



The Coplow Benefice

Stop Press Edition Date: 27th August

Services – In Person: August 2021

Sunday 29th August

Billesdon: Deanery Service: 11 am. Led by Revd. Alison. With Archdeacon Richard Worsfold as Guest Preacher.

Billesdon: Choristers Farewell Service: 5 pm

Services – In Person: 5th September

Sunday 5th September

Hungarton: HC at 9 am Revd. Rosie

Gaulby: 9.30 am All Age BYO Scarecrow Service

Billesdon: 11 am SOTW with Revd. Rosie

Keyham: 11 am HC with Revd. Alison

Goadby: 5 pm Celebration Service with Revd. Alison

Services – Online:

Saturday 28th August at 9.00 am

Saturday morning Prayers:

Join Zoom Service: 9.00 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85494958300?pwd=V0p4VXpuTjlrMFBEbkxpUTc5TXZFUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 9495 8300

Passcode: 850009

Sunday 29th August at 4.00 pm

Compline Service at 4 pm on zoom with Revd. Rosie.

To Join Zoom Service:

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/97280556677?pwd=QWIDbzRzK2pDZWRUd1dmaFhwSnlwQT09>

Meeting ID: 972 8055 6677

Passcode: 437899

DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE:

T. 0203 481 5240 enter the **Meeting ID:** 972 8055 6677 followed by #. Enter the **Passcode:** 437899 followed by #

Launde Deanery Service: (In person Service)

Sunday 29th August, Billesdon at 11.00 am

Leader: Revd Alison

Preacher: Archdeacon Richard Worsfold

There will not be social distancing, but ventilation will be in place and face coverings when not seated.

Note: There will be a zoom Compline at 4pm for anyone who feels unable to attend without distancing.

All are welcome.

Online services and events:

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

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

The Collect for Trinity Thirteen:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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A Prayer for The Day

Almighty God, you search us and know us:

may we rely on you in strength

and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.**

Private Prayer in Church:

Billesdon Church is open for private prayer.

EVERY THURSDAY morning.

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](#)

Reflection:

If there was ever a year to talk about the importance of washing hands, I suppose 2020 or 2021 would be that year! However, our Gospel reading is not about any kind of virus or hygiene really! The Pharisees and Scribes were complaining because the disciples of Jesus were not keeping the laws that they had set for them, there were very clear purity laws about washing and these had become linked with doing what God wanted – so as my grandmother might have said “Cleanliness is next to Godliness!”

However, Jesus is quick to point out that it is not the washing of yourself or pots etc that shows you are a Godly person, it is about what is in our hearts. Our actions of cleaning are not actions of Faith, actions of faith are about sharing the love of God with others, serving those around us, demonstrating love in words and actions. Jesus criticised them for being faithful with their lips (saying the right things) but not with their hearts (the honest thoughts in their hearts and minds were not of God) and Jesus is clear to say it's the evil intentions inside that take us away from God not whether we wash our hands or not.

We have been focussing – quite rightly – on washing our hands and keeping surfaces clean but as Christians we should also pay attention to how we speak and demonstrate God's love for each and every person in the world.

Bible Readings for Sunday 29th August Launde Deanery Service – Trinity Thirteen

First Reading: James 1: 17-27 (Inclusive Bible)

¹⁷ Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above, descending from the Creator of the heavenly luminaries, who cannot change and is never in shadow. ¹⁸ God willingly gave birth to us with a word spoken in truth, so that we may be, as it were, the first fruits of God's creatures.

¹⁹ Remember this, my dear sisters and brothers: be quick to listen but slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for God's justice is never served by our anger. ²¹ So do away with all your filth and the last vestiges of wickedness in you. Humbly welcome the word which has been planted in you, because it has the power to save you.

²² But act on this word – because if all you do is listen to it, you're deceiving yourselves. ²³ Those who listen to God's word but don't put it into practice are like those who look into mirrors at their own faces; ²⁴ they look at themselves, then go off and promptly forget what they looked like. ²⁵ But those who look steadily at the perfect law of freedom and make it their habit – not listening and then forgetting, but actively putting it into practice – will be blessed in all that they do.

²⁶ If those who don't control their tongues imagine that they are devout, they're deceiving themselves and their worship is pointless. ²⁷ Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of our Abba God, is this: coming to the aid of widows and orphans when they are in need and keeping oneself uncontaminated by this world.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (NRSV)

¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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](#)

Billesdon Church Coffee and Recital:

Saturday 28th August – 10.30 am

A date for your diaries: For a socially distanced coffee followed by a 30-minute recital at 11.00 am.

Free entry; donations to Macmillan (Cancer support).

Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust

Saturday 4th September, 10am–5pm

A tour with Roger Willson of Churches in East Leicestershire (St Joseph RC Church, Uppingham Road, Leicester, Scraftoft All Saints, Ashby Folville St Mary, Lowesby All Saints, Horninghold St Peter and Hallaton St Michael). Max 30 people. Pre-booking essential from David Knowles E. djpk34@hotmail.com or T. 01509 268 354.

Saturday 11th September, 10am – 6pm Ride + Stride

Canon Jeff Hopewell will once again be doing a sponsored walk and would welcome donations. Last year he raised over £700 for the Trust and would like to do even better this year. He has a JustGiving page on: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jeff-Hopewell3> or for other ways of giving contact him on E. jshopewell@btinternet.com or T. 0116 259 9760. As a trustee, he would like to thank all the churches that are opening for this day and everyone who is fund-raising in whatever way.

Coffee Morning: Skeffington Church

Saturday 11th September, 10 am – 12 noon

A coffee morning will be held in the church on Saturday 11th September with a cake stall and a raffle. **All are welcome.**

Summer Afternoon Teas: Gaulby Church

Available every Saturday until **October** between **2.30 pm to 5.00 pm**. Meet up with friends and family and treat yourself to tea and sample some delicious cakes.

Living in Love and Faith - Taster Course

Saturday 11 September, 9.30am - 1pm, Zoom

To enrol please contact Abbie

Allen: abbie.allen@leicestercofe.org. Please give your name and parish/deanery when enrolling.