



The Coplow Benefice

Edition Date: 3rd September

Services – In Person: September 2021

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

Sunday 12th September

Skeffington: 9 am BCP HC with Revd. Alison with Revd. Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, Leicester Diocese BAME Enabler as Guest Preacher.

Billesdon: 11 am HC with Revd. Alison with Revd. Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, Leicester Diocese BAME Enabler as guest preacher.

Sunday 19th September

Billesdon: 11 am Leaving Service for Revd. Rosie.

Sunday 26th September

Skeffington: 9 am CW HC with Revd. Alison

Billesdon: 11 am HC with Revd. Alison and Andrea Grindley (Reader) as Preacher.

Hungarton: 4 pm Harvest - Revd. Alison

Keyham: 6 pm Harvest – with Revd. Alison

Gaulby: 6 pm HC – with Revd. Canon Jeff Hopewell

Services – Online:

Every Sunday at 10 am Sunday Worship on Zoom

Services – Online:

Saturday 4th September at 9.00 am

Saturday morning Prayers:

Join Zoom Service: 9.00 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84527425613?pwd=aERDSIZ5dGNLazNYNVhmN0dPWnA4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 845 2742 5613

Passcode: 133396

Sunday 5th September at 10 am

Greater Coplow Sunday Worship on Zoom

To Join Zoom Service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84347155161?pwd=d2RsR3g1MkIXNmIzQ3dqTGI4bERQdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 4715 5161

Passcode: 138729

DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE:

T. 0203 481 5240 enter the **Meeting ID:** 843 4715 5161 followed by #. Enter the **Passcode:** 138729 followed by #

Online services and events:

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

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.

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A Prayer for The Day

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

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](#)

The Collect for Trinity Fourteen

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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**

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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.**

Private Prayer in Church:

Billesdon Church is open for private prayer.

EVERY THURSDAY morning.

Bible Readings for Sunday 5th September: Trinity Fourteen

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7 (NRSV)

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 24 - 37 (NRSV)

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir, ^[L] even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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:

All change... again!

These few weeks are a whole mixture of emotions. It's lovely to be back here in the benefice following placement, and especially joyful to be doing several weddings that had been postponed from last year. However, as is the fate of all Curates, there comes a time to move on – so this is a time of 'hello' and 'goodbye'. The past 3 months I have spent on placement working as a hospital chaplain in Nottingham – following a direction where I have felt God has been calling me to minister, putting that to the test in practice. It has been an incredible experience.

In becoming the priest who I have grown to be here in the Benefice (thanks to you all!) I have gained the skills and sense of my strengths to discern where I may best be that person and serve others most fully and fruitfully. Doing all the things I love best – visiting people, being there in person alongside and supporting folks in the most difficult times, pondering the puzzles of life and faith together – this I can do all day, every day as a hospital chaplain. And so, while on placement, I have been exploring the next steps as my curacy comes to a close... the result of which, I have been appointed for a full-time role as Chaplain & Bereavement Officer at University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire.

My final 'farewell' service before moving on, will be the **Benefice service on 19th September at Billesdon, 11am** – it would be lovely to see as many folks as possible there and share cake!

Speaking of cake, in case there wasn't enough happening all at once, Jon and I were married on the 21st June at Shuttleworth in Bedfordshire. It was a wonderful day with our closest family and friends, the weather behaved itself, and we had some very special transport afterwards!

We've put a little selection of wedding photos online [here](#).

So, I hope that I'll be able to properly catch up with everyone in person before I go, over the next few weeks, but for now I want to say a huge THANK YOU to you all for your hospitality, kindness, support and fellowship. It has been a joy ministering here in this Benefice and Deanery, and I will miss you all very much. Though what COVID has certainly highlighted – you're never far away in heart and prayers.

Rev. Rosie (Morris!)

Our Churches Online:

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

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



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