



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date:
11th April 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

Sunday 14th April – Easter 3

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 21st April – Easter 4

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

Sunday 28th April – Easter 5

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 Morning Prayers on

13th April at 9am (From Gaulby Church)

To Join our Zoom Prayers:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2139072137?pwd=WjV4WDJBTEIzeVB0YkRCCvJISEc0QT09>

Meeting ID: 213 907 2137 Passcode: 405197

Sunday 14th April 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom

Leader & Reflection: Hilary Painter

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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

Meeting ID: 876 7980 3190

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Collect for Sunday 14th April

Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with
the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen
life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 Sunday 14th April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel reading this week we are told what happens when Jesus meets with all his close disciples after his resurrection. He has already met with some - the women and other close disciples at the tomb and the two travellers on the road to Emmaus. Now he joins with others and by showing them his body he proves to them that he is not a ghost. He confirms this by eating with them and reminding them that he told them that his crucifixion and resurrection were the fulfilment of the prophecies about the Messiah and that had now all come true in him. The disciples were overcome by great joy that Jesus, their Master, was alive but also by disbelief that such a thing could have happened. This was, of course, the beginning of the creation of the Church and the building of Christ's kingdom and although Jesus was back with his disciples for now, it was them and other followers to come who would be commissioned by him to have this great task, when Jesus would no longer be with them physically but along with God his Father and the Holy Spirit, promised at Pentecost, would be their spiritual leader. This was all very new to the disciples and we should not be surprised that they may have had their doubts. For us today however, disciples who have come after Pentecost and have the wonderful example of many, many past disciples, we can be assured and certain that all Jesus has promised to us is ours to claim and be the foundation of both our faith and service. This is not to say that everything will be easy or guaranteed. Like Jesus himself, we too will meet difficulties and opposition, but what we can be sure of is that Jesus, who came to live with us and share our humanity, knows what those difficulties are and feel like and he will be always there with us. We just need to come to him and ask for his help and guidance and he will be there for us, just as he was for those first disciples.

Revd Christine Blodwell

Bible Readings:
Sunday 14th April 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3.12-19

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

12 When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you,

15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

16 And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

17 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

18 In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

19 Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

1 John 3.1-7

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

3 1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Luke 24.36b-48

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

38 He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?

39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'

40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'

42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

43 and he took it and ate in their presence.

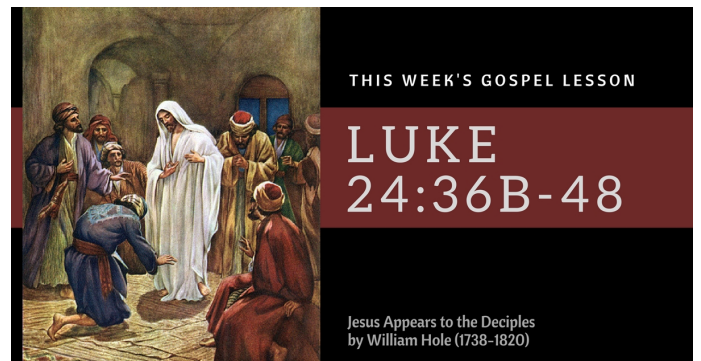
44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,

46 and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,

47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.



Additional Prayer for Sunday 14th April
Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

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>



Information about the Zoom services (including the Link), and **other information**, can be found on **The Launde Deanery and Minster Community Website** at: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/>

Billesdon Coffee Concerts:

Our next concert is **this Saturday, April 13th at 11am** (coffee as usual from 10.30) and features baritone Michael **Lessiter**. He will be singing a varied programme of classical and musical theatre numbers. His talents extend beyond vocals: Mick is a very accomplished violinist (and member of the Bardi orchestra) and will be playing a couple of pieces on his cherished instrument. As ever, Simon Ainge will be accompanying at the piano, for whom it is always an enjoyable opportunity to work with talented performers. **You are all very welcome.** The concert will last for 40 minutes.

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Sunday Zoom Service at 11am

whenever it suits you, for instance when you haven't got a local in-church service.

Also, if you know anyone who can't physically get to a church, we would love to see them wherever they live - members of our Zoom congregation come from our Parishes, Leicester, Market Harborough, Andorra and even New Jersey!



John Morrison & Helen Bence have talked about their experiences of the Zoom community – see what they have to say:

<https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/our-zoom-services> **All are very welcome!** If you want details and/ or the Zoom link, contact: Linda on l.jones2k@btinternet.com



Historic Leicestershire Churches Trust Ninth Tour – An event in the Trust's 60th Anniversary Year

Saturday 8th June

Pre-tour booking essential – maximum 30. £12 per person.

Cheques to "Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust".

Call/email David Knowles DL 01509 268354

djpk34@hotmail.com

HISTORIC LEICESTERSHIRE CHURCHES TRUST Registered Charity No.233476

Ninth HISTORIC CHURCHES TOUR :: Saturday 8th June 2024

An event in the Trust's 60th Anniversary Year

Once again Roger Willson will lead and share his passion for the history and architectural development of churches.

Retired history master at Loughborough Grammar School Roger tutors and lectures for U3A. Honorary Archivist to Loughborough Parish Church.

At Church Langton Parishioner Mrs Ros Folwell will be our guide.

Own car travel. Please try to share seats to limit vehicles.

Meet 10am at Birstall St James the Greater, Church Hill LE4 4DN

The tour will continue to the churches listed below with a lunch stop in Barkby Church (bring your own lunch)

BIRSTALL St James the Greater, Church Hill LE4 4DN C13 tower. Medieval church now welcoming area for large 1962-3 extension by local architects. Arts & Crafts style stained glass by Theodora Salusbury installed circa 1925 – 1932. *Toilet*

GADDESBY St Luke LE7 4WE "One of the largest and most beautiful of the village churches in Leicestershire"(Pevsner/Williamson). C13/C14 masonry. See, almost life-size in white marble, Colonel Cheney astride his collapsing horse. *Toilet*

BARKBY St Mary LE7 3QB Essentially late C13 of Ironstone. Curious tracery patterns. Pews 1837-38 with tall bench ends and doors. Memorials to the Pochins from C17. The family continue to live next door and actively support the church. *Toilet*

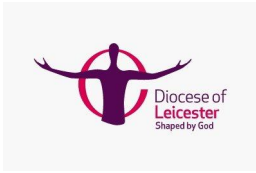
KING'S NORTON St John the Baptist, Norton Lane LE7 9BA One of England's most remarkable early Gothic Revival churches, built 1760-61. Interior "wonderfully complete and unchanged"(Pevsner) save for font 1850. *Access from road up nine steps. NO Toilet*

CHURCH LANGTON St Peter LE16 7SX "A remarkably tall church after major C13 rebuilding and additions in the C14 and C15. Tour members will hear of the remarkable Rector of the living from 1753 - 1778 who secured the first English performance of Handel's Messiah in Church Langton parish church. Parishioner Mrs Ros Folwell will be our guide. *Village Toilet from 4pm*

Pre-tour booking essential – maximum 30. £12 per person.

Cheques to "Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust".

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Sixtieth Anniversary of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust

Thursday 11 April, 5.30pm-7.30pm – St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Street, Leicester, LE1 3EB

The celebrations continue for the 60th Anniversary of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. The Trust will give a presentation about its work, followed by questions and discussion, and a conducted tour of the church will also be available.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served.

If you would like to attend,

contact stmargaretschurchleicester@gmail.com or Janet Arthur on chairman@LHCT.org.uk – 07840 543288

Limited parking is available on the south side of the church – please park with care.

OWL (Outdoor Worship Leicestershire) Network Morning

Saturday 13 April, 10am-12pm – on Zoom

Spend the morning with Revd Dr Cate Williams, the Environmental Engagement Officer for the Diocese of Gloucester, to learn about the links between Eco Church and Outdoor Worship, explore the resources around us, and to consider the impact of Outdoor Worship on the wider community.

This ecumenical morning has something for everyone – whether you're just starting out on your Eco Church journey, or you have been leading an Outdoor Worshipping Community for many years. It will be a time to share experiences and be inspired for the future.

Register here for more details.

<https://htl.churchsuite.com/events/ghy1ppf5>

Bishop's Lodge Garden

The Bishop's Lodge garden is now a member of the [Quiet Garden Movement](#) – a network of beautiful gardens and outdoor spaces for prayer, stillness, contemplation and an appreciation of the natural world.

If you would like to come into this garden (located in the city at Springfield Road, LE2 3BD) for quiet reflection or a self-led retreat, then please contact the Bishop's Office on bishops.office@leicestercofe.org who will be very happy to assist you.

Making Conflict Creative

Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 April, 9.15am to 4pm – St Martins House, Leicester

Led by Revd Louise Corke, this two-day training explores the sources and development of conflict, our own responses to it, and some clear strategies for working through it in ways that can be positive.

Open to all who are involved in church leadership and management, lay or ordained.

[Enrol here on The Hub.](#)

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/making-conflict-creative/>

Embrace The Difference - Unconscious Bias Training

Thursday 18 April, 6pm-9pm – Kempe Room, St Martins House, Leicester

A training workshop which will help us examine our biases, understand how they become embedded, and explore God's design in diversity.

Sign up by emailing dinta.chauhan@leicestercofe.org



*Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death;
victory is ours through Him who loves us.*

Desmond Tutu (1931-2021)

