



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 17th July 2025

Sunday 20th July, Trinity 5

10.30am **Keyham** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
 11am **Billesdon** Songs of Praise (Andrea Grindley))
 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 Hopewell)
 11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
 11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**
 6pm **Gaulby** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

AUGUST

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

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Sunday 20th July 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader and Reflection: Hilary Painter

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 20th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
 by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is
 governed and sanctified:
 hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful
 people,
 that in their vocation and ministry
 they may serve you in holiness and truth
 to the glory of your name;
 through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reflection: Sunday 20th July 2025

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Luke 10. 38-end

In today's gospel, Jesus visits the home of Martha and her sister Mary. Mary finds time to sit and listen to Jesus, but Martha is too busy with her chores and grumbles about the lack of help from her sister.

From one point of view, Mary's position, sitting at Jesus' feet, shows her to be an ideal disciple. She hangs on every word that Jesus utters, putting listening and learning over doing. She has prioritised spiritual learning over housework, much to her sister's disgust.

Martha meanwhile is all action. Hospitality and tidiness for her is a virtue; however, her anxiety and general grumpiness reveal an imbalance. When she appeals to Jesus, he gently tells her that this time Mary has chosen the better part. He doesn't condemn Martha's service, rather he addresses her anxieties. Her problem isn't what she's doing, but what's driving her. Immaculate hospitality shouldn't come before time spent with one's guest.

How easy it is for us to become overcommitted, fretful to have lost our sense of balance. Spiritually we are running on empty. Often it needs someone else to tell us, gently, that the time has come to re-balance our lives.

Like Mary, we need to re-centre our lives on Christ, learning to listen and reflect before doing. Also we can practise leaving the treadmill of our lives for a while to sit at Christ's feet, through reading scripture, prayer and enjoying, for all it's man-made imperfections, God's wonderful world.

As the hymn says:

Teach me my God and King,

In all things Thee to see,

And what I do in anything,

To do it as for Thee.

If you're going on holiday or having a staycation, try to leave work and home worries behind for a while. Find times to sit and think and other times to just sit.

Every blessing.

Hilary Painter

Bible Readings:

Sunday 20th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 18.1-10a

1 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

3 He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant.

4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.'

6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.'

7 Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.'

10 Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Colossians 1.15-28

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-all things have been created through him and for him.

17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-

23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.

25 I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,

26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10.38-end

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

41 But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;

42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Additional Collect for Sunday 13th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,

send down upon your Church

the riches of your Spirit,

and kindle in all who minister the gospel

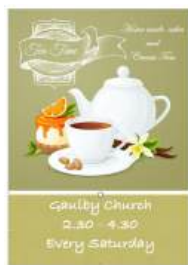
your countless gifts of grace;

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>

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

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

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: 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: 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=IwQ0xDSwLbAFVleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHqoVymHOOmHPmvr0lbdK2zEYD7YQlgi8qSOYOpBhdkQsITLwNQGKRsmgRQ7K_aem_ujG5KrdDAnv8ZJuaC7cNQ

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.

NEW: 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>

UKME/GMH Gathering

Thursday 24 July, 6pm – St Martins House, Leicester

This evening aims to empower and nurture potential leaders from minority ethnic and global majority backgrounds. Through workshops, storytelling, and discussions, the event will focus on enhancing leadership skills and fostering personal growth.

Revd Liz Rawlings, Diocesan Discipleship & Vocations Enabler, will be sharing insights on the leadership and vocations pathways.

Open to all across the Diocese.

Food will be served at 6pm. **Register on our Learning Hub:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/umke-gmh-gathering-july/>

For more information, contact Intercultural Worshipping Community Project Administrator Dinta

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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>

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>

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.

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>

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

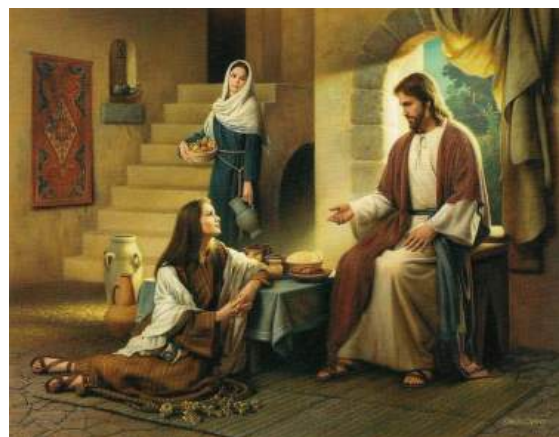
Upcoming dates: 31 July, 14 August, 28 August

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=fjzohV9bhWBEckvBiqW1XMsYlZFvb4.1#success>

You can also email Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org



Luke 10.38-end

