



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 31st July 2025

Sunday 3rd August, Trinity 7

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

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 Philipo Norwood)

6pm **Illston** Evening Prayer (Lay led, Hilary Painter)

6.30pm **Shangton** Songs of Praise (outdoor, weather permitting), followed by a bring and share finger supper (Revd Brian Davies)

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 3rd August 11.00am Zoom Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader and Reflection: Mike Hammond

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

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Collect for Sunday 3rd August

Seventh Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 3rd August 2025

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Those of us of a certain age who still remember rationing in the 1940's and 50's might recall Mother (or someone) serving a meal and saying "You will have what you're given, dear". What a contrast to the number of choices on offer to children today! Though we were spared choices, we can but hope that the modern way is a help to children in decision making.

Whether it is or not, we are all confronted by the need to make choices all the time. Jesus in the Gospel meets two brothers who find it difficult. Jesus doesn't solve their problem for them, but he goes to the heart of the matter by showing the importance of having good guiding principles, such as overcoming greed and showing concern for others. The prosperous farmer in the same passage has no problem in deciding what to do with his bumper harvest, but his guiding principle of blatant selfishness leads only to catastrophe.

The Teacher in the Old Testament passage, on the other hand, sees all life as futile and can see no point in choosing to do anything worthwhile – especially work or getting money, as that just means feathering the nests of other people. But even so, a decision to regard everything as worthless is a choice in itself.

Paul writes to the people at Colossae about 100 miles east of Ephesus in Asia Minor, to challenge them all to see that the making of choices should be determined by a rebirth into a new way of living. Through Baptism, we are a new creation. We are to fix our attention on Jesus and try to think as he thought and make up our minds to act as he acted. In the great racial mix of men and women that made up the Hellenistic culture of Paul's world, it is the image of Christ, the man for all people, which they should hold in their hearts and minds. So should we as we choose our path through life.

Revd Philip Norwood

Bible Readings:

Sunday 3rd August

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14, 2.18-23

1.2 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

12 I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem,
13 applied my mind to seek and to search out by
wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy
business that God has given to human beings to be busy
with.

14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and
see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

2.18 I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the
sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after
me

19 -and who knows whether they will be wise or
foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled
and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

20 So I turned and gave my heart up to despair
concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun,
21 because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom
and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by
another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a
great evil.

22 What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with
which they toil under the sun?

23 For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a
vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also
is vanity.

Colossians 3.1-11

1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things
that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand
of God.

2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things
that are on earth,

3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in
God.

4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also
will be revealed with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly:
fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed
(which is idolatry).

6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on
those who are disobedient.

7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you
were living that life.

8 But now you must get rid of all such things-anger,
wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your
mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have
stripped off the old self with its practices

10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which
is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of
its creator.

11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew,
circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian,
slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12.13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my
brother to divide the family inheritance with me.'

14 But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge
or arbitrator over you?'

15 And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard
against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist
in the abundance of possessions.'

16 Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man
produced abundantly.

17 And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I
have no place to store my crops?"

18 Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns
and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain
and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods
laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."

20 But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your
life is being demanded of you. And the things you have
prepared, whose will they be?"

21 So it is with those who store up treasures for
themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Additional Collect for Sunday 3rd August Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
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.

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>

Farewell to Archdeacon Richard Worsfold

Further to the announcement dated Tuesday 6th May 2025, advising that The Venerable Richard Worsfold has been appointed as Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester. We can now confirm that **Richard will be licensed during an early morning service in the Bishop of Manchester's chapel on Tuesday 23rd September**, with a formal welcome service in the Deanery to be announced in due course. **Richard's farewell service here in Leicester will be Monday 15th September at 5.30pm at Leicester Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.**

The Institution and Induction of The Rev Canon Jonathan Dowman

St Nicholas Church, Blakeney, Monday 28th July
15 people travelled from Launde Minster Community to attend in person, others joined via YouTube. The service was very special and joyful. It was led by the Bishop of Norwich, Rt Revd Graham Usher. There were 300 in church to welcome and celebrate with Jonathan.



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.

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 talk 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

Prayer Desks

Billesdon Church have 2 spare Prayer Desks

If any church would like one, contact Keith Evans:
Keith Evans, Church Warden 01162596438/ 07754395006
keithevans6@btinternet.com

Discover Horninghold's Heritage

Sunday 21st September 2-4pm



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>

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/>

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: **'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>



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



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

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://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.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.

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>

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.

Video Explores Focal Ministry



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>

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>

#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-summers-social-media-campaign>

Church Health & Safety Webinar

Wednesday 6 August, 7.30-8.30pm – Zoom

Using easy to understand language, Heather Ford, Church Support 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

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

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>

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/>

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>

