



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date:

Thursday 1st December 2022

Services & Events – In Church:

Sunday 4th December Second Sunday of Advent

9am **Hungarton** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
 10am **Skeffington** Morning Praise (Congregation led)
 10.30am **Illston** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
 11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Revd Christine Blodwell)
 5pm **Goadby** Carol Service (Keith Evans)
 6.30pm **Keyham** Festival of Lights (Revd Philip Norwood)

Sunday 11th December Third Sunday of Advent

9am **Skeffington** Holy Communion
 10am **Gaulby** Morning Worship
 11am **Billesdon** Christingle
 4pm **Hungarton** Carols and Christingle

Launde Parishes Zoom Services

Sunday 4th December at 11am
 Sunday 11th December at 11am

Saturday 3rd December at 9.00am

Saturday morning Prayers (From Gaulby Church)

To Join our Zoom Prayers:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2139072137?pwd=WjV4WDJBTEIzeVBOYkRCCvJISEc0QT09>

Meeting ID: 213 907 2137 Passcode: 405197

Sunday 4th December 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leading: Revd Jayne Lewis Reflecting: Revd David Palmer

To Join our Launde Parishes Zoom please click on the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679803190?pwd=VzV5d1UwaTd4UnlybDdDbmdVUTZTZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 7980 3190

Passcode: 172162

DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE:

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Enter the Meeting ID: 876 7980 3190 followed by #.

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All are very welcome

The Collect: The Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
 and with great might succour us;
 that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered
 in running the race that is set before us,
 your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen

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Our Churches Online:

All have web pages on 'A Church Near You'

for sermons, videos, information and on line giving:

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/>

Reflection for The Second Sunday of Advent:

“Whatever is he wearing?” What we wear is often a subject of interest for it shows what we are thinking about ourselves and others. John the Baptist was wearing a camel-hair tunic with a leather belt because he was dressed as Elijah was (2 Kings 1.8), and it was Elijah who by tradition would appear when the Messiah had arrived.

“Whatever is he saying? Did you hear the preacher tell us that we are a bunch of snakes?” Whatever next? Perhaps, though, we aren't always so nice and perhaps we ought to repent and mend our ways. We can't go on escaping the consequences of the things we are up to.

“Whatever is he threatening us with? We know we have to be washed clean in the river, but he is talking about someone setting us on fire!” This is new; this is something to make us think about possibilities for the future with ideals to work for and inspiration to get us going - the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel, might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord. It's about working for peace and reconciliation, so that the wolf can live with the lamb, the leopard with the kid and the calf with the lion, and even children will be safe with them.

John the Baptist and Isaiah are both making us sit up and think this week. And Paul, too, is telling us how we have to build on this and keep going. By reading the Bible with commitment, he says, we can be encouraged in all we do and have hope. We have to open our hearts and minds, not only to value our wonderful heritage and amazing traditions, but also to offer respect and love to those who have not always been included.

There are many challenges this week, but let us “abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Revd Philip Norwood

Bible Readings:

Sunday 4th December 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised The Peaceful Kingdom

1. A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;
- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Return of the Remnant of Israel and Judah

- ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-13

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

- ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike

- ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name';

¹⁰ and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

¹¹ and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him';

¹² and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12

New Revised Standard Version Anglicised The Proclamation of John the Baptist

³ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Additional Prayer for the Day: The Second Sunday of Advent:

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

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>

Launde Abbey Quiet Day offer extended!

Members of Launde Deanery churches are offered places on the Launde Abbey Quiet Days at a **discounted price of £35 through to the end of 2022** - please ask when you book.

Monday 5 December: "Also Made" with Emily Owen: *"In Genesis 1, we read that God made the stars. In fact, He 'also made the stars'. This day will offer gentle time and space to be affirmed in who we are. We are not an afterthought."* More information and booking details can be found on the Launde Abbey website, www.laundeabbey.org.uk and we look forward to welcoming you to Launde.

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<https://www.toilettwinning.org>

Festive Music
AT
GAULBY CHURCH
17 december at 3.30pm
CANDLELIGHT & TREATS
Lisa Nelsen - Flute
Julian Metzger - Cello
Music by JS Bach, Stamitz, Fiala
and few festive favourites
BYRN
BAKERY
Concert £12 / £10 concession. Treat-box £10 for Two
Book before 20 December
Contact Hilary Palmer 0203 716579 or
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News from the Diocese:



During December this year we will be opening the **Everyday Faith Advent Calendar** each day on our social media channels. Behind each 'door' there will be a simple idea about how to live out your faith in the everyday. It will be full of quick tips for your Everyday Prayer, Everyday Action and Everyday Witness. The ideas are not groundbreaking, but they may prompt you to do something each day which could bring you closer to God, share your faith with those around you and act in loving service of your community and the world. They might be things you could do on that day, or something you could think about doing moving forward. We'd love for you to share your ideas and suggestions too. So check out our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages in the run up to Christmas to open the door and receive an Everyday Faith treat from the Calendar.



You are warmly invited to the annual Diocesan Global Carol Service, this year taking place at the Church of the Martyrs in Leicester. Starting at 4pm on December 11, this service will be a celebration of many of the different cultures from the Global Majority that make up our diocese. There will be multi-lingual Christmas carols and contributions and reflections on how different cultures prepare for and celebrate Christmas. After the service they'll be samosas, spring rolls and minces pies. The Church of the Martyrs has a small car park behind the church on Shaftesbury Road which will be first come, first served, but otherwise you are advised to use on street parking. The address is: 19 Westcotes Drive, Leicester. LE3 0QT

'Rereading the Christmas Story' - a workshop led by Discipleship at Leicester Cathedral

Saturday 10 December, 10am-12noon, St Nicholas, Leicester

Whether you are reading the Christmas story for the first time or hundredth time this year, this workshop offers a space to practically explore how we might read it afresh this season, with opportunities for small group discussion, creative activities, and personal reflection. Please contact Jude (jude.taylor@leicestercofe.org) for more information.