



The Coplow Benefice

Edition Date: 19th November

Services – In Person:

Sunday 21st November: Christ the King

Hungarton: 9 am – Holy Communion

Billesdon: 11 am – Songs of Praise – Congregation led

Illston: 6 pm – Evening Prayer – Congregation led

Skeffington: 6 pm – Evensong

Sunday 28th November: Advent Sunday

Skeffington 9 am – BCP Holy Communion

Billesdon: 11 am – Holy Communion

Gaulby: 6 pm – Holy Communion

Keyham: 6.30 pm – Service of Lights

Services – Online:

 **Saturday 20th November at 9.00 am**

Saturday morning Prayers:

To Join Zoom Service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85777336438?pwd=dVVXSXE5SVExZlZlSms0cUtTRFI3UT09>

Meeting ID: 857 7733 6438

Passcode: 358903

 **Sunday 21st November at 10.45 am**

Christ the King:

Leader Revd. Alison **Preacher:** Hilary Painter

To Join Zoom Service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81946091034?pwd=OGcydFRyT2VGyVYk4eEs3U0gvNTVxQT09>

Meeting ID: 819 4609 1034

Passcode: 234592

DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE:

T. 0203 481 5240 enter the **Meeting ID:** 819 4609 1034 followed by #. Enter the **Passcode:** 234592 followed by #

The Collect: Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are no longer able to fulfil the requirements to open in a Covid compliant manner. Billesdon Church will remain closed until the Covid venue management requirements stop.

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A Prayer for The Day: Additional Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen**

Praying for Leicestershire:



This November, you are invited by the Bishop and other church leaders to gather and pray again for the county of Leicestershire.

7pm
28th November 2021

ALL NATIONS CHURCH
10 Frog Island, Leicester
LE3 5AG

Worship Prayer Interaction Encounter
Many churches **Free Parking** All welcome

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Reflection:

This Sunday is Christ the King, or at least it has been since 1925! It was the decision of Pope Pius XI and originally it was celebrated the day before All Saints but was moved to where we keep it now the Sunday before Advent, the last Sunday of the Church year.

Why though do we have a Sunday specifically to think about Jesus as 'King' rather than 'Shepherd' or 'Light of the World' or any of the other ways we talk about Jesus?

I think that as we think of Jesus in the role of 'King' we also think then about the Kingdom of God, something very important in our Christian faith. We need also though to think about what kind of King Jesus is, in the Gospels we read Jesus teaching his disciples about what it means to be the greatest, the King, and he is clear that anyone wishing to be in that 'all powerful' role must first be the servant of others.

Jesus then shows us what it means to be the Servant King, not 'lording' it over others but serving them. In our Gospel reading today Jesus says, "my kingdom is not of this world" and so we think of God's Kingdom as being a kingdom with different values to many Kingdoms here on earth.

As we celebrate Christ the King perhaps, we can think of how we as Christians are part of God's Kingdom and are charged with bringing that Kingdom to life here on earth by the way we think, speak, and treat others and ourselves.

Revd. Alison

Bible Readings: Sunday 21st November: Christ the King:

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13, 14 (NRSV)

Judgment before the Ancient One

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood
attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37 (NRSV)

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again,
summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of
the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your
own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate
replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and
the chief priests have handed you over to me. What
have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is
not from this world. If my kingdom were from this
world, my followers would be fighting to keep me
from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my
kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So
you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a
king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the
world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs
to the truth listens to my voice."

'Travelling Light':

Advent Course from Lights for Christ:

Based around some familiar and less familiar passages
from the gospels (from Luke chapter 1 and Matthew
chapter 2) the recurring theme of this course is travel:
how God comes to people, how people draw near to
Jesus and how we keep moving forward as Lights for
Christ in today's world. This four-part course 'Travelling
Light' is designed to be used in small groups, although it
can also be effective if you use it on your own.

[Find out more here.](#)

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](#)

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 services and events:

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

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



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](#)

Leicester Grammar School Concerts:

Please see the attached link to the Leicester Grammar
School Concert Programme.

See link below:

8F04E13729243EAFDD590897B17DC676.pdf (lgs-senior.org.uk)

Bishop Martyn leads National and local Services of Remembrance:

The Bishop of Leicester led services at the National
Memorial Arboretum on Armistice Day and the
Remembrance Sunday service at the Cenotaph in
Leicester. A video report of the Leicester service and
interview with Bishop Martyn and others can
be [watched here](#)

Next Suffragan Bishop of Loughborough:

On Friday 12th November, Downing Street announced
that the Revd. Saju Muthalaly had been appointed as the
next Bishop of Loughborough.

More details can be found at the following link: [Read more here.](#)

Church Officers Shaped By God Together:

Info Evening: Save the Date 22nd November 2021:

Invitations have been sent out by email to all
Churchwardens and other Church Officers to attend an
online event on **Monday 22nd November** when they will
hear from Bishop Martyn about their Diocesan Synod's
vote in favour of a Minster Communities framework and
how they and their own parish can be involved in
deciding what happens in the future.