



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletters

Edition Date: Thursday 26th June 2025

Friday 27th June

2pm **Hallaton** Funeral of Joy Wilby *To be livestreamed, see covering email*

Sunday 29th June, Trinity 2, Peter and Paul

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 6th 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 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 29th June 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader: Hilary Painter

Reflection: Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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

Meeting ID: 836 7967 6342

Passcode: 079282

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Collect for Sunday 29th June

Second Sunday after Trinity Sunday Peter and Paul

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
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 29th June 2025

Second Sunday after Trinity Peter and Paul

'Who do YOU say I am?' asks Jesus. People had been trying to understand this enigmatic, charismatic figure whose words and works spoke of power and authority. Some said John the Baptist, others Elijah or Jeremiah – which would suggest that Jesus could be a resurrected incarnation.

'But what do YOU think?' Jesus asks of his disciples; perhaps the most challenging question, not just then, but now.

Peter – who else? – answers. 'You are the Christ, son of the Living God.' Today, when we remember the apostle Peter, he appears to us as one of the giants of the Christian faith, yet in this encounter with Jesus, Peter experienced a rare moment of true insight, without fully understanding the import of his answer; he was in fact a fallible human being, like you or me.

Peter became the self-appointed leader of the twelve disciples. He was probably well intentioned and always the first to speak up. From what we know he was an ordinary, married, uneducated fisherman. He was

impetuous, boastful and vain-glorious. At the last supper he wanted to refuse his feet washing by Jesus. When Jesus, aware of his coming crucifixion, talks of how the disciples will all fall away, Peter declares, 'Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you' (Matthew 26) but of course he will indeed deny his Lord, three times; a form of betrayal.

And yet...Jesus saw qualities in this flawed man who, after his humbling reinstatement (John 21) and the power of the Spirit of Pentecost, rose to become the leader of the Church. Peter is everyone. Fallible because human yet humbly accepting our weakness, we can, in God's power, play our part in God's purposes.

Rev'd John Taylor

Bible Readings:

Sunday 29th June

Second Sunday after Trinity

Peter and Paul

Zechariah 4.1-6a, 10b-end

1 The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep.

2 He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it.

3 And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.'

4 I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?'

5 Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.'

6 He said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts.

10 For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. 'These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.'

11 Then I said to him, 'What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?'

12 And a second time I said to him, 'What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?'

13 He said to me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.'

14 Then he said, 'These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.'

Acts 12.1-11

12 About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church.

2 He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

3 After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

4 When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him,

intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

5 While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

6 The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison.

7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists.

8 The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.'

9 Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision.

10 After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him.

11 Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Matthew 16.13-19

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?'

14 And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

15 He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'

16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

17 And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Additional Collect for Sunday 29th June

2nd Sunday after Trinity, Peter and Paul

Almighty God,

who inspired your apostle Saint Peter

to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:

build up your Church upon this rock,

that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth

and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **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 5th July 6.30 to 9.30pm

See poster for ticket sales



Discover Horninghold's Heritage

Sunday 21st September 2-4pm



Tugby Village Hall Quiz Night

Saturday 28th June 7-10pm with 2 course supper

For more information and to book contact: Madeleine Wang

Madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com

Tugby Village Hall



Tugby Agape Service

Thursday 3rd July at 6.30pm

To reserve a place contact madeleine.v.wang@gmail.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>



NEW: 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/>

NEW: 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>

NEW: Ride+Stride 2025

We're looking forward to Ride+Stride on 13 September 2025 – opening churches and chapels for the day and raising funds for repairs and improvements.

More than 200 churches and chapels are now registered to be open. To register your church or chapel, please use the form half way down the **Ride and Stride** webpage: <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Online fundraising for Ride+Stride has

moved platform, from JustGiving to GoodHub. **Donate or join as a fundraiser here:**

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

NEW - Bible Together: The Psalms

Tuesdays 1, 8 & 15 July, 1.30-2.30pm – Leicester Cathedral or St Nicholas Church.

Or Wednesdays 2, 9 & 16 July, 7-8pm – Zoom

This free three-week course, provides an introduction to the Psalms, exploring their beauty, wisdom, depth of emotion and profound messages of hope, faith, and praise. Read, listen, and wonder together, while trying out spiritual practices which may inspire and guide your own Bible study outside of the course.

'Bible Together' is an approach to discipleship used at Leicester Cathedral, centred around storytelling, conversation and wondering about God together. **Visit Eventbrite to book onto the online course:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bible-together-the-psalms-a-3-week-course-online-tickets-1316336300309>

Contact Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org to book the in-person course, or for more information.

NEW: 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.

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>

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.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey>

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
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://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/recognise.pdf>

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/>

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

Zoom

Upcoming dates: 3 July, 31 July, 14 August, 28 August

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



Matthew 16.13-19

