



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 29th August 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

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)

If you would like to join our Zoom Prayers, please email Hilary Painter: hilarypainter@icloud.com

Sunday 1st September 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Reflection: Revd Jayne Lewis

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

PLEASE USE THIS LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGl8Q.1>

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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>

Reflection for Sunday 1st September 2024 Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

On our visits into Leicester these days, we are treated to an interesting variety of costumes – Sikh turbans, colourful Hindu saris, more sombre Muslim dress for women and men, occasional bright African outfits; and in Church, the large Eritrean congregation dressed in white, or the Orthodox clergy in their colourful vestments. What we wear shows who we are and what we believe.

I once had a conversation with a prosperous business man who was the sole importer of ornamental feathers (for hats etc) into Britain. As a strict Jew, he would not turn a light switch on or off on the Sabbath, nor use a revolving door, nor drive a car. I asked about getting to the Synagogue. He said he would not buy a house if it was not within walking distance. His inspiration is in the sort of passage from Deuteronomy we are reading today.

The statutes and ordinances of Jewish custom and tradition have been immensely powerful for centuries in holding together the Jewish community, and they still are – as such customs are for communities everywhere. The fact that in our western Christian community we have very largely lost the customs which identify us is perhaps a matter for regret, and certainly we have become very weak.

Jesus (like Topol in the “Fiddler on the Roof”) found tradition oppressive, particularly when it was used to condemn others or justify abusive actions. Jesus constantly taught that the Spirit of God is our only true guide in the way we think and behave, for instance when he interpreted the meaning of the 10 Commandments. James says the same in his Epistle. Our generosity and our ability to serve are God’s gifts to us. The way we relate to others in speaking or acting must be guided by God’s Spirit.

Rules and regulations, customs and habits, dress and language are all things which influence us and identify who we are. They must be inspired not by prejudice or selfishness, but God’s Spirit of love and care for others.

Revd Philip Norwood

Bible Readings:

Sunday 1st September 2024

Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

4 So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

2 You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

6 You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!'

7 For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him?

8 And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

9 But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children-

James 1.17-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

18 In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;

20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;

24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing.

26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him,

2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders;

4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?'

6 He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

7 in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines."

8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,

22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

**Collect for Sunday 1st September
Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity**

Almighty God,

whose only Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence:

give us pure hearts and steadfast wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth;

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 1st September**

Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

Merciful God,

your Son came to save us

and bore our sins on the cross:

may we trust in your mercy

and know your love,

rejoicing in the righteousness

that is ours 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

Open Doors

Saturday 12th October



Rev. David Palmer, Pioneer Priest



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/>



The Ten Commandments

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.

Revd 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.

