



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 24th July 2025

Sunday 27th July, Trinity 6

9am **Skeffington** CW Holy Communion (Revd Hopewell)
11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**
6pm **Gaulby** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

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Sunday 3rd August, Trinity 7

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion **All are welcome**
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 10th August, Trinity 8

9am **Skeffington** BCP Holy Communion (Revd John Taylor)
10am **Gaulby** Morning Prayer (Lay led, Hilary Painter)
11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Revd John Taylor)
11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

Sunday 17th August, Trinity 9

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

Sunday 24th August, Trinity 10, Bartholomew

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 Crystal McAllister)

Sunday 31st August, Trinity 11

11am **Gaulby Launde Deanery Service** (Revd Crystal McAllister)

Saturday Mornings

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.55am)

All welcome. Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969. Passcode: 470000

Sunday 27th July 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader and Reflection: Madeleine Wang

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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

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Passcode: 079282

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Collect for Sunday 27th July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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: Sunday 27th July 2025

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Luke 11.1-13

In this passage, Luke introduces us to some concepts about prayer and God. The first four verses of Chapter 11 are Luke's version of what we now recognise as the Lord's prayer, although this should be seen rather as a template on how to pray, with each line being a theme to adopt when praying to God. Acknowledging God's holiness is followed by a desire for God's kingdom to come on earth. Acknowledging our need for sustenance and shelter is the next subject, and this leads on to a confession of our need to be forgiven, and from that our need to forgive others. Trials can come in many shapes and forms, spiritual, mental and physical, and we are encouraged to pray to avoid them, and where that is not possible the strength to endure them. The passage then moves on to consider our attitude to prayer, so be persistent says Jesus. The man in the story gets what he needs through persistency against a wall of indifference. Luke concludes this passage with Jesus reminding us that we who are parents don't give bad things to our children, only good, so don't expect anything less from God.

Mike Hammond



Bible Readings:

Sunday 27th July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 18.20-32

20 Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin!

21 I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

22 So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord.

23 Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?

25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?'

26 And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.'

27 Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.'

29 Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.'

30 Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.'

31 He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.'

32 Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Colossians 2.6-15 16-19

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,

7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,

14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[16 Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths.

17 These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

18 Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking,

19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Luke 11.1-13

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'

2 He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;

6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him."

7 And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything."

8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?

12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Additional Collect for Sunday 27th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Teas in Gaulby Church

Saturdays 2-30-4.30pm



Join us **every Saturday** until mid-September in Gaulby church for a cream tea, homemade cake, or just a cup of tea or coffee.

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

Teas in Church at St Peter's, Tilton

Sundays 3-5pm during July



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>

Discover Horninghold's Heritage

Sunday 21st September 2-4pm



The Institution and Induction of The Rev Canon Jonathan Dowman

St Nicholas Church, Blakeney NR25 7NJ

Monday 28th July, 7.00 pm.

Please let Wendy Lewis know if you plan to attend in person by 7th July.

The Rt Rev Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich and The Ven Catherine Dobson, Archdeacon of Lynn, will institute and induct Jonathan into his role as Rector.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

This service will also be live streamed on YouTube via Blakeney Church tube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st+nicholas+church+blakeney



Hallaton Festival of Archaeology

Saturday 19th July to Sunday 3rd August

On the Saturday evenings: 19th, 26th July and 2nd August at 7pm, there are a series of talks in St Michael and All Angels Church.

The first speaker, **Miriam Gill**, gave an excellent, illustrated talk on paintings in medieval churches, using examples of churches nearby.

On 26th July, **Peter Liddle** will tell us about where the ordinary Romans lived, and

On 2nd August, **Vicki Score** will give us an insight into what was happening in South Leicestershire in the millennia before the Roman invasion.

The talks can be booked in advance using the link below or you can pay at the door, costing £6

There are also Guided Walks to Hallaton Castle and Village Heritage Trails. The Museum will be open from 12-5pm on weekends, when *"Café in the Church"* will offer lunch, cakes and cream teas from 12 noon to 4pm.

For further details and to book the events go to the Hallaton Museum website: <https://hallaton-museum.co.uk> and click the link to the 2025 Festival of Archaeology

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/>



Information about the Zoom services (*including the Link*), and **other information**, can be found on **The Launde Deanery and Minster Community Website** at: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk>

Launde Minster Community July Services

You can now find the services throughout the Launde Deanery/ Minster Community on the website: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk> under the Tabs: 'JULY /AUGUST SERVICE TIMES'

NOTE: Back copies of Newsletters available on Launde Minster Community website

Do you want to have a look for something in previous editions of the Gaulby and Coplow, and the Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletters?

Back copies can be downloaded from the Launde Minster Community website at: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/newsletters>



NEW: OWL Conference - Pray and Play in Creation

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

Whether you are a regular Forest Church leader or just interested in exploring outside worship, join us for a family-friendly, low-tech, relaxed Outdoor Church Gathering. There will be opportunities to worship together and walk alongside our experienced workshop hosts in small groups. Set in the beautiful grounds of Launde Abbey, we will pray and play as we worship our Creator God within creation; we will put into practise what we are learning; and we will share our own experiences, hopes and dreams as we seek to establish and develop outdoor Christ-centred communities.

There will be the opportunity to attend three workshops as well as gather for worship and enjoy shared food.

Early Bird Tickets cost £10, including lunch, and are available until 14 July (regular cost £12).

We are also looking to welcome Young Leaders (14-18) at £8 each and children of attendees are welcome (free under the age of 12).

See full details and booking here: <https://buff.ly/ris1y1k>

View the poster: <https://buff.ly/ESYO2h8>

For more details, please contact AnneScott@htl.church

NEW: South Asian Heritage Month - A Time for Reflection and Action



The theme for this year's South Asian Heritage Month, which runs from 18th July to 17th August is 'Roots to Routes'.

With the celebration of South Asian Heritage Month, the next few weeks are an opportunity for the country and our local churches in the diocese to share in unique traditions and cultures that may differ from their own. See a list of ways you could experience and reflect on South Asian culture this month:

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/sahm-top-twelve.pdf>

While the South Asian population makes up the majority in certain parts of Leicestershire, our local churches may not be as diverse. Therefore, this month gives us a chance to further understand the South Asian experience, how it is lived generally, but also specifically in relation to our faith. Heritage is a divine blessing and a reminder of the importance of actively cherishing our differences as reflections of God's kingdom.

Michael Ravuri, Intercultural Ministry Enabler, has put together an important and powerful collection of resources to celebrate South Asian Heritage and inform our church communities.

What's Your Worshipping Community Doing This Summer?

It's the season of holiday clubs, youth camps, Christian festivals and al fresco worship.

If your church community is getting up to something exciting, we'd love to hear about it.

Message us at Communications@LeicesterCofE.org

NEW: Cathedral Civic Service to Mark the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day



A special reflective service will take place at Leicester Cathedral at 5.30pm on Thursday 14th August to mark the 80th anniversary of VJ (Victory over Japan) and the end of the Second World War

Held on the eve of the anniversary, the service will offer space for remembrance and reflection on the end of the Second World War, which came just days after the devastating atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Members of the public are invited to attend the service, which invites people to pause and consider the ongoing instability of the world, the continued proliferation of nuclear weapons, and the deep and enduring need for peace.

Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Mike Kapur OBE CstJ, said: "Marking the 80th anniversary of VJ Day gives us an opportunity to reflect not only on the end of one of the darkest chapters in our history, but also on the sacrifices made by so many, including those from Leicester and Leicestershire. It is vital that we remember the past in order to build a more peaceful future."

The service will include prayers, readings and moments of silence, offering a quiet and powerful tribute to those affected by the war and its aftermath.

See all Cathedral events:

<https://leicestercathedral.org/events>

NEW: Ride+Stride 2025 Update

The main mailout for Ride+Stride has been posted to nearly 300 churches and chapels.

If yours has not arrived please

contact sean.lhct@gmail.com / 07852 467999.

There's still plenty of time to register your church. Use the form half way down [the Ride+Stride web page](#) and posters and sponsorship forms will be posted to you.

A list of churches and chapels participating in Ride+Stride will be published on the website from early August and updated regularly until the day on Saturday 13 September. GoodHub is the principal fundraising platform for Ride+Stride 2025 – www.goodhub.com/go/lhct-ride-and-stride. (The JustGiving page will remain live for now – but we think you will find GoodHub easier to use).

We look forward to another very successful Ride+Stride on 13 September 2025 – opening churches and chapels for the day and raising funds for repairs and improvements.

New Video Explores Focal Ministry



Focal Ministry
rooted, visible, fruitful



Focal Ministry is emerging in the diocese as a way to recognise those who are called to love and serve their local church and community

Focal ministers are people who are:

- Rooted, embedded in their communities.
- Visible, seen as the face of the local church.
- Fruitful, enable others to grow in faith.

In this new video, Liz Rawlings speaks to Associate Minister, Hilary Painter, who explains her sense of calling to Focal Ministry.

Some people who serve as Focal Ministers will, like Hilary, be existing licensed Associate Ministers; but others may not and the diocese is committed to enabling them to be recognised, authorised and supported as spiritual leaders in their parishes.

If you would like more information on Focal Ministry, **visit our website:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/info-for-leaders/vocations/focal-ministry/> or

contact Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

Watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quK7NK4S6wc>

NEW: Growing Disciples Through the Leicester Anglican Cursillo Community



Cursillo offers committed Christians a community of discipleship in which they are supported and encouraged as they grow in faith and seek to establish a role in the work of building God's kingdom.

Here in the diocese, we have a local group – the Leicester Anglican Cursillo (LAC) – with a collective of more than 300 people who have completed a 'Cursillo weekend' and joined the fellowship.

The lay-led organisation has hosted more than 50 weekend courses for Christian prayer, study and action at Launde Abbey since 1994, providing, what is for many, a life changing experience through which God inspires, renews,

and challenges.

Each weekend is undergirded with prayer, and led by different Lay Rectors.

If you are a practicing Christian, and a member of a church, worshipping community, or Leicester Cathedral in the Diocese of Leicester, then you may be interested in attending a LAC course. **Find out more:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/growing-disciples-through-the-leicester-anglican-cursillo-community.php>

NEW: #All Creatures Great and Small



You might remember the national church's previous summer campaigns designed to showcase our local churches, including 'church door challenge' and 'stained glass summer'.

This year is on the theme of 'All Creatures Great and Small' and we'd love to see your animals in churches, or within your church grounds.

Whether it's a snapshot of local wildlife, pets who have paid your church a visit, or depictions of animals in stained glass windows, paintings and carvings, why not get creative and share your photos and videos on social media from now until 31 August 2025.

Tag them #GreatAndSmall – a selection will be shared every week on the Church of England's social media channels. **See more information and ideas:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/digital-labs/blogs/celebrating-all-creatures-great-and-small-get-involved-summer-social-media-campaign>

NEW - Church Health & Safety Webinar

Wednesday 6 August, 7.30-8.30pm – Zoom

Using easy to understand language, Heather Ford, Church Supporting Manager with Ecclesiastical will lead the session, explaining why managing health and safety effectively is important, provide an overview of health & legislation relevant to churches and offers a step by step guide and the tools to enable churches to feel more confident in managing their health and safety responsibilities.

This is part of a series of free webinars from the Church Buildings Team in partnership with Ecclesiastical Insurance. Upcoming webinars, taking place 7.30-8.30pm on Zoom, are:

*Opening Churches & Church Security – 3 Sept
Climate Change & Net Carbon Zero – 1 Oct*

NEW - South Asian Heritage Special Service

Sunday 17 August, 6.15 pm (doors open at 5.30pm)

– Church of the Martyrs, Leicester

This special gathering will include South Asian worship, traditional and contemporary music, and expressions of faith through dance, spoken word and storytelling. After the service, stay and enjoy a taste of South Asian food—alongside Christian fellowship.

For more info, please

email Shobha.Gosa@leicestercofe.org

NEW: Mental Health First Aid Training

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

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

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

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

Why 'Colourblindness' Doesn't Help the Church

In an article written by Jessie Tang, Diocesan Intercultural Ministry Director, and published by the Evangelical Alliance, Jessie challenges us to see the whole person – for the benefit of the whole church. You can read it here:

https://www.eauk.org/news-and-views/why-colourblindness-doesnt-help-the-church?fbclid=IwQ0xDSwLbAFVleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHqoVymHOOmHPmvr0lbdK2zEYD7YQlgi8qSOYOpBhdkQsITLwNQGKRsmgRQ7K_aem_ufjG5KrdDAnv8ZJuaC7cNQ

Jessie also hosts a podcast called [ACross Culture](#), exploring culture, identity, and the Christian faith. Why not grab a coffee and take a listen, through your usual podcast provider.

Gift Aid Training

Friday 25 July, 8 August, 1-2pm – Online

A free course from Data Developments covering all key parts of the Gift Aid secretary role including:

1. What is Gift Aid and what do I need to do to claim it
2. What money can and can't I claim on
3. What is GASDS, why is it different to Gift Aid and how can I claim it

Register here:

<https://www.datadevelopments.co.uk/Training>

STOMP Round Leicester



Leicester Cathedral is one of many city centre locations hosting magnificent elephant sculptures as part of the STOMP Round Leicester art trail, raising vital funds for LOROS Hospice and marking its 40th anniversary.

Forty gentle giants have journeyed into Leicester's streets, parks and open spaces, forming a jumbo trail across the city **until Sunday 21 September.**

The Cathedral is home to a mini-herd of baby elephant sculptures, adopted and decorated by local schools and community groups.

When the trail ends, the baby elephants will stomp back to join their owners, while the giant elephant sculptures will be auctioned on Wednesday 8 October to raise money for the hospice, which helps terminally ill local people and their families at the most difficult times of their lives.

Learn all about the Trail: <https://stomproundleicester.co.uk>

Church Communities Now Engaged in Minster Community Formation



All of our church communities across the diocese have been invited to take part in the Minster Community formation process, marking a significant step forward in the Shaped by God Together journey.

An update, detailing where each area of the diocese has got to in the process, can be found at the link below. Commenting on the process Beth Cluer, Senior Parish Transition Officer said: "This is complex and demanding work, with many people offering their time and energy to help shape the future of mission and ministry in the diocese. While change can be challenging, there is a strong

sense of faith and hope. As churches begin to dream and plan together, they are discovering the potential benefits of closer collaboration, including shared resources, expertise, and mutual support."

Read the update here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/church-communities-now-engaged-in-minster-community-formation.php>

Eco Church Conversations

Saturday 6 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – All Saints with Holy Trinity Church, Loughborough

Creationtide is a season when the Church focuses on caring for God's Creation (1 September to 4 October).

This service at the start of Creationtide will be a chance to lament together for the environmental problems we see, and to walk forward in hope as we are inspired by positive actions taking place around the Diocese.

There will be time to consider the Eco Church Award and next steps for your own church communities. We would love you to participate with prayer and action this Creationtide.



Journey in Faith Course

Journey in Faith (JiF) is a 3 term course that provides the time and space for people to grow in knowledge of the Christian faith, deepen their relationship with God and explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

Registration is open for courses starting this Autumn with **an introductory session on Saturday 13 September, 9.30am–12.30pm at St Martins House.**

Four weekly evening groups are being planned:

- Mondays: St Mary's, Nanpantan
- Tuesdays: Frisby on the Wreake
- Wednesdays: Ellistown
- Wednesdays: Knighton, Leicester

Enrol on JiF via our Learning Hub:

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