



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 27th July 2023

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 30th July

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

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

This service will be live streamed for those who cannot attend. See Linda's email of 27th July for details.

Sunday 6th August

9am **Hungarton** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

10am **Skeffington** Morning Praise (Congregation led)

10.30am **Illston** Holy Communion (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

4pm **Billesdon** Choral Evensong (Revd John Taylor)

Sunday 13th August

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 20th August

10.30am **Keyham** Holy Communion (tbc)

11am **Billesdon** Songs of Praise (Revd Christine Blodwell)

11am Launde Parishes **Zoom Service**

5pm **Hungarton** Compline (Warden led)

6pm **Skeffington** Evensong (Revd Philip Norwood)

6pm **Illston** Evening Prayer (Hilary Painter)

Sunday 27th August

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)

Saturday 29th 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 30th July 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom Service

Leader & Reflection: Madeleine Wang

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:

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Collect for the Eighth Sunday After

Trinity:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our
hearts and bodies

in the ways of your laws and the works of your
commandments;

that through your most mighty protection, both here
and ever,

we may be preserved in body and soul;
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

Reflection for Eighth Sunday After Trinity

'Your Kingdom come'. Familiar words - words we say often in the Lord's Prayer. Unlike earthly kingdoms, that Kingdom will be under God's rule, complete at the end of time.

The Gospel writer, Matthew, gathered together several of Jesus' parables that spoke of God's Kingdom. From the parable of the net, Jesus teaches that at the end-time, when the catch of fish is finally hauled in, the good fish will be separated from the bad and there will be judgement, just as He taught in the parable of the sheep and the goats.

The other parables recorded by Matthew teach how this Kingdom is to grow. It will grow as people recognise the significance and value of God's rule for their lives and pursue that wholeheartedly as the most important element in life. The hidden treasure, that pearl becomes the focus of living, both for the honest trader in pearls and the less honest individual trespassing in someone else's field.

As each individual sets their heart on the rule of God, they start their spiritual journey - each in 'their small corner' - serving and witnessing to God. As individuals they are, of course, small atoms within God's purpose, small seeds that carry within them a powerful potential. A single mustard seed can grow to attract other people, 'those birds of the air'. Within each grain of yeast there lies the power to raise the dough that will feed others.

Each believer has the power within to inspire and transform. The parables of the seed and the yeast are to be a source of encouragement when we allow ourselves to look at our smallness and start to doubt the power of God's promised Spirit inside us.

But there is our calling, our summons to serve. In the words of a song from the Iona Community:

*Will you use the faith you've found,
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?*

Revd John Taylor

Bible Readings:

Sunday 30th July 2023

Eighth Sunday After Trinity

1 Kings 3:5-12

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶ And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Romans 8:26-39

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate

us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

The Parable of the Yeast

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Three Parables

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Treasures New and Old

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Additional Prayer for the Eighth Sunday After Trinity

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
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 TEAS

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.

Hallaton Festival of Archaeology 2023

Saturday 15th July until Sunday 30th July

Hallaton Museum and Hallaton Church Restoration Trust have again been combining to put on the Festival, which this year has the theme: 'Archaeology and Creativity'

There is a new **Exhibition in St Michael and All Angels Church, Hallaton**. It tells 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 have been various events during the **Festival**, these have included: Guided walks on the Hallaton

Heritage Trail and to the Motte and Bailey Castle, and Talks in the Church. The final talk is on Saturday 29th July, entitled 'Where there's a Will there's a Way'. To book your place use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallaton-festival-of-archaeology-2023-44359648023> or pay at the door.

Café Morrell will be open for light lunches and teas from 12-4pm on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July.

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/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

News from the Diocese....

Webinars on Getting to Net Zero Target

The CofE is running regular webinars to help resources churches looking to reduce carbon emissions. There is also a library of previously broadcast webinars so topics of webinars you can watch include **putting solar panels on your church roof and low cost 'housekeeping' actions to a beginners guide to how to become an eco church**. They make a valuable resource for anyone coming new to this subject. Find details below of upcoming topics, dates, and how to access them for free by clicking on this link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-getting-net-zero-carbon#na>