



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date:

Thursday 6th July 2023

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 9th July

9am **Skeffington** BCP Holy Communion (Revd J Taylor)
10am **Gaulby** Morning Prayer (Hilary Painter)
11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Revd John Taylor)
11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

Sunday 16th July

10.30am **Keyham** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
11am **Billesdon** Songs of Praise (Revd Christine Blodwell)
11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**
6pm **Skeffington** Evensong (Revd Philip Norwood)
6pm **Illston** Evening Prayer (Hilary Painter)

Sunday 23rd July

9am **Skeffington** CW Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
11am **Billesdon** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)
11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**
6pm **Gaulby** Holy Communion (Revd Christine Blodwell)

Sunday 30th July

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service** tbc
6pm **Tilton** Deanery Evensong Service (**preceded by a bring and share tea at 5.00pm**)

Saturday 8th July Morning Prayers (From Gaulby Church)

To Join our Zoom Prayers:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2139072137?pwd=WjV4WDJBTElzeVB0YkRCCvJlSEc0QT09>

Meeting ID: 213 907 2137

Passcode: 405197

Sunday 9th July 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Reflection: Madeleine Wang (Tugby)

To Join our Zoom Service, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679803190?pwd=VzV5d1UwaTd4UnlybDdTbmdVUTZTZz09>

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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Collect for the Fifth Sunday After Trinity:

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is
governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful
people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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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Our Churches Online:



All have web pages on 'A Church Near You'

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 Fifth Sunday After Trinity

Jesus says two very important things in our Gospel passage today. Both are encouraging and comforting. The most obvious one is his invitation for us to come to him when we are weary and heavy laden and he will give us rest and will always be there for us. I am sure many of us have been comforted and helped in our troubles by reading those words and knowing that we are not alone in our difficult times but have the assurance that Jesus, the Son of God, is with us. We only have to let him in. There may be times when we don't do this as readily as we should and then we suffer more deeply and for longer than we need to. Looking around our troubled world today there seems to be a great need for all of us to turn to Christ and take up his offer of rest and comfort.

There is another, perhaps not as obvious, thing which Jesus says and that is when he thanks his Father that he is revealing the purpose of his mission and the ways in which it will be fulfilled not too the clever and the powerful, as might be expected, but to what Jesus refers to as 'infants'. There was great respect and importance given to those, usually men, who were highly educated in the Scriptures and the Law within Jewish society. Yet Jesus is rejoicing that it is actually the more ordinary people who are being drawn to understand more of the teaching of Jesus and accepting and believing what he is telling them. St Paul was one such highly educated man, trained by the greatly respected Gamaliel and at first was totally opposed to Jesus and his followers. Perhaps the only way he could be won over was by the dramatic conversion on the Damascus road. God was then able to use Paul's knowledge and education for his purposes and enable him to become one of his greatest apostles. We should be encouraged that we can be just ourselves and by humbling our wills to Christ we too can be part of his continuing mission. How wonderful to know that we can have such comfort and encouragement from our loving Lord and Saviour!

Revd Christine Blodwell

Bible Readings:

Sunday 9th July 2023

Fifth Sunday After Trinity

Zechariah 9:9-12

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

The Coming Ruler of God's People

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the warhorse from Jerusalem;

and the battle-bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Romans 7:15-25

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a

drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

Jesus Thanks His Father

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Additional Prayer for the Fifth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
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.

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>

 <p>Home made cakes and Cream Teas</p>	 <p>MOTHERS' UNION Welcomes everyone to a Coffee Morning On Tuesday 11th July 10.30 - 12.0 At Almondbury, Church Lane East Norton Cakes Bring By, Raffle and Good company! All Proceeds will be given to Mothers' Union fund for family respite holidays</p>
<p>Gaulby Church 2.30 - 4.30 Every Saturday</p>	

Organ Recital at St Luke's, Thurnby

Saturday 22nd July

Coffee at 10.30am followed by a 30-minute recital by Ron Berry. Admission free/ retiring collection. **All welcome.**

Tugby Soiree is back!

Enjoy a delightful evening in Tugby Church
with a Light Supper (bring a bottle)
Music on the organ and accordion with Kevin
Downman

& Tugby Heritage talk given by Madeleine Wang.

Friday 14th July 7pm Tickets £7.50

Book now to avoid disappointment -
madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com

Hallaton Festival of Archaeology 2023

Saturday 15th July until Sunday 30th July

Hallaton Museum and Hallaton Church Restoration

Trust are again combining to put on the Festival, which this year has the theme: **'Archaeology and Creativity'** There will be a **new Exhibition in St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton**. It will tell more about the special history of the village and St Morrell's Chapel as we move one step closer to a permanent exhibition and the eventual restoration of the crypt.

This year's exhibition in **Hallaton Museum 'Where there's a Will there's a Way'** complements the information in the church, telling the story of pilgrimage in Hallaton, in particular, the pilgrimage by Edmund Oliver from the village to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

There are various events in the **Festival**; these include: Guided walks on the Hallaton Heritage Trail and to the Motte and Bailey Castle, Talks in the Church on 'The Rise and Decline of the Leicestershire Village', 'The Hallaton Treasure' and 'Where there's a Will there's a Way', St Morrell's Round in Two Halves. **To book your place on the walks and talks, use this**

link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallaton-festival-of-archaeology-2023-44359648023>

News from the Diocese....

Launde Deanery Administrator

Launde Deanery Minster Community is looking for an administrator to assist the Area Deans and clergy to free them for ministry. This is a flexible 9 hours per week role, paid at an hourly rate of £10.90 (current Living Wage). Applicants should be living and worshipping within the Diocese of Leicester. Experience in parish administration and a willingness to start immediately on appointment would be desirable. **Find out more here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/launde-deanery-administrator.php>

New Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme online application

The £42 million Government Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme <https://listed-places-of-worship-grant.dcms.gov.uk> has been overhauled, with a new website and application portal.

If your listed church is in need of repair work, why not take a look to see if it is eligible to apply for a grant.

Dean of Leicester recruitment

The appointment panel for the role of Dean of Leicester met on 15 June 2023. After very careful and prayerful consideration, it was decided not to make an appointment at this time.

It is important that the right person is appointed for Leicester at this pivotal time, and the panel felt that the candidate pool needed to be widened before reaching a

final decision.

The panel propose to continue the appointment process in the next few months.

Bishop Martyn has asked The Revd Canon Karen Rooms to continue to serve as Acting Dean during the vacancy, which she has kindly agreed to.

Please continue to keep the Cathedral community, the appointment panel and those who might be exploring this ministry in your prayers.

Cathedral discipleship events in July

Summer Quiet Morning: 'Summer Growing' through The Lord's Prayer

Saturday 29 July, 10am-1pm, The Stable House, North Kilworth

For our next seasonal quiet morning, we will be venturing out to The Stable House in North Kilworth to explore our theme of 'Summer Growing' together surrounded by the wonderful South Leicestershire countryside.

Led by The Revd Canon Chris Oxley, we will be guided through a series of reflections on The Lord's Prayer as we gather, rest and reflect together. Homemade refreshments will be available throughout the morning. There is a charge of £15 per person. However, there are a limited number of free places available for anyone who would find this cost a barrier to attending. If you would like to contribute towards someone else's place, we would be very grateful for your donation.

Please do also get in touch if you require support with travelling to and from The Stable House.

The deadline for bookings is Saturday 15 July.

Please click here to

book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-growing-and-the-lords-prayer-a-quiet-morning-tickets-648169892597> or alternatively you can contact Jude (jude.taylor@leicestercofe.org)

Parish Surgery

Are you looking for advice on church issues that are concerning your PCC?

Gill Elliott, who leads the Church Buildings Team for the Diocese of Leicester, along with Simon Wilson, the Director of Finance, and Phil Leech, the Senior Giving Advisor, are together offering appointments lasting 45 minutes where you can discuss any questions, plans, or concerns you may have about your church.

Gill leads the team that advises on our church buildings. Simon is able to advise parishes on the more technical aspects of church finances, whilst Phil can offer ideas on how to improve church income, both through regular giving and also one-off donations.

The Surgery will be held at **St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley on Friday 14 July** with appointments starting at 10am. Appointments should be booked with Ariel Baker (ariel.baker@leicestercofe.org 07943 469685)
