



The Coplow Benefice

Edition Date: Friday 11th June 2021

Services – In Person: June 2021

Sunday 13th June

Keyham: 11.00 am Holy Communion

Led by: The Revd. Alison Booker

Sunday 20th June

Skeffington: 9.00 am Holy Communion (Common Worship) Led by Revd. Alison Booker

Preacher: Nathan Booker

Sunday 27th June

Billesdon: Billesdon Patronal Service: 11.00 am

Led by: The Revd. Alison Booker

Gaulby: Gaulby Patronal Service: 6.00 pm

Led by: The Revd. Alison Booker and Hilary Painter

Services – Online:

Saturday Morning Prayer: 9.00 am - 12th June

Join Zoom Service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381910742?pwd=SE16MldSb2Zld21seTFaWW5GN0NvUT09>

Meeting ID: 853 8191 0742

Passcode: 473657

Every Sunday at 10 am Sunday Worship on Zoom for the

Bigger Coplow Benefice: (Parishes: Gaulby Group, Billesdon & Goadby, Skeffington, Hungarton & Keyham)

Sunday 13th June at 10.00 am

Trinity Two

Leader: Revd. Alison Booker

Preacher: Hilary Painter

To Join Zoom Service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84800854662?pwd=dXNtSmwxOUZtSkx1MVNRMHE0cEJEdz09>

Meeting ID: 848 0085 4662

Passcode: 529857

DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE:

T. 0203 481 5240 enter the **Meeting ID:** 848 0085 4662 followed by #. Enter the **Passcode:** 529857 followed by #

Private Prayer in Church:

Billesdon Church is open for private prayer.

EVERY THURSDAY 10.30am - 11.30am.

A Prayer for The Day

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Light a virtual candle

Light a candle to pray for yourself, for a loved one or for a situation. Please click the link below.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/light-candle>

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Shaped by God Together:

Bishop Martyn explores Diocesan Priorities.

In this fifth video, Bishop Martyn talks about becoming 'Reconciling Communities'.

Please see the link below to listen to this latest video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JgaRkfxhC5Y>

Bishop Martyn's Sermon

Please see the link below to read the sermon made by Bishop Martyn on Trinity Sunday at the Launde Deanery Service.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/3500/news/56688/trinity-sunday-address-by-bishop-martyn/>

Diocesan Synod Address – May 2021

Diocesan Synod met on Saturday 15 May, [click here for the Synod summary](#) report. Please click on the link below to listen to the address made by Bishop Martyn:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbMyKgdBw_Y

Everyday Calling:

Find out about Everyday Calling in the diocese and how the vision for lay ministry has been renewed this year.

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/everyday-calling-in-the-diocese-of-leicester.php>

A Prayer for those affected by Coronavirus:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Reflection:

This week's readings speak to us of the power of God, reminding us that when we plant something it's not us that makes it grow – we can provide the right conditions, but it is God that makes it grow.

The Gospel reading is Jesus' parable about the Kingdom of God which talks about a mustard seed, the smallest seed that grows into the biggest tree, one that provides a home for the birds.

How interesting that when describing something great and awesome such as God's Kingdom Jesus chooses something small and insignificant and also that Jesus reminds us we do not have the power to bring about God's Kingdom – only God does!

So, what can we do? Right now, there seems like much that is out of our control, yet we are called to trust in God's power and our part is to create the 'right' conditions, trust, faith and love for ourselves and our neighbours. This is our role; it is not easy, but it will make a difference.

Revd. Alison

Bible Readings for Zoom on Sunday 13th June – Trinity Two

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 17: 22- end (NRSV)

²² Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its
young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³ On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and
become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures
of every kind.

²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree

and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34 (NRSV)

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone
would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep
and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and
grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of
itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in
the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in
with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom
of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a
mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is
the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is
sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs,
and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air
can make nests in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them,
as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them
except in parables, but he explained everything in
private to his disciples.

Our Churches Online...

All have web pages on 'A Church Near You'
– for sermons, videos, information:

[Hungarton](#) [Keyham](#) [Billesdon](#)
[Skeffington](#) [Goadby](#) [The Gaulby Group](#)



Online Giving – Please help us:

As we try to move forward in the wake of COVID,
please donate to help keep our ministry going,
please click on your village below:

[Billesdon](#) [Skeffington](#) [Hungarton](#)

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.

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:
thewellkibworth.org and sent to them.

Leicester South (Wigston). [donate money online](#)

Online services and events

<http://leicestercathedral.org/online-services/>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Partner Diocese Appeal:

An appeal has been launched by Bishop Martyn to help
support our partner Diocese in Trichy to provide essential
equipment needed to support the current pandemic. As
part of this, Revd. Canon Chris Oxley at St Andrew's Church,
Foxton invites you to join him Saturday 19th June at 10 am
as he reads psalms and poems and to sponsor the readings.
For further details on how to give directly or to attend the
Psalm reading please contact Julia (Admin) Email:

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News from our Partner Diocese:



**An historic moment, capturing the first women to be
ordained in Kiteto, our partner Diocese.**

Summer Afternoon Teas: Gaulby Church

Come and enjoy tea and cake every
Saturday this Summer....

June to September

2.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Meet friends and family and treat
yourself to tea and sample some
delicious home-made cakes.



The Collect for Trinity Two

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without
love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour
into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the
true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which
whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this
for your only Son 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**.