



# Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Trinity

9am **Skeffington** CW Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion Patronal Festival (Revd Jonathan Dowman)

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

6pm **Gaulby** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

2pm **Hallaton** Funeral of Joy Wilby *To be livestreamed*

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity 2

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

11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

4pm **Gaulby** Songs of Praise, followed by refreshments (Congregational led)

6pm **Knossington** Choral Evensong sung by the Melton Church Choir *Deanery-wide event*

## JULY

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Trinity 3

**10.30am Church Langton Joint Deanery Service and Farewell to Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman** followed by refreshments and a picnic in the grounds of Church Langton School



11am Launde Deanery **Zoom Service**

4pm **Billesdon** Choral Evensong (Revd John Taylor)

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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=HD1LgagamMFBN2y1m7p226w0h2KVkj.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969. Passcode: 470000

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 11.00am Zoom

### Launde Parishes Zoom Service

**Leader & Reflection:** Madeleine Wang

**To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:**

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

**Meeting ID:** 836 7967 6342

**Passcode:** 079282

**DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE: T. 0203 481**

**5240** Enter the **Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342** followed by #

Enter the **Passcode: 079282** followed by #

## Contact Us:

Hilary Painter: 0116 259 9752

[hilarypainter@rocketmail.com](mailto:hilarypainter@rocketmail.com)

Keith Evans, Church Warden 01162596438/

07754395006 [keithevans6@btinternet.com](mailto:keithevans6@btinternet.com)

## Collect for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

### First Sunday after Trinity Sunday

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

### First Sunday after Trinity

#### 1 Kings 19: 1-15

Have you ever had a huge triumph in your life and then straight after run into some problem that has 'floored' you completely. If you have then this story of Elijah probably resonates with you. Having won a mighty victory for God over the followers of Baal a Canaanite fertility God that had become popular in Israel, Elijah is immediately threatened with death by Jezebel the archetypal wicked queen and a power force behind her wicked and rather weak husband King Ahab. Victory forgotten, Elijah runs to the desert, where like Jonah he sits under a tree wishing to die, then he goes to sleep. God sends an angel to feed him, let him sleep, then feed him again. This shows God's care for Elijah's physical needs as well as his spiritual ones. This is a message to all Christian leaders and workers to look after themselves mentally and physically to avoid burnout. Only when Elijah was refreshed did he move on to Horeb, where God dealt with his spiritual problems. When God asks why Elijah is there, Elijah states that he is the only person left who works for God. This is not true there are 7,000 others in Israel (Verse 18), but God wants to show Elijah that although God can work in the

miraculous represented in the Wind, Earthquake and Fire, God can also work in the quiet and the normal still small voice. It is in the normal and every day, that God more often speaks. Then God gently sets Elijah back to work again for him, renewed in body, mind and spirit. In Launde Minster community with all the demands and the lack of resources, it is easy for us to become like Elijah, burnt out and depressed. This story is given us to remind us that God cares for our whole life and being not just for what we can do for Him.

Mike Hammond

## Bible Readings:

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

### First Sunday after Trinity

#### Isaiah 65.1-9

1 I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me. I said,  
'Here I am, here I am',  
to a nation that did not call on my name.  
2 I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not  
good,  
following their own devices;  
3 a people who provoke me  
to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
4 who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's  
flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
5 who say, 'Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These  
are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.  
6 See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed  
repay into their laps  
7 their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the Lord ; because they offered incense on the  
mountains  
and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their  
laps  
full payment for their actions.  
8 Thus says the Lord : As the wine is found in the  
cluster,  
and they say, 'Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants'  
sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my  
chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

#### Galatians 3.23-end

23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and  
guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ  
came, so that we might be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer  
subject to a disciplinarian,

26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through  
faith.

27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have  
clothed yourselves with Christ.

28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer  
slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all  
of you are one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's  
offspring, heirs according to the promise.

#### Luke 8.26-39

26 Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes,  
which is opposite Galilee.

27 As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had  
demons met him. For a long time he had worn no  
clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and  
shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do  
with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do  
not torment me'-

29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come  
out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he  
was kept under guard and bound with chains and  
shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by  
the demon into the wilds.)

30 Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said,  
'Legion'; for many demons had entered him.

31 They begged him not to order them to go back into  
the abyss.

32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was  
feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter  
these. So he gave them permission.

33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered  
the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank  
into the lake and was drowned.

34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they  
ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

35 Then people came out to see what had happened,  
and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from  
whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus,  
clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who  
had been possessed by demons had been healed.

37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the  
Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were  
seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and  
returned.

38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged  
that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away,  
saying,

39 'Return to your home, and declare how much God  
has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming  
throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

## Additional Collect for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June First Sunday after Trinity

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.

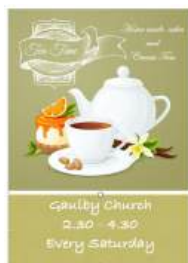
**Amen**

## 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>

## 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.

## Horninghold Summer Party, Horninghold Hall

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 6.30 to 9.30pm**

**See poster for ticket sales**

**HORNINGHOLD SUMMER PARTY**  
By kind permission of  
Peter and Jayne Webb  
at Horninghold Hall, Horninghold LE16 8DH  
On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
6.30pm to 9.30pm

**Ticket Price: £25 (includes wrap and dessert)**  
Children Under 11 FREE

**In aid of St. Peter's Church Fabric Fund**  
**BACS: Sort Code: 30-95-47 Acc: 00648658**  
(Cheques payable to SPIRE)

**Food:**  
-Pork and beef wraps supplied by  
Launde Farm Foods  
Served with salad and a choice of sauces  
Vegetarian and gluten free options available

**Activities:**  
-Pudding table with scrumptious  
desserts  
-Bar selling Wines, Prosecco, Beers and soft drinks (cash or card)  
-Entertainment by professional jazz/swing singer Gareth John  
-Raffle in aid of Air Ambulance and LOROS  
-Auction

Tickets are now on sale, please contact:-  
Jayne Webb: 01558 555187 ([horningholdhall@me.com](mailto:horningholdhall@me.com))  
Katie Holmes: 01558 555664 ([katieholmes1941@btout.com](mailto:katieholmes1941@btout.com))  
Mary Twidell: 01558 555204 ([mary.twidell@gmail.com](mailto:mary.twidell@gmail.com))  
Sandra Griffin: 01558 555247 ([sandragriffin@gmail.com](mailto:sandragriffin@gmail.com))  
[horninghold.pcc@gmail.com](mailto:horninghold.pcc@gmail.com)

**No Smoking on the premises**

## Tugby Village Hall Quiz Night

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 7-10pm with 2 course supper**

For more information and to book contact: Madeleine  
Wang

[Madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com](mailto:Madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com)

**Tugby Village Hall**



**7 -10pm Sat 28th June**  
**£15pp**  
**With a 2-course supper**

For more information or to book  
contact  
[Madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com](mailto:Madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com)  
This is a church fundraiser

## Tugby Agape Service

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 6.30pm**

To reserve a place contact [madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com](mailto:madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com)



## Leading Intercessions:

### St Andrew's Church, Great Easton

**June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am and June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

Six Saints circa Holt  
**June 18th 2025 10.30am**  
**June 25th 2025 19.30pm**



**Leading Prayers in Church**  
**St. Andrew's, Great Easton**

Curious about leading prayers at church but  
not sure how to begin? Come to one (or  
both!) of our relaxed sessions for some tips  
and inspiration. Everyone's welcome!

## Midsummer in Song at Fotheringhay

**Celebrate the Summer Solstice on Saturday**  
**21<sup>st</sup> June by joining the Harboursingers at**  
**Fotheringhay Church for an evening of song,**  
**strawberries and a glass of something cool and**  
**fizzy.**

**The evening will begin at 6pm**

Tickets are £16 and include a glass of bubbles (prosecco or  
elderflower) and strawberries. Perfect for midsummer.

From [www.harboursingers.com](http://www.harboursingers.com)

Box Office Adele on 07581 341957 or

Email [adele\\_rogers@ymail.com](mailto:adele_rogers@ymail.com)

## Launde Minster Community June 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: 'JUNE/ JULY SERVICE TIMES'

### 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>

### 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>



## The National Churches Survey

The National Churches Trust is carrying out a survey to help policymakers, the media, and the wider public better understand the challenges churches face and to highlight the vital work that churches, like yours, do.

This survey has the support of denominations, faith, and heritage groups across the country. Your response will provide essential evidence to build a clearer picture – to tell a stronger, more informed story about your church, and others like it, so that we can address some of the biggest challenges facing churches and help ensure their future. Please complete The National Churches Survey. The more churches that take part, the more impactful it will be. The survey is live until 30 June.

[Take part at nationalchurchestrust.org/survey](https://nationalchurchestrust.org/survey)

## NEW: Fire Service Chaplains

**Due to personnel moving on and or retiring, there is a need for additional Fire Service Chaplains.**

There are a number of Fire Stations to place chaplains, clergy and/or lay people.

If this is an area where you feel that God may be calling you to be a part of, then please contact Revd John

Bird: [John.fire.chaplaincy@outlook.com](mailto:John.fire.chaplaincy@outlook.com)

## Energy Footprint Tool Reminder

**Has your church filled in the Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) yet?**

The Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) is an easy-to-use online tool that will reveal your church's carbon footprint, based on the energy you use to heat and light your buildings. All the information you need to fill in the EFT can be found on your church energy bills and should take less than an hour to complete.

Across the Church of England, Leicester is one of 12 dioceses which have achieved over 30% so far – we'd love as many churches as possible to take part.

*The deadline for completion is 30 June 2025.*

**Find out more:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/caring-for-gods-precious-gift-of-creation.php>

## NEW - Introduction to Church Insurance Webinar

**Wednesday 9 July, 7.30-8.30pm – Zoom**

Heather Ford, Church Support Manager with Ecclesiastical, will lead this session to help you understand your Ecclesiastical church insurance policy. It will provide an overview in easy to understand language, address common questions and go through the many resources available to help you administer your policy.

To register, email [ChurchBuildings@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:ChurchBuildings@LeicesterCofE.org)

*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:*

*Health & Safety – 6 August*

*Opening Churches & Church Security – 3 Sept*

*Climate Change & Net Carbon Zero – 1 Oct*

## 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. **Download service ideas and a blessing:** <https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/recognise.pdf>

## Journeying with the Psalms through Life's Ups and Downs

St Dionysius traditionally makes much of their choir at services such as Nine Lessons & Carols, and their Easter Vigil, but saw an opportunity to create an event for the summer.

"I have often been struck by the honesty of the psalms and how they bring voice to both the ups and downs of life," explains Revd Phil. "The idea developed for a service that journeys through the different forms of psalms. I thought it could be a powerful act of gathered worship and provide an opportunity for the special involvement of the choir." Revd Phil worked with Pam Abbott, the choir coordinator and Jane Holyland, one of their organists, to set out a journey through the psalms that marks different tones; those that cry out in lament, those that are reflective, and those that are joyous – including an acclamation of God as creator of the world.

"Although the psalms are ancient texts, and the specific contexts in which they were written vary from our own contexts, there is nevertheless a commonality that resonates," says Revd Phil. "The sense of crying out to God in the midst of personal struggles and at the injustices in the world around is relevant today, and indeed throughout history. Similarly, the more joyous notes of thanksgiving and exultation are relatable even if the specific context is different."

The team are hopeful that through the readings, liturgy, music and silence there will be space for people to come to God with whatever is going on in their lives and the wider world.

**The inaugural Festival of Psalms is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 6-7.30pm. All are welcome**

More about St Dionysius: <https://www.harborough-anglican.org.uk/stdionysius>

## Create a Self-guided Tour of Your Church

**Church Explorer is a new app that allows you to create interactive self-guided tours of your church.**

You can include photos, floor plans, audio and video to help visitors learn about your church or churchyard in an engaging way.

You can also link a groups of churches with a 'pilgrimage' trail, and accept donations through the app. **Find out more about Church Explorer:** <https://at-creative.co.uk/churchexplorer-app/>

## Marriage Law Webinar

**Monday 23 June, 3.30pm – Zoom**

This is an essential, free, online training session designed to equip clergy, parish officers, and administrators with the latest guidance on marriage law within the Church of England.

This webinar will cover key legal responsibilities, including banns, qualifying connections, immigration considerations, and the correct completion of marriage documentation. This session will suit those new to the area or in need of a refresher.

*Speakers: Lee Coley, Diocesan Registrar and Frances Reynolds, Registry Assistant, Stone King LLP*

Book to receive the Zoom link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tyB76jxKSEyJrQ\\_1qPBBVQ#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tyB76jxKSEyJrQ_1qPBBVQ#/registration)

## Minster Community Process: Check-in and Chat Selected Thursdays, 12.30pm-1.30pm – Zoom

**Upcoming dates: 19 June, 3 July, 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](mailto:Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org)

