



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: 26th September 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 29th September Trinity 18, Michael & All Angels

11am **Gaulby** Harvest Thanksgiving & Launde Deanery 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)

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Sunday 6th October Trinity 19, Harvest Thanksgiving

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)

5pm **Goodby** Harvest Festival Evensong (Revd Philip Norwood)

Sunday 13th October Trinity 20, Harvest Thanksgiving

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

10am **Gaulby** Morning Prayer (Lay Led)

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

Sunday 20th October, Trinity 21, 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 Service (Hilary Painter)

6pm **Skeffington** Harvest Festival (Revd Philip Norwood)

Sunday 27th October, Last Sunday After Trinity,

All Saints Day, Bible Sunday

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

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

TBC **Gaulby** Teatime Café Church (Hilary Painter)

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 29th September 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Harvest Thanksgiving & Launde Deanery Service

livestream

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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Collect for Sunday 29th September

Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

Michael & All Angels

Everlasting God,

you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:

grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,

so, at your command,

they may help and defend us on earth;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

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

Reflection for Sunday 29th September

2024 Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

Michael & All Angels

This week we celebrate St Michael and All Angels.

Angels may evoke of gilded winged figures as featured in Christmas cards, - but in origin the word 'angel' means a messenger, here a messenger of God.

We meet Michael first of all in the book of Daniel and then later in the book of Revelation. He is one of three named angels in Scripture, the others being Gabriel who announces the birth of Jesus and then Raphael found in the Apocrypha.

The name Michael is understood in Hebrew to mean 'Who is like God'. And as the champion who overcomes evil, his figure parallels perhaps the ancient creation myths where monsters and dragons are overcome and a new creation becomes possible.

Michael stands between good and evil, light and darkness. We see immediately the comparison with Jesus in the pattern of the one who overcomes Satan, overcomes evil and brings God's new creation. Jesus is our champion and protector, so are we not, as his followers, likely to be his messengers. His angels.

It is our Christian belief that the defeat of evil is certain, but God's kingdom will only be complete at the end of time. Meanwhile the conflict between good and evil, light and dark, continues and if believers are to serve the kingdom they must be involved in that conflict. As Christians, we have been baptised in order to shine as lights in the world and to demonstrate God's glory. Each of us then, in our small corner, is on the front line. We challenge and stand against anything that denies God's kingdom – abuse of others, bigotry, dishonesty or anything that threatens or diminishes us as God's children. These are the dragons that as God's messengers we may face on our pilgrim journey.

To use the words of John Bunyan: -

'Hobgoblin nor foul fiend can daunt our spirit.
We know, we at the end shall life inherit'

Revd John Taylor

Bible Readings:

Sunday 29th September 2024

Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

Michael & All Angels

Genesis 28.10-17

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran.

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.'

Alternative Reading to Genesis 28.10-17

Revelation 12.7-12

7 And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back,

8 but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

9 The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world-he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,

who accuses them day and night before our God.

11 But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb

and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

12 Rejoice then, you heavens

and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

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Alternative Reading to Revelation 12.7-12

Hebrews 1.5-end

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son;

today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father,

and he will be my Son'?

6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.'

7 Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.'

8 But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever,

and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.

9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.'

10 And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

11 they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing;

12 like a cloak you will roll them up,

and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same,

and your years will never end.'

13 But to which of the angels has he ever said, 'Sit at my right hand

until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'?

14 Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

John 1.47-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'

48 Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'

49 Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'

50 Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'

51 And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Collects, Readings and Reflection for Harvest Thanksgiving

Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reflection for Harvest Thanksgiving

Extract from 'Roots on the Web'

"...In a 2019 poll, 67 per cent of parents, from all faiths and none, expressed warm memories of taking part in Christian harvest festivals, saying that they wanted their children to do the same. The perceived benefits were: giving thanks for the good things in our lives, teaching children where their food comes from and showing generosity to people in need.

Harvest is one of our farming village's best-attended services. Even the smallest child can understand. The church is lovingly decorated with flowers and fruit. I organise a choir, to belt out well-loved hymns: *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*, *All Things Bright And Beautiful* and *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*. The children bring up harvest gifts to the altar, destined for our local food bank.

Harvest is more than a nostalgia trip for traditionalists. Certainly, older people revisit happy childhood memories and there is the aroma of apples stored for the winter and smoke from the post-harvest burning of the fields, and people make a corn dolly to take to

church. However, recognising the cyclical nature of human existence — "for everything there is a season" (Ecclesiastes, iii, 1) — has what feels like a renewed modern resonance. After 18 months dominated by the Pandemic, our human vulnerability to challenges such as disease, weather problems and disruptions to the supply chain feels more relevant than ever.

Our food bank's stock is running low. News reports of empty supermarket shelves add a poignancy to realising our interdependence, reliance on others and the need for connection, for the supply of our most basic human needs.

Farmers' reports at harvest suppers offer insight into lives lived on the land. The TV series *Clarkson's Farm* has recently engendered a wider respect for farmers and a more sympathetic understanding of the problems that they face every year. Their livelihood is dependent almost entirely on the weather and other factors beyond their control. No prayer is perhaps more heartfelt than a farmer's prayer for rain — or for it to stop raining. Small rural churches often seem rather marginalised, treated in diocesan league tables like "failed" urban churches...Yet harvest allows countryside communities a big moment of celebration.

Harvest conveys a feeling of handing on the baton to the next generation. I have so far failed to pass on my Christian faith to my own children, who accept the common social attitude that religion is the cause of war. However, in my own life, Christianity has been nothing but a source of comfort and joy. The author John Buchan said that an atheist was a man who had "no invisible means of support". I hope that small rural churches will stay open long enough for my children to return to them if they ever want to do so.

Harvest suppers showcase the glories of nature, coming to terms with not being in control, looking after the hungry and needy and the wonderful reading from St Matthew about the lilies of the field, advising against worrying about what to wear. They add up to a message that the nation's mental health problems could be addressed if we looked not inwards but upwards and outwards, with gratitude at all the good gifts around us."

Emma Thompson is a freelance writer and a member of Save the Parish

Additional Prayer for Harvest Thanksgiving

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings:

Harvest Thanksgiving

Joel 2.21-27

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 21 Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
- 22 Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree
bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
- 23 O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the
early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
- 24 The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- 25 I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the
destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
- 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people
shall never again be put to shame.
- 27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no
other. And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

1 Timothy 2.1-7

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for
everyone,
2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we
may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and
dignity.
- 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our
Saviour,
4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the
knowledge of the truth.
- 5 For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and
humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,
6 who gave himself a ransom for all-this was attested at
the right time.
- 7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am
telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles
in faith and truth.

Alternative Reading to Joel Timothy 2.1-7

1 Timothy 6.6-10

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- 6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined
with contentment;

7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can
take nothing out of it;
8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content
with these.

9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and
are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that
plunge people into ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and
in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away
from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Matthew 6.25-33

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

25 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,
what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your
body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and
the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor
reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father
feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to
your span of life?

28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the
lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor
spin,

29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not
clothed like one of these.

30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is
alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will
he not much more clothe you-you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?"
or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?"

32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things;
and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need
all these things.

33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as
well.

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>

Open Doors

Saturday 12th October



Revd David Palmer, Pioneer Priest



Ride + Stride 2024 – Jeff’s journey

It took me longer than I had anticipated to get around a dozen city churches – not because of old age and decrepitude but because I spent a lot of time talking with people, including some old friends, and looking at the stained glass in some of the churches that were less familiar to me.

Starting from All Saints, I worked my way round to the cathedral, then St Nicholas, where they were having a church fete hoping to benefit from increased footfall, and to St Mary de Castro. Thence to St Andrew, Jarrom Street and Holy Trinity, which was hosting an Eco Church Conversations Day. Holy Cross was next on the list, followed by St George’s Serbian Orthodox and Central Baptist, Charles Street. Across to Bishop Street Methodist Church, then a long haul to the Great Meeting House at East Bond Street and finally to St Margaret’s before driving back home.

So far it looks as if I will have raised, including gift aid, around £1,000. If you haven’t managed to sponsor me yet and would like to do so, the:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/jeff-hopewell-lhct2024>

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/>

A Series of Talks on ‘Holiness’ on Thursday Evenings

Market Harborough Baptist Church at 7.30pm

For anyone that’s interested and wanting some spiritual ‘meat’, Rev Dr Derek Tidball, writer and theologian, is delivering a series of talks on Holiness over the next three Thursday evenings. These take place at MH Baptist Church commencing 7.30pm. The first in the series last Thursday was brilliant and very accessible! (Revd David Palmer)



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



Shakespeare In Song

Saturday 2nd November

St Andrew's Church

Lyddington

7.30 pm

This year marks 400 years since the birth of Shakespeare. In honour of the occasion, the Harborough Singers return to one of their favourite venues – St Andrew's Church, Lyddington – on Saturday 2nd November, to present an evening of glorious voices and music inspired by ‘the Bard’. The programme will be witty, and possibly surprising. Alongside Shakespearean songs set by Emmaus Owen, Charles Rowson and Thomas Williams, the choir will perform a Choral Medley of Barnstaple's well-loved tunes from ‘Wood Side Story’. Works by modern composers Richard Alan (‘I Must Be the Fool of Love’) and Sarah Quane (‘I know a bank where the wild thyme blows’) will add long, expressive melodies and evocative textures to the mix, while George Fearing's ‘Seven Songs & Sonnets’ will show the night to a jazz finish.

The concert starts at 7.30 pm

Tickets: £15 (£2 for under-eighteens in full-time education)

From:

www.achurchnearyou.com or

Box office 0751 725036 or Email info@hbs.org.uk



National Day of Prayer for Schools

On Friday 27 September, Youthscape, Pais, Pray for Schools, Prayer Spaces in Schools, Scripture Union and Youth for Christ are joining forces to encourage Christians all across the UK to take some time to pray for the schools in their parish.

Join an online prayer gathering, use the prayer resources on your own, at home or in groups, encourage young people to pray with their peers, or go on a prayer walk around your local school. **Find out more and get involved:** <https://paimovement.com/ndopfs/>

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>

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>

A Service of Lament for Homelessness

Wednesday 2 October, 5.30pm – Leicester Cathedral

A gentle, reflective service to remember those who have died on our streets, to lament the facts around homelessness and consider how we can work for change.

Followed by refreshments.

RSVP to rebecca.pawley@togetherleicester.org.uk

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 exploring 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>

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/>

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/>



