



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 24th October 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 27th October, Last Sunday After Trinity,

All Saints Day, Bible Sunday, Dedication Festival

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

11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

4.30pm **Billesdon** All Souls Service *Open to all. To include candle lighting & reading of names of loved ones more recently departed, by request on arrival*

6pm **Gaulby** Holy Communion (Revd Brian Davis)

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Saturday 2nd November, All Souls' Day

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

Sunday 3rd November, 4th 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 10th November, 3rd 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 Christine Blodwell)

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

Sunday 17th November, 2nd 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 24th 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 27th 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=CDIQK191dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqG18Q.1>

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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

Hilary Painter: hilarypainter@icloud.com

Collect for Sunday 27th October

Last after Sunday After Trinity/ All Saints Day

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,

we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection: 27th October 2024

Last after Sunday After Trinity/ All Saints

Back in 1967 my parents took me to see the musical 'A funny thing happened on the way to the Forum' at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry with Roy Hudd in the lead. I thoroughly enjoyed it though I may not have understood all of the double entendres. It was an update of the comedies of the Roman playwright, Plautus, and strongly influenced the series 'Up Pompeii' starring Frankie Howerd.

A lot of things have happened 'on the way' in our gospel readings over the past few weeks. Jesus and his disciples were 'on the way' when he asked them 'Who do people say that I am?' The disciples were 'on the way' when they argued about who is the greatest. Jesus is 'on the way' (unhelpfully translated as 'journey' by the NRSV translation that we usually use) when the rich man comes to him and asks what he should do. When told to sell all his possessions he goes away and does not follow Jesus. He and his disciples continue on the way ('road' in NRSV) when he makes the third prediction of his forthcoming passion. In this Sunday's reading, Bartimaeus is sitting by the way (translated 'roadside'). He is not on the way himself and his blindness makes him an outsider. His affirmation of faith leads to his healing and he follows Jesus 'on the way'.

Looking further ahead, we find in Acts of the Apostles (9.2) that Christianity is known as 'the Way', which

recalls how Jesus described himself as 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'. Going back, however, to Mark's gospel, we are called, like Bartimaeus, to follow Jesus. In this instance, it means leaving everything behind and setting out with him on the uphill road to Jerusalem and the cross. Following him on the way is nothing if not demanding.

Revd Jeff Hopewell

Bible Readings:

Sunday 27th October 2024

Last after Sunday After Trinity/ All Saints

Jeremiah 31.7-9

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 7 For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim,
give praise, and say,
'Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'
- 8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labour, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
- 9 With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let
them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I
have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hebrews 7.23-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 23 Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office;
24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever.
25 Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.
- 26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.
- 27 Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself.
- 28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

Mark 10.46-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'

48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'

49 Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.'

50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

51 Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.'

52 Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Additional Prayer for Sunday 27th October Last after Sunday After Trinity/ All Saints

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Bible Readings:

Sunday 27th October 2024

Bible Sunday

Isaiah 55.1-11

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 1 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters; and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
- 6 Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
- 7 let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 For as the rain and the snow come down from
heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the
earth, making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish
that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

3.14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned
and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it,
15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred
writings that are able to instruct you for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for
teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in
righteousness,

17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be
proficient, equipped for every good work.

4.1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to
judge the living and the dead, and in view of his
appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:

2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time
is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and
encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

3 For the time is coming when people will not put up
with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will
accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own
desires,

4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and
wander away to myths.

5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the
work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

John 5.36b-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

36 But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works
that the Father has given me to complete, the very
works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the
Father has sent me.

37 And the Father who sent me has himself testified on
my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his
form,

38 and you do not have his word abiding in you,
because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

39 'You search the scriptures because you think that in
them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on
my behalf.

40 Yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

41 I do not accept glory from human beings.

42 But I know that you do not have the love of God in
you.

43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not
accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will
accept him.

44 How can you believe when you accept glory from
one another and do not seek the glory that comes from
the one who alone is God?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father;
your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your
hope.

46 If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he
wrote about me.

47 But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you
believe what I say?'

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who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our
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All Souls' Service, Billesdon

Sunday 27th October at 4.30pm

The service will include candle lighting & reading of
names of loved ones more recently departed. Requests
to include your loved ones can be given on arrival.

The service is open to all.

Bible Readings:

Sunday 27th October 2024

Dedication Festival

Genesis 28.11-18

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

13 And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;

14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place-and I did not know it!'

17 And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

Alternative Reading to Genesis 28.11-18:

Revelation 21.9-14

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.'

10 And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

11 It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal.

12 It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites;

13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

1 Peter 2.1-10

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

1 Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander.

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation-

3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and

5 like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

7 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',

8 and 'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall. 'They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

10 Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

John 10.22-29

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,

23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

25 Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;

26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

Collect for Sunday 27th October Dedication Festival

Almighty God,

to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:

we praise you for the many blessings

you have given to those who worship you here:

and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,

and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to 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

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**



The Gaulby Group
St Peter's, Gaulby
St Michael and All Angels, Ilston
St John the Baptist, Kings 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

An evening with
Dr Phil Evans

Black holes, cosmic explosions and
their inventor

Meal and talk £10

Wednesday 20th November

7pm meet for 7.30pm start

The Fox and Hounds, Tugby

Bookings by Thursday 12th November

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About the speaker: Phil is a physicist and former astrophysicist. He is a supporter of the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Leicester.
About Food for thought: Talks about the, well, and contemporary issues, emerging a new genre of events, including support from Leicester City Council.

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>

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
All are welcome.



Coffee Morning in aid of Jeel Al Amal Orphanage and School, Al Shoroq School for Blind Children and Rehabilitation Hospital, BETHLEHEM

Saturday 9th November 10.30am to 12 noon
The Old School, Church Street, Billesdon

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2024

10.30 TO 12.00

IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CHURCH STREET,
BILLEDSON

Produce, Gifts, Books, Raffle etc.

Contributions welcome

in Aid of

Jeel Al Amal Orphanage and School, Bethany
Al Shoroq School for Blind Children, Bethlehem
Rehabilitation Hospital, Bethlehem

Palestinian Charities in the West Bank as well as Gaza now have no income from visitors or state support. Through the McCabe 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 2nd November at 7.30pm



Bishop Martyn's Commitment to Support the City's Homeless Community



Bishop Martyn recently visited The Bridge Homelessness to Hope on Melton Street in Leicester to meet the staff and guests of the charity and learn about its food service, arts provision and more.

In Leicester, the Bishop is also Chair of the Homelessness Charter and a patron of SoundCafé, two initiatives pioneered by the diocese to support people experiencing homelessness. Bishop Martyn said: "The Bridge has a wealth of inspirational people and I came away from my visit full of hope. Even in the toughest circumstances, there is courage, resourcefulness and perseverance on display, and The Bridge exists to encourage these qualities."

Read the full story:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/bishop-martyns-commitment-to-support-the-citys-homeless-community.php>

'Church Matters' newsletter from Ecclesiastical

Ecclesiastical's Autumn/Winter newsletter includes seasonal risk advice and information on fundraising and finances. Read the newsletter:

<https://ecclesiastical.com/church/church-matters/>

Renew Wellbeing Training Event

Thursday 31 October, 10am-12pm – St Martins House, Leicester

Training for any churches wanting to set up a quiet shared space where it's OK not to be OK.

RenewWellbeing is partnering with the Church of England to open new Renew spaces in every kind of parish.

RenewWellbeing Cafes are a Christian response to loneliness and poor mental wellbeing in congregations and their local communities. They are a proven model of good practice, respected by health and social care services.

At this training, Ruth will teach how to select and set up the space, connect with statutory services, protect boundaries, and introduce simple holy habits. **Sign up to the training event:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/renewwellbeing-tickets-1037696547307>

Schools Collective Worship Training

Thursday 31 October, 10am-12pm – Zoom

A free online training event on Collective Worship (CW) in schools led by Tracey Manns, Leicester DBE Deputy Director of Education.

Covering expectations, language and how to structure and plan for CW, this would be appropriate for any leader or volunteer thinking of supporting their local school with CW for the first time, or who would like a refresher and new ideas. **Book here to receive the Zoom link:**

<https://bookwhen.com/ldbe/e/ev-spbz-20241031100000>
For more information email Nina.Hern@LeicesterDBE.org

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/>



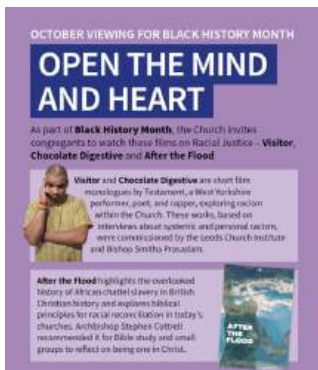
It's Black History Month during October. This year's theme, 'Reclaiming Narratives', emphasises the importance of acknowledging people's identity in Christ and in their culture, as well as recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

Our Intercultural Worship team would like to encourage you and your church to engage with Black History Month: *"It's crucial to retell the stories of African Caribbeans who contributed to the building of this country and our churches, especially in the Diocese of Leicester. This history doesn't just belong to Black people; it's the history of the United Kingdom as a whole."*

Visit our website to watch a video exploring the theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives' along with details of local events marking Black History Month.

Visit our website:

<https://leicester.anglican.org/news/reclaiming-narratives-during-black-history-month.php>



Watch Visitor:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVPuCLWxPqs>

Watch Chocolate Digestive:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrXiHsRTRfQ>

Watch After the Flood:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUvQvLteO_A

Ethics of Inclusion Webinar

Tuesday 29 October, 7.30pm – Online

Penny Pullan, a reader in our diocese, is sharing the results of her research into the experience of people of working age with chronic conditions or invisible illnesses in the Church of England.

In this interactive and accessible webinar, you will hear the occasionally shocking results of Penny's research, and explore ways to help people with often-neglected illnesses, including ME and Long COVID, take their place fully within your church community. **Book a place on this free webinar:**
[Book a place on this free webinar.](#)

'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

