



Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date:
18th April 2024

Services & Events – In Church & on Zoom:

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

20th April at 9am (From Gaulby Church)

To Join our Zoom Prayers:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2139072137?pwd=WjV4WDJBTEIzeVBOYkRCcVJISEc0QT09>

Meeting ID: 213 907 2137 Passcode: 405197

Sunday 21st April 11.00am Zoom

Launde Parishes Zoom

Leader: John Dyson (East Norton)

Reflection: Barry Hill (Diocesan Strategy Development Enabler)

To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:

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

Meeting ID: 876 7980 3190

Passcode: 172162

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Collect for Sunday 21st April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen



Information about the Zoom services (including the Link), and **other information**, can be found on

The Launde Deanery and Minster Community

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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 21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

In this week's readings it's hard to get away from shepherds and sheep, to the extent that sometimes it called Good Shepherd Sunday. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep', which suggests the kind of shepherd who is ready to sacrifice his life if the need be. Three times in the eight verses from John's Gospel we hear Jesus make this profound statement. He refers, of course, to his sacrificing his own life for us as the means of our reconciliation with God.

These days, even living in a rural area, there are few of us who actually work as shepherds. However, one only has to listen to the news or open a paper to read of Aid Workers giving their time, expertise and, sadly, sometimes their lives for humanitarian reasons, rather than agricultural ones. We thank God for their dedication to mankind.

Most of us aren't able to leave our homes and families to work in the worlds trouble spots but I'm also sure we all know people around us who give of themselves to shepherd others along the right path. These good people provide direction, encouragement, friendship, also offering protection if circumstances warrant. And yes, sometimes there's sacrifice involved, especially in the giving of personal time.

This week, could we all try one or two 'good shepherd' acts? They doesn't need to be grand gestures; simply a word, a phone call, or laying down a moment of our life in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd?

Something else we could do is remember our farmers in our prayers. It's easy to complain about the rain but less often do we think of the farmers who 'shepherd' the land for us. They are having a torrid time at present so let's do all we can to show our support for them.

Hilary Painter

Bible Readings: Sunday 21st April 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.5-12

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,
6 with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.
7 When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?'
8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders,
9 if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed,
10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.
11 This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone."
12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

1 John 3.16-end

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.
17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?
18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.
19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him
20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.
21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;
22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.
23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.
24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10.11-18

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Additional Prayer for Sunday 21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
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>

Pilgrimage Walks in the Launde Minster Community – THIS SUNDAY 21st APRIL



**Ancient paths
fresh trails**

Join us on Sunday (2.30pm at Hallaton church)
as we walk from Hallaton to Allerton church
stopping to reflect along the way. This starts a series
of mini pilgrimages in the Minster Community this
Spring and Summer. There'll be cars based at
Allerton, so you don't have to walk back!

**21st April
Hallaton to Allerton
(3.5 miles following the Macmillan Way)**

For more details contact Jonathan on:
jonathan.dowman@leccofe.org

After the popularity of our Palm Sunday Pilgrimage (this year and in 2023), we are pleased to announce a series of mini pilgrimages this spring and summer across the Minster community.

Our first pilgrimage is on Sunday, the 21st of April, and we will be walking from Hallaton to Allexton.

The schedule of Pilgrimage walks for this spring and summer:

21st April: Hallaton to Allexton (3.5 miles following the Macmillan Way)

19th May: Launde to Owston (3.5 miles following the Leicestershire Round)

11th August: Welham to Hallaton (4 miles with a stop in Slawston)

15th September: Goadby to Gaulby (5 miles with a stop in Illston)

So why not walk with us and perhaps invite others to share the journey.



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

Rural Mission Hub Residential

25 & 26 April – Launde Abbey

Are you engaged in pioneering ministry in a rural context? This residential includes led reflection, time for personal prayer, mutual learning, shared wisdom and companionship with others in rural pioneering ministry. It will be run jointly by members of the Launde Abbey Community and the [Rural Ministries](#) team.

Places cost £50, including a standard full-board overnight stay. The special price for this event is made possible by financial support from Rural Ministries. For more information and to book, click here:

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/event/rural-mission-hub-at-launde-abbey-25-26-april-24/>



Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is an annual ecumenical prayer movement which unites Christians around the world in praying from Ascension to Pentecost for the coming of the Spirit and for more people to come to know Christ.

This year it will take place from Thursday 9 May to Sunday 19 May.

To support individuals and groups in doing that, the national church has produced a series of new and updated resources, including a new Cheeky Pandas animated episodes of Bible stories for children; digital content produced by young people, for young people, to encourage them to think about the big questions of life; a pocket sized prayer journal and workspace prayer diary; and a whole range of activities for churches.

However you choose to engage with Thy Kingdom Come, we would love to hear about it – you can email us at communications@leicestercofe.org to tell us about what you have planned.

Learn more and to access the resources, click here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/new-ways-of-engaging-with-thy-kingdom-come-for-2024.php>

Iain McKillop Exhibition

Until 20 May – Leicester Cathedral

An Easter exhibition of paintings by acclaimed British artist Iain McKillop, produced through 20 months of near isolation during the Covid-19 pandemic and intended as a memorial to all who were affected by it.

Stations of the Resurrection explores the accounts of witnesses who were convinced of Jesus' return to life following his crucifixion.

A set of over 20 paintings, they are accompanied by the book *Stations of the Resurrection: Encounters with the Risen Christ*, offering reflections on each of these episodes from poet Malcolm Guite and Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani.

(Available from the Cathedral shop outlet and Christian Resources Leicester.)

McKillop hopes to make us consider the evidence of the Gospel accounts, the implications of Jesus' resurrection, and what aspects might convince us to trust in God and Christ's teachings today.

Free entry during Cathedral opening hours.

Faith in Maintenance Training

Saturday 27 April, 9.30am–4pm – St Mary Magdalene Church, Newark-on-Trent

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is running a free one-day training event on the routine care and maintenance of places of worship at St Mary Magdalene's, Newark-on-Trent, aimed at volunteers and staff responsible for the care of their historic parish church building.

The course explains how traditional buildings were constructed, how they can decay, and how to spot and tackle common problems.

To register to attend (spaces are limited), please email hannah@southgateheritage.co.uk

Cathedral Talk: Stories from Sikh and Punjab History found in British Churches

Thursday 25 April, 6.30pm – Leicester Cathedral

Britain's streets are full of stories from Sikh and Punjabi history.

Rav Singh brings these stories to life and in this talk will be presenting those that are memorialised in Abbeys, Cathedrals, and Churches across the South-East of England.

The talk will be followed by a question and answer session and refreshments.

This event is run in partnership with [St Philip's Centre](#)

Tickets: Adults £5.50/ Concession £3.50, **available from Eventbrite here:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stories-from-sikh-and-punjab-history-found-in-british-churches-tickets-853014046977?aff=oddtcreator>

May Festival

Monday 13 May, 7pm – St Andrew's Church, Jarrom Street, Leicester.

Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass, where the Celebrant and Preacher will be The Most Revd Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

There will be no concelebration. Clergy and readers are welcome to robe and process. If you would like to do so (choir dress: cassock, cotta/surplice and optional white stole) please let Fr Johannes know beforehand:

standrewsjarromstreet@gmail.com

Quiet Morning: Stations of the Resurrection

Saturday 27 April, 10am-12pm – Leicester Cathedral

To coincide with the exhibition of Iain McKillop's *Stations of the Resurrection* in the Cathedral, join us for our next seasonal quiet morning – an opportunity to ponder and respond to different perspectives on Christ's resurrection as we consider the implications of this on each of us and our discipleship in today's world.

As well as space to quietly reflect and be with others, there will also be opportunities to creatively respond as we consider the relationship between discipleship, art, and creativity.

All are welcome – children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free booking on on Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/quiet-morning-stations-of-the-resurrection-tickets-876561136957?aff=oddtcreator>

Donations welcome.

For more information, contact Discipleship

Officer Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org

An Intercultural Church for a Multicultural World – a Church Times Webinar

Tuesday 28 May, 6pm – online

The Church Times are hosting a free webinar on the themes of Bishop Martyn's latest book, *An Intercultural Church for a Multicultural World*. As well as the contributors to the book (Bishop Martyn Snow, Bishop Saju Muthalaly, Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy and Jessie Tang), speakers will include Revd Dr Richard Sudworth (Inter-Religious Affairs Advisor to the Church of England) and Revd Anjali Kanagaratnam (Racial Justice Co-Ordinator in the Diocese of Bristol), with the discussion chaired by Revd Dr Sharon Prentis (Deputy Director for the Church of England's Racial Justice Unit).

Whether you have had a chance to read the book or not, it will be an opportunity to discuss its themes, reflect on some of its proposals for the Church and wider society, and discuss how its ideas can be best taken forward so that intercultural mission in the Church of England can best flourish.

You can sign up for your free place

here: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/intercultural-church-for-a-multicultural-world>

