



# Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> July

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

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

## 📅 Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Morning Prayers

(From Gaulby Church)

To Join our Zoom Prayers:

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Meeting ID: 213 907 2137

Passcode: 405197

## 📅 Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Reflection: Hilary Painter (Gaulby)

To Join our Zoom Service, click on this link:

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Passcode: 172162

**DIAL IN FROM A LANDLINE OR MOBILE:**

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## Collect for the Seventh Sunday After Trinity:

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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**

## Additional Prayer for the Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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## Reflection for 7th Sunday After Trinity

If you look at the gospel readings in recent weeks, you will probably realise that God doesn't know much about farming – at least, not profitable farming! Last week we saw the sower broadcasting seed, but in such a haphazard fashion that it went everywhere – not just on the fertile soil but on the hard-beaten path, onto the stony ground and into the briar patch as well. This week, he's telling people that it doesn't matter if weeds grow amongst the wheat and that there's no point in trying to pull them up even if they are taking the moisture and nutrients out of the soil that should enable the wheat to grow even more productively. But the Bible isn't a 'how to do it' book for farmers, it's a handbook for Christians – and we do things differently.

The parables are just that – parables. They are not to be taken literally. The parable of the sower tells us that God spreads his goodness around willy-nilly, not just on those that deserve it. His message is for everyone, and everyone must have a chance to hear it, not just those who are likely to respond. The parable of the wheat and the weeds tells us that there is evil in the world, but it is not up to us as individuals to eradicate it by taking matters into our own hands. God doesn't have any plans at the moment to uproot all the evil in the world – one day, yes, but not today. The trouble is that the weed in the parable looks very much like the wheat. One human being looks very much like another. If we could distinguish the wicked by their physical horns, tail, cloven feet and pitchfork, it might be different. However, there is a curious mix of good and evil in each of us. We are told to let well alone. In the parable, the enemy sows his seed and disappears, confident that the damage has been done. But he has no power over goodness. The wheat is already there, the kingdom of God is in the world and there is nothing he can do about it, except to con the forces of goodness into doing his work for him. He spreads darkness and confusion, confident that the children of light will panic and uproot anything that looks like a weed. He doesn't even need to lift a finger to get the results he wants. I wonder if those who are so insistent on doctrinal purity within the church, looking to expel those who are suspect, have ever read this parable and stopped to consider whose interests they are really serving?

**Revd Jeff Hopewell**

## Bible Readings:

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Isaiah 44:6-8

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

<sup>6</sup> Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

<sup>8</sup> Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

**Romans 8:12-25**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**Future Glory**

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

**New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised**

**The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat**

<sup>24</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good

seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup> He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup> But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

**Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds**

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' <sup>37</sup> He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

**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 TEAS**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

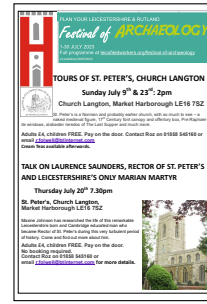
Hallaton Museum and Hallaton Church Restoration Trust are again combining to put on the Festival, which this year has the theme: **'Archaeology and Creativity'** There will be a **new Exhibition in St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton.** It will tell more about the special history of the village 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 12-4pm on the Saturdays and Sundays of the Festival.**



## 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/>



## Ride+Stride - Saturday 9 September 2023

**Please Register Now** and join the 133 churches and chapels that have already registered to open and participate. You can register your church at <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> and complete the online form which is half way down the webpage. Any queries, please contact Sean Dudley who has recently joined LHCT as Ride+Stride Co-ordinator – [sean.lhct@gmail.com](mailto:sean.lhct@gmail.com)

## News from the Diocese...

### Launde Deanery Administrator

Launde Deanery Minister 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>