



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 28th August 2025

Sunday 31st August, Trinity 11

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.*

11am **Gaulby Launde Deanery Service** (Revd Crystal McAllister) *This service will be livestreamed on Zoom*

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Sunday 7th September, Trinity 12, Harvest Thanksgiving

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 14th September, Trinity 13, Harvest Thanksgiving

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

10am **Gaulby** Morning Prayer (Hilary Painter)

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

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

Sunday 21st September, Trinity 14, Harvest Thanksgiving

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.*

11am **Billesdon** Songs of Praise (Lay led)

11am **Launde Deanery Zoom Service**

6pm **Keyham** Harvest Festival (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

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

6pm **Illston** Evening Prayer (Hilary Painter)

Sunday 28th September, Trinity 15, Harvest Thanksgiving

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

10.30am **Hungarton** Harvest Festival (Revd Crystal McAllister)

11am **Billesdon** Harvest Festival (Congregation led)

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 31st August 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Deanery Service **Livestream** from Gaulby

Leader and Reflection: Revd Crystal McAllister

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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

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Collect for Sunday 31st August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

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Reflection: Sunday 31st August 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

In the much-loved TV sketch that mocks the hypocrisy of society's class structure, the stars John Cleese, Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett play this in terms of physical stature. The two larger men have the advantage of looking up to or down on their neighbour, while the diminutive, put-upon Corbett declares, 'I know my place.' Knowing one's place in the social hierarchy can still be a problem for people today.

In our Gospel reading, we see Jesus at a feast in the home of a Pharisee. We learn that he is being watched by the guests, doubtless wishing to find fault in him. However, as the story progresses, we realise it is Jesus who is watching and observing the social games being played out, while those people who are confident of their own importance move to take up the places of honour next to the host.

However, Jesus tells his listeners that the host may still decide to demote the individuals who have chosen their position, causing them to lose face before the others. "For the exalted shall be humbled, the humble exalted. The first shall be last and the last first."

In this parable of the wedding feast, Jesus reiterates the teaching given in Proverbs 25 vv6-7. Our world attaches so much importance to status, be it by reputation, income, lifestyle or work; *all the vain things that charm us most*.

In this world, where would we place ourselves, before our host?

The context of the parable is of course a wedding feast, which points to another, greater wedding feast, which will take place when Jesus comes again in judgment. Our hope is that we will be participants at that feast; confident in Him, not in ourselves, for all are received at the altar in the Holy Communion service. All are equally welcomed, equally loved and blessed.

Revd John Taylor

Bible Readings:

Sunday 31st August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18

- 12 The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
- 13 For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely.
- 14 The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place.
- 15 The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place.
- 16 The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.
- 17 He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth.
- 18 Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Or:

Proverbs 25.6-7

- 6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;
- 7 for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

- 13 Let mutual love continue.
- 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
- 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.
- 4 Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'

6 So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14.1, 7-14

14 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.

8 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;

9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Additional Collect for Sunday 31st August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Tugby Church: Revd Chris Webb

We have been so fortunate in Tugby that Chris has celebrated Holy Communion with us regularly as well as leading Christmas and Easter services, weddings and baptisms.

His last service in Tugby will be on 7th September at 6pm.

Everyone is invited to join us for the service and for light refreshments afterwards.

It would help for catering arrangements if you would let Janet know if you intend to come (07762600252)

Ride + Stride

It's the time of year when I encourage friends to sponsor me for the Ride + Stride, raising money for the LeicesterShire Historic Churches Trust to enable them to make grants for church and chapel repairs within the city and county. This year, however, I can't stride, only hobble, as I am waiting for a hip replacement. I will be visiting churches on 13 September but only by car! **However the need for funds is no less than before so please support me on my fundraising page:** https://www.goodhub.com/go/leicestershire-historic-churches-trust-200868?fbclid=IwY2xjawMZc_hleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHrNRjhSkY2IUSVqo0OXoRW7bcu7o0vJmw5yYCw-YgwWZu-9kegOhKtXbKzS_aem_fk4WS6XbpqEs1HOb3VLSXg

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Many thanks indeed. Jeff Hopewell.

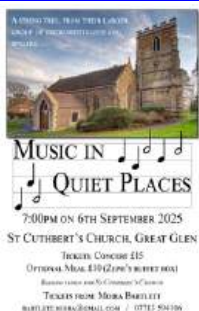
Music in Quiet Places

Saturday 6th September at 7pm

St Cuthbert's Church, Great Glen

Tickets from Moira Bartlett 07713 594106

BARTLETTMOIRA@GMAIL.COM



Reflection by Emily Owen, 'Open Ears'

On Sunday 17th August, we were delighted to welcome Emily Owen from the charity 'Open Ears' to provide the Reflection at our Minster Community Zoom Service.

'Open Ears' is a Christian Charity which supports anyone affected by impaired hearing. See this link to their website:

<https://www.openears.org.uk>

Emily, who lost her hearing at aged 21, is inspirational.

This is her website: <https://www.emily-owen.com>

With Emily's permission, we recorded her Reflection on Sunday. You can listen to it here:

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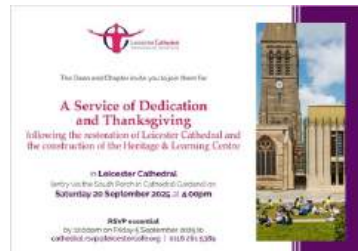
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Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving, Leicester Cathedral

Saturday 20th September at 4pm

To: PCC Secretaries - and please forward to anyone you think may be interested



Dear Friends,

I have been sent the email below and asked to remind you of the forthcoming deadline (**Friday 5th September**) for applying for places for this service where 2 spaces have been reserved for each parish.

Greetings,

I hope you are well.

Please find attached an invitation to our Dedication and Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 20th September at 4:00pm.

We would really love to welcome representatives from across the city and county to join us, so would like to offer up to two spaces for each parish on this occasion.

*Due to the capacity of the Cathedral, an RSVP is essential, so please ensure you email Cathedral.RSVP@leicestercofe.org or call on 0116 261 5389 if you would like to attend, with the names of those attending and the name of your parish. Please RSVP by **Friday 5th September 2025**. We hope to be able to accommodate everybody, but, if necessary, we will allocate on a first come first served basis.*

This email has been circulated to all Parish Secretaries. Please do speak with your incumbents as relevant to make arrangements.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you!

Many thanks,

Sophie Blacklock

Dean's Assistant

Sophie.Blacklock@LeicesterCofE.org | 0116 261 5389



Some of you may not know that I am part of the Diocesan Women's Ministry Group. As a group, we are committed to creating a space for the women in our diocese, whether authorised, licensed, ordained, or lay, to meet, make connections and encourage one another. Our next in-person gathering is on **Tuesday, 16th September at 7pm. At St Andrews Church, Leicester Forest East.**

The Venerable Archdeacon Claire Wood will be sharing a reflection entitled '**Changing the world quietly, patiently, courageously and boldly**'. Bishop Martyn and Bishop Saju will be there too. If you would like to come, please book your place by 2nd September and state any dietary requirements you have. Please RSVP to dwmg@leicestercofe.org if you wish to attend. This is a FREE event. As part of the evening, a finger buffet is being provided. ***I do hope to see some people from Launde Minster Community there.***

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

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>

Sunday 31st August from 3pm at Launde Abbey
 Booking essential Contact: Patrick Rendall
patrickandfrances@btinternet.com



Wednesday 24th September 6.30 for 7.15pm start
***Policing is not what you think* with Uel Sandford**



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

Sunday 21st September 2-4pm



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 August and September 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 or SEPTEMBER 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>



Revd Chris Webb

After 11 brilliant years at Launde Abbey, some of them also so as Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, the Revd Chris Webb (Deputy Warden) will be leaving in mid-September to be Priest-in-Charge of St Cuthbert's Church, Blyth, in the Diocese of Newcastle, and to be nearer to his family in the north.

Revd Alison Myers, Warden of the Abbey, writes: "He, and his ministry here, have been loved by many and we are very sad to see him go. I have valued, personally, his companionship and his deep prayerfulness as we have led the Abbey together over the last four years. We know that he will be equally loved and valued in his new post, and he and Sally have our support and prayers for the transition."

There will be an informal opportunity to pop-in to the Abbey to say farewell to Chris between 2pm and 5pm on Thursday 18 September.

Please let the Abbey know via info@launde.org.uk if you intend to drop by that afternoon, and you are welcome to stay to Evening Prayer at 5pm.

If you would like to contribute to a thank you gift for Chris then please contact accounts@launde.org.uk for details of how to do so.

Ride+Stride - Church and Chapel List Now Available

The list of 310 churches that will be open for Ride+Stride (so far) on Saturday 13 September is now live.

Visit the website: <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

If you have not yet registered, there's still time. Use the form half way down the same web page.

The Trust is very grateful to all local church organisers for their help and support!

The Ride+Stride fundraising platform is in full swing at:

<https://www.goodhub.com/go/lhct-ride-and-stride>

Everything is gearing up for a very successful Ride+Stride – opening churches and chapels for the day and raising funds for repairs and improvements.

A Call to Prayer for Upcoming Tanzania Trip

The purpose of life is found in little moments and opportunities given to us by God, and what greater joy can we have than when the opportunity is about advancing his Kingdom?

This September, a team from the Diocese of Leicester, led by Revd Dave Rollett, will be travelling to Tanzania to visit our link partner dioceses of Kilimanjaro and Kiteto.

They will be heading out for approximately two weeks on Thursday 4 September, to accomplish a mission in faith, friendships and purpose, and discover the daily lives of

Save the Date: Safeguarding Sunday 2025

On Sunday 16 November 2025 and over the following weeks, thousands of churches and worshipping communities from diverse backgrounds and traditions will join together to shout about safeguarding and help protect vulnerable people.

This initiative, spearheaded by Thirtyone:eight, invites communities to come together to reflect on their safeguarding journey, and highlight all the good work that is being done to create safer places. **Find out more:**

<https://safeguardingsunday.org>

'Stepping Into the Bible' Retreat

Monday 20 to Thursday 23 October – Launde Abbey

For many people, including Christians, the Bible is a bit of a closed book; this retreat opens it up.

Step into the world of the Bible and discover an evolving story in which people struggle with the same questions as we do, and where old ideas are discarded and are replaced by new.

The retreat will be led by Canon Dr Peter Sills, an experienced and engaging spiritual teacher and pilgrimage guide. **See full details here:**

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/event/steppingintothebeble/>

Heartedge Conference: Living God's Future Now

Tuesday 28 October, 10.00am-19:30pm – St Martins House

Led by a team from St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, discover practical tools and fresh perspectives to invigorate your parishes' mission and ministry in both rural and urban contexts. Through workshops, theological insights, and moments of worship, this day aims to equip your church to flourish in compassion, creativity, and community engagement.

Tickets are £25 including lunch. Bring friends for an additional £10 each.

Followed by an Evening Concert by St Martin's Choral Scholars at St Nicholas Church – 6.30pm-7.30pm. (Can be booked separately.)

See full details and book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/living-gods-future-now-making-your-churchs-heart-sing-tickets-1425700060259>

Getting Started With Contactless Giving

Monday 15 September, 12pm-1pm – Online

Interested in offering contactless giving in your church but not sure where to start? This webinar will guide you through things to consider, the different devices currently available via Parish Buying, what the next steps are and where to find more information and support. **Register here:** https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hblNcCTfQXSqNix2hbclPA#/registration

Church Wardens and Church Officers Training Day

Saturday 20 September, 9am-1.30pm – St Andrew's Church, Leicester Forest East

With the support of diocesan staff, the Registry, a DAC Architect and Ecclesiastical Insurance, the Archdeacons' Office invite you to the annual Churchwardens and Church Officers Training Day.

Further details will be sent to Churchwardens at the beginning of September.

Music and Faith Intercultural Celebration

Saturday 30 August 5-7pm – St Mary's Church, Humberstone

This evening will be an intercultural celebration of the spiritual connection between music and faith. Music inspires and unites us, deepening our shared faith experience.

While rooted in the Christian tradition, this event will be a welcoming space allowing people of all cultures and beliefs to come together and experience community, creativity, and conversation through music, storytelling, and food. All are welcome. **View the poster:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Music-Faith-poster.jpg>

For more information, email Roy Kirk at roy.kirk90@yahoo.com

Opening Churches & Church Security Webinar

Wednesday 3 Sept, 7.30-8.30pm – Zoom

Are you wanting to open your church building more to the community, occasional visitor or tourist but worried about the safety and security implications of this or how to manage it? Heather Ford, Church Support Manager with Ecclesiastical will lead this session and take you through the steps and measures you can undertake to protect the building and its contents. Busting the myths and sharing positive examples of opening churches.

This is part of a series of free webinars from the Church Buildings Team in partnership with Ecclesiastical Insurance. The final webinar will be taking place at 7.30-8.30pm on Zoom:

Climate Change & Net Carbon Zero – 1 Oct

Paul and Antisemitism Seminars

Tuesday, 9 September, 10am – St Philip's Centre, Leicester

A series of seminars on Apostle Paul and Antisemitism with Rev Dr. Tom Wilson and a Jewish colleague.

The sessions will be held on the following dates:

- Did Paul stop “being a Jew” Tuesday 9 September, 10am
- Did Paul lie when evangelising? Tuesday 14 October, 10am
- Did Paul call Jewish people dogs? Tuesday 11 November, 10am
- Who were the weak and the strong in Corinth? Tuesday 9

December, 10am
All are welcome to attend.

Journey in Faith Course - Introduction

Saturday 13 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House

A day to launch the Journey in Faith course.

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
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life

If you would like more information before joining please feel free to contact Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

Enrol on our learning hub:

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

Ven Richard Worsfold, Archdeacon of Leicester

We are holding a collection towards a gift for Richard which will be presented to him at his farewell service on 15 September to thank him for 30 years of ministry in this Diocese.

If you would like to contribute, you can do so by bank transfer, using the reference 'RW Gift' as follows:

- Sort code: 20-49-37
 - Account number: 90577103
 - Account name: Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance
- Alternatively, you can send a cheque payable to 'Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance' to:
Sonal Pankhania, Finance Office, **St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ.**

Please write 'RW Gift' on the back of the cheque.

Farewell Service for The Venerable Richard Worsfold

Monday 15 September, 5.30pm – Leicester Cathedral

All are invited to attend this service of thanks for Richard's 30 years of ministry in Leicestershire as he moves to be Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester.

Vocations Conversation

Saturday 11 October, 9.30-11am – Bishop's Lodge

Join Bishop Saju and Revd Sue Willetts for an informal vocations conversation. **Watch Bishop Saju's invitation here:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/st-wistan-said-yes--who-else-might-god-be-calling.php>

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Claire.Stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org

Getting the Most Out of Contactless Giving

Tuesday 10 October, 10-11am – Online

Explore the ways to get the most out of your contactless device: top tips from successful churches, advice on reporting and Gift Aid, and more. **Register here:**

https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CmLyGfErT62jhtkojqaeA#/registration

Update to National Safeguarding Resources

The following documents have now been officially withdrawn from the Church of England website, as they have been superseded by updated guidance and codes of practice:

- Parish Safeguarding Handbook
- Protecting All God's Children
- Promoting a Safe Church (2006)

These documents are no longer in use, so please ensure that any printed copies are removed and securely disposed of.

All current safeguarding guidance is now available in the **Church of England's Safeguarding e-manual** which should be your first point of reference for policy and practice. **Read more:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/notices/important-update-regarding-national-safeguarding-resources.php>

Generosity Week is a celebration of God's generosity that is lived out in our churches and parishes. It gives us an opportunity to engage with and support the wider community as we celebrate the generosity found. This isn't a celebration of 'our' generosity but God's, which is found within the church and outside it.

To start planning and promoting Generosity Week, take these three steps:

1. **Pick a week – the national week runs from Sunday 28 September to Sunday 5 October** but if another time works better for you, do it then.
2. Choose what to do – think what your church needs and look through the resources available (see below).
3. Plan your Sundays – two Sundays works well as it gives you one chance to explore gratitude and one to consider generosity. To get you started, there are service outlines, sermon starters and prayers – all generosity themed.

If you would like to find out more or would like support in planning a Generosity Week in your church, contact our Parish Giving Officer at Laura.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org or 07897003488. **Find resources and more information:** <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/generosity-resources/generosity-week/generosity-week-resources-churches>

Bishop's Lecture 2025: Professor Lord Tarassenko

**Thursday 30 October, 5.30pm-7.00pm –
Loughborough University**

The lecture will be given by the Professor Lord Tarassenko entitled *'Will we still need God when we reach Artificial General Intelligence?'*

Professor Lord (Lionel) Tarassenko CBE FREng FMedSci is the first president of Reuben College. He is a world-leading expert in the application of signal processing and machine learning to healthcare, with a strong track record in translation to clinical medicine. He was appointed as a non-party-political peer in the House of Lords in May 2024.

Further information and booking details:

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/chaplaincy/chaplaincy-events/2025/bishops-lecture-2025/>

Part of the 'Chaplaincy Lectures', a joint initiative between the Bishop of Leicester and universities in Leicester and Loughborough.

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

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