fish but giving himself for people to eat was a very different matter. They turn away.

Another difficulty is that they, and we, must accept that the invitation to believe and to know Jesus as the Holy One of God can only come from God himself. We so much want to be in control and to make our own way in life that we tend to forget that while we may respond positively or negatively to the invitation to follow Jesus, it is God who initiates the relationship. Some of Jesus’ disciples give up at this point, though not the main core of the Twelve. They know that he is the way, the truth and the life and that they would be lost without him. He has the words of eternal life and if they, and we, eat the bread that has come down from heaven then that will sustain his followers in this life and the next. At the beginning of his gospel, St John tells us that the Word became flesh. As we celebrate our Holy Communion we feast on that Word and we dine on Christ’s body and blood.

Finally, Peter says that the Twelve ‘believe and know’. The words used here are practically synonyms, but act as a useful reminder that faith is a combination of what we know in our minds and believe in our hearts.

Revd Jeff Hopewell

Bible Readings:
Sunday 25th August 2024
Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors-Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor-lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

14 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods;

17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed;

18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Ephesians 6.10-20

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6.56-69

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?'

61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you?'

62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?'

63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

64 But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.

65 And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

67 So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?'

68 Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Collect for Sunday 25th August
Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

Collects

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

Additional Prayer for Sunday 25th August Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
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'

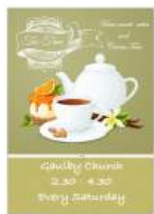
Gift Aid Forms can be downloaded from the website:

<https://www.thewellkibworth.org/support-us>

Ride & Stride 2024



It's time to put on the battered old boots or retrieve the bike from the depths of the garage to raise money for the LeicesterShire Historic Churches Trust by going on their **Ride & Stride on Saturday 14th September**. You will find details on their website as to how you can join in. If you can't do it yourself then you can always pay someone else to do it for you. Jeff Hopewell is looking forward to walking around the city churches that day, and would be delighted to have your support. Sponsor him on <https://www.justgiving.com/page/jeff-hopewell-lhct2024> - even retrospective donations are more than welcome!



Pilgrimage Walks in the Launde Minster Community

A series of mini pilgrimages this spring and summer across the Minster community.

The next Pilgrimage walk for this summer is on Sunday 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.

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/>



Making the Most of Creationtide



Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, takes place in the Church calendar from 1 September to 4 October, and is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. Creationtide began in the Orthodox Church in 1989 and has been supported by a growing number of churches across Europe since then, including the Church of England. Many churches use this time of year to hold themed services and events, including Harvest celebrations, giving thanks for God's gift of creation, and renewing their commitment to caring for the planet we call home.

We've compiled a selection of Creationtide resources you might like to make use of in your worshipping communities, including service plans, ideas for community events, and more. **See Creation ideas here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/how-could-your-church-make-the-most-of-creationtide.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>

Eco Church Conversations

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

A wonderful opportunity to move forward in your Eco Church journey.

The day will begin with a time of worship, followed by a half hour workshop to help lead your eco adventures: Beyond Registration, Beyond Bronze and Silver, and Beyond Community.

There will be time to talk to a wide range of people and organisations who can give you relevant help and advice in each area of the award, including:

Theology – The John Ray Initiative and Green Christian.

Purchasing – The Energy Footprint Tool, Energy Audit Projects with De Montfort University, Infrared Heating and Bat Protection.

Caring for your Land – Partnering with Friends of the Earth and Climate Action Leicester and Leicestershire, and Sustainable Transport.

Plus, many more resources and opportunities.

Food will be available from Kings Coffee House who will be serving “Food Waste Meals”, which are pay-as-you-feel.

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.

Please do share the event with other churches. All denominations are welcome to come and join the fun.

Download the poster here:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Engaging-Eco-Church-Conversations.jpeg>

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/>

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.

Rev'd Liz Rawlings, Diocesan Discipleship and Vocations Enabler, who co-ordinates JiF, says: “It doesn't matter if you are 4xploring 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>

'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.

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.
