



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 10th July 2025

Sunday 13th July, Trinity 4

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 20th July, Trinity 5

10.30am **Keyham** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

11am **Billesdon** Songs of Praise (Revd Philip Norwood)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Skeffington** Evensong (Mike Hammond)

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

Sunday 27th July, Trinity 6

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 Philip Norwood)

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 13th July 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader: Hilary Painter

Reflection: Revd Crystal McAllister

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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

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Collect for Sunday 13th July

Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

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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/>

Additional Collect for Sunday 13th July

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,

by the obedience of Jesus

you brought salvation to our wayward world:

draw us into harmony with your will,

that we may find all things restored in him,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Reflection: Sunday 13th July 2025

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Luke 10: 25-37

Who is my neighbour? A question that in various forms has reverted down through time. "Am I my brothers' keeper?" Cain asks of God, having just murdered Abel in the first few chapters of Genesis. Cain was arguing he had no duty towards his brother, but God told Cain in very straight language that he was his brother's keeper. This week as Parliament has discussed what should be the response of the state towards those in our society who are sick and need financial support to remain independent and live a fuller life, this question has been brought into sharp focus. Jesus answers this question with a case study. A man was attacked on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and left for dead. Lying there the man saw a priest, but rather than help the priest passed by on the other side no doubt to retain or maintain his ritual purity through not touching a corpse. Likewise, a Levite (a worker at the temple) also passed by. Religious men from whom the victim might have expected help as a fellow Jew. But then a Samaritan, a hated heretic, passes by and saves the man. How horrendous this must have sounded to the Jewish hearers that day. My neighbour is literally everyone regardless, with no qualifications and no exceptions. Jesus ends the passage by issuing a challenge, 'go and do likewise'.

Mike Hammond

Bible Readings:

Sunday 13th July

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 30.9-14

9 and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors,

10 when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11 Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away.

12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?'

13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?'

14 No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Colossians 1.1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,

5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel

6 that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.

7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,

8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10.25-37

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'

27 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'

28 And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

30 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.'

31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.

34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?'

37 He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Teas in Gaulby Church



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>

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

Heritage and Happiness in Horninghold



It's been a busy month for one of our Launde Minster Community parishes.

During June the churchyard of St Peter's Church in Horninghold came alive with the sound of music and the joyful ring of children's laughter, dogs barking and 'bubbly' conversation.

On 13 June, as part of the church's National Lottery Heritage Fund project activities and combining with 'Love Your Burial Ground' week, the PCC welcomed all the children and staff from the neighbouring Hallaton Church of England Primary School to spend a day in the churchyard.

The church's now annual Pets and Prosecco Service took place on Sunday 22 June, with 14 dogs joining the congregation to celebrate God's goodness in creation. Led by the Revd Canon Philip Norwood, with his faithful, four-legged friend, Tally, by his side, each dog was given a personal blessing during the service. Hector, a splendid pony, received his blessing outside the church.

Read the full story:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/heritage-and-happiness-in-horninghold.php>

Discover Horninghold's Heritage

Sunday 21st September 2-4pm



Hallaton Festival of Archaeology

Saturday 19th July to Sunday 3rd August

There are three great speakers on Saturday evenings in St Michael and All Angels Church:

Miriam Gill will talk about how medieval churches were decorated and show how Hallaton church might have looked 500 years ago

Peter Liddle will tell us about where the ordinary Romans lived, and

Vicki Score will give us an insight into what was happening in South Leicestershire in the millennia before the Roman invasion.

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

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 SERVICE TIMES'



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>

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>



Licensing Launde with God's Love



The licensing of the Revd Crystal McAllister, as Interim Oversight Minister in the Launde Deanery Minster Community, was held during morning prayer on Tuesday 1 July at Bishop's Lodge.

Revd Crystal was surrounded by family, friends, diocesan colleagues and those who have journeyed with her, prayed for her, and championed her along the way.

The service marked the beginning of this three-month role, which sees Revd Crystal move across the diocese from her Ordained Pioneer Minister position in the Framland Deanery.

Talking about this new challenge, and her calling to the role, Revd Crystal said: "I am really excited about the opportunity to lead Launde Minster Community over this interim period..."

"My hopes and plans would be a radical outpouring of God's love for people and the parishes in the Minster Community that is transformative," she explains.

"Three months is a short time; however, time isn't a concern for God! I pray that God gives me eyes to draw people's attention to the importance of stillness and

listening, to ask what the Spirit is calling God's people to do today, to explore, enable and equip communities to be communities of hope for current and future generations. I plan to visit parishes, break bread, walk, pray, and encourage others to join me in doing so, too."

Read the full story and see photographs here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/licensing-launde-with-gods-love.php>

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>

RECOGNISE

Monday 7 to Sunday 13 July



RECOGNISE is a national week of recognition for everyone involved in ministry with children, young people, and their families (CYPF).

Sunday 13 July is a day for churches nationwide to celebrate and thank those involved in this vital ministry. Within your normal church service on Sunday 13 July, give 10 minutes to 'recognise' those involved with CYPF Ministry in your church. Find out more and access resources here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/children-and-young-people/doubling-number-children-and-young-people/30k-project/recognise>

Find Your Joy - Volunteering Resources

New resources have been produced to promote ministry with children, young people and their families.

They include two films promoting volunteering and postcards to print and give out. **These are available for your church to use here:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/children-and-young-people/doubling-number-children-and-young-people/30k-project/find-your-joy-media-pack>

NEW - 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.



Gift Aid Training

Fridays 18, 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>

VJ Day 80th Anniversary Service

Thursday 14 August, 5.30-6.30pm – Leicester Cathedral

A civic service marking the 80th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of the Second World War, with music and bellringing. All welcome.

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/>

We Believe: Exploring the Nicene Creed

A new booklet of biblical reflections and prayers has been released to support churches, small groups and individuals mark the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

Structured as a 24-day devotional, *We Believe: Exploring the Nicene Creed* invites readers to engage prayerfully with each phrase of the Creed and to explore what it means to say "we believe" in the context of today's world.

Order *We believe* from Church House Publishing:

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/we-believe>

Minster Community Process: Check-in and Chat

Selected Thursdays, 12.30pm-1.30pm – Zoom

Upcoming dates: 31 July, 14 August, 28 August

The Minster Community process is rolling out across our diocese. You may have lots of questions around the process, such as what's happening, when, and why?

To help with your understanding of the process and listen to your perspective Beth Cluer, the Facilitation Lead for Minster Communities, is holding some 'Check in and Chat' sessions over Zoom. Please do feel free to come and chat with Beth. **Use this link to join the meetings:**

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/99029210542?pwd=fjzohV9bhwBEcKvBiqW1XMsYIzFvb4.1#success>

You can also email Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org

