



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date:

Thursday 13th July 2023

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

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**
6pm **Tilton** Deanery Evensong Service (**preceded by a bring and share tea at 5.00pm**)

Saturday 15th July Morning Prayers

(From Gaulby Church)

To Join our Zoom Prayers:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2139072137?pwd=WjV4WDJBTEIzeVB0YkRCCvJlSEc0QT09>

Meeting ID: 213 907 2137

Passcode: 405197

Sunday 16th July 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader: Hilary Painter (Gaulby)

Reflection: Mike Hammond (Great Easton)

To Join our Zoom Service, click on this link:

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

Meeting ID: 876 7980 3190

Passcode: 172162

DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE:

T. 0203 481 5240

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

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Collect for the Sixth Sunday After Trinity:

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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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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 Sixth Sunday After

Trinity

How receptive are we to the ongoing sowing of God's word in our Community?

We share a common calling to be in God, in our community and in the world but both as individuals and as members of our church, each of us has a calling which draws on our location, resources, gifts, hopes and our 'history'.

As we move forward in our development as the Launde Minster Community (LMC for ease) the next stage is to develop our understanding of how and what we can share, how each of us can develop our gifts and what learning and support we will need.

In the next few weeks can you find time to think about how you would describe your church? For example: does your church engage with the local community? Is pastoral care important? Are you held together by a particular style of worship? Are social justice and diversity important to your congregation? Or hospitality? Is maintaining a 'heritage building' important? Is sharing faith and learning a priority?

Thinking of this coming Sunday's gospel, are there any 'rocks' that get in the way – any stony ground – or anything that distracts or chokes or 'steals' time and resources? What do we have in our particular church lives to fertilise the soil, allow our roots to grow and the congregation to flourish and what else do we need? Can you, or perhaps with one or two others and over a cup of tea, coffee (or something stronger!) describe your church in a few words, picking out your priorities for the coming months and for the future? If you can find time to jot down your ideas and send them to Madeleine Wang madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com or me, hilarypainter@rocketmail.com we'd be delighted to receive them - anonymity guaranteed!

Hilary Painter

Bible Readings:
Sunday 16th July 2023
Sixth Sunday After Trinity

Isaiah 55:10-13

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the
earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Romans 8:1-11

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised
Life in the Spirit

⁸ There is therefore now no condemnation for those
who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life
in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of
death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by
the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the
likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he
condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just
requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk
not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their
minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live
according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of
the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to
set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this
reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God;
it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and
those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since
the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not
have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if
Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin,
the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit
of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he
who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your
mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised
The Parable of the Sower

¹³ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat
beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around
him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the
whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them
many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went
out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the
path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds
fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil,
and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of
soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and
since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other
seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and
choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought
forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some
thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!'

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone
hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand
it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in
the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for
what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who
hears the word and immediately receives it with
joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only
for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on
account of the word, that person immediately falls
away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the
one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and
the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields
nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is
the one who hears the word and understands it, who
indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold,
in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

**Additional Prayer for the Sixth Sunday
After Trinity**

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
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>

Skeffington Church CREAM TEA

Saturday 29th July 3pm – 5pm

Homemade scones
Cake Stall

A SOCIAL EVENT FOR THE FRIENDS OF LAUNDE ABBEY

The Committee of Friends are hosting another **cream tea at Launde Abbey Saturday 5th August 2023** Please arrive from **3pm onwards** to meet Friends and walk around the grounds **Cream Tea to be served from 4pm until 5.30pm** Tickets will be £10 per person which includes a donation for Launde Abbey Please notify Mr Patrick Rendall that you wish to attend by Monday 24th July 2023 patrickandfrances@btinternet.com or 016644 24240 (leave a message if necessary) Pay Patrick when you arrive on the day either by cheque made out to FRIENDS OF LAUNDE ABBEY or cash We do hope you can come and join us for this Cream Tea, and please feel free to bring family and friends.



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.**

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> or pay on the door for the talks.

Café Morrell will be open for light lunches and teas from 12-5pm on the Saturdays and Sundays of the Festival.

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. his 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>

Diocese of Leicester Awarded Strategic Capacity Funding

The Diocese of Leicester has been awarded £925,000 over the next three years of 'Diocesan Investment Programme Funding for People Capacity' by the Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board, on behalf of the Archbishops' Council. This funding will go towards the facilitation and development of Minster Communities across the diocese and, crucially, will enable the diocese to bid for further monies from the national church in the future.

Strategic Capacity Funding was made available from the Archbishops' Council for dioceses to address constraints in their ability to develop and implement strategies so they can then go on to apply for further grants from the Church Commissioners.

To find out more:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/diocese-of-leicester-awarded-strategic-capacity-funding-.php>

Parish Surgery

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

A reminder that 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)

See last week's newsletter for more information