



## Gaulby and Coplow Newsletter

Edition Date: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, Trinity 14, Harvest

### Thanksgiving

8am **Launde Abbey** Holy Communion *Please come quietly into the chapel via the external north door to join the Abbey Community and those on retreat.*

11am **Billesdon** Songs of Praise (Lay led)

11am **Launde Deanery** **Zoom Service**

6pm **Keyham** Harvest Festival (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

6pm **Skeffington** Evensong (Mike Hammond)

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

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Trinity 15, Harvest

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10.30am **Hungarton** Harvest Festival (Revd Crystal McAllister)

11am **Billesdon** Harvest Festival (Revd Jeff Hopewell)

11am **Launde Deanery** **Zoom Service**

5pm **Glooston** Harvest & Birthday Celebration (Mike Hammond) *See your invitation below*

6pm **Gaulby** Holy Communion (Revd Philip Norwood)

### **Saturday Mornings**

### **Zoom Prayer Meeting**

**Every week at 9am (meeting open from 8.55am)**

**All welcome. Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89820297969?pwd=HD1LgaqamMFBN2y1m7p226w0h2KVkj.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2029 7969. Passcode: 470000

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 11.00am Zoom** **Launde Parishes Zoom Service**

**Leader:** Hilary Painter

**Reflection:** Sue sills

**To Join our Zoom Services, click on this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83679676342?pwd=CDIQKl91dakSkeAh5kbOeu8idqGl8Q.1>

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### **Additional Collect for** **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September** **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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### **Collect for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September** **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in 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**

### **Reflection: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025** **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

The book of Proverbs consists of hundreds of short, clever sayings designed to teach us how to live and act wisely. Each saying touches on a common area of life and shows us what it's like to live well in God's world. This week's reading concerns wisdom.

We live in a time when information is everywhere, but wisdom is rare. With so much conflicting and downright false information, wisdom, rooted in God's Word, offers clarity and stability in the way we make our choices. It offers believers a way to navigate moral dilemmas, relationships, and decisions in our modern culture, which often elevates wealth, status, and possessions above all else. This passage challenges Christians to pursue those gifts that cannot be bought - wisdom, integrity, and spiritual depth.

Wisdom promises peace of mind. In an age marked by 'influencers', many paid by advertisers, anxiety and restlessness are rife and self belief is plummeting. The peace of mind that comes from following in God's truth brings inner rest that the world, for all its material trappings, cannot offer.

Wisdom doesn't just benefit the individual; it blesses families, communities, and future generations. Christians are called to share and pass on godly wisdom in a modern culture hungry for truth.

Proverbs reminds us that wisdom is not just knowing facts - it is lining up the way we live our lives with God's truth. Wisdom is more precious than silver or gold because whilst money can buy material success, it cannot give peace, righteousness, or eternal life. As Christians, we recognise that Jesus is the epitome of God's wisdom. To seek wisdom is to seek Him. He offers what the world cannot: deep peace, direction, and the promise of eternal life. When we embrace God's wisdom, we are really holding onto Christ - the true Tree of Life, rooted in God's ways and with the fruits of peace, understanding, tolerance, and many other gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**Hilary Painter**

## Bible Readings:

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

### **Amos 8.4-7**

- 4 Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
5 saying, 'When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the  
ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practise deceit with false balances,  
6 buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'  
7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will  
never forget any of their deeds.

### **1 Timothy 2.1-7**

- 1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,  
intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for  
everyone,  
2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we  
may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and  
dignity.  
3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our  
Saviour,  
4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the  
knowledge of the truth.  
5 For there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and  
humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,  
6 who gave himself a ransom for all-this was attested at  
the right time.  
7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am  
telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles  
in faith and truth.

### **Luke 16.1-13**

- 16 Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man  
who had a manager, and charges were brought to him  
that this man was squandering his property.  
2 So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this  
that I hear about you? Give me an account of your  
management, because you cannot be my manager any  
longer."  
3 Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do,  
now that my master is taking the position away from  
me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to  
beg.  
4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am  
dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into  
their homes."  
5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he  
asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?"  
6 He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to  
him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty."

7 Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?"  
He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to  
him, "Take your bill and make it eighty."

8 And his master commended the dishonest manager  
because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this  
age are more shrewd in dealing with their own  
generation than are the children of light.

9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of  
dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may  
welcome you into the eternal homes.

10 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in  
much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is  
dishonest also in much.

11 If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest  
wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs  
to another, who will give you what is your own?

13 No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either  
hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the  
one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and  
wealth.'

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## **Harvest Thanksgiving 2025**

***To be used for all Harvest Services***

## **Bible Readings:**

### **Deuteronomy 26.1-11**

1 When you have come into the land that the Lord your  
God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you  
possess it, and settle in it,

2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the  
ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord  
your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket  
and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose  
as a dwelling for his name.

3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time,  
and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God  
that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our  
ancestors to give us.'

4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and  
sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God,

5 you shall make this response before the Lord your  
God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went  
down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in  
number, and there he became a great nation, mighty  
and populous.

6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted  
us, by imposing hard labour on us,

7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the  
Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and  
our oppression.

8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand  
and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of  
power, and with signs and wonders;

9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this  
land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that  
you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before

the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.

11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

### Philippians 4.4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Or

### Revelation 14.14-18

14 Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand!

15 Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.'

16 So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.

18 Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

### John 6.25-35

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

26 Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

28 Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?'

29 Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'

30 So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?'

31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

32 Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

34 They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

## Harvest Thanksgiving 2025

### Collects

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
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

## Harvest & Birthday Celebration

Glooston 28<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm

*You are all invited!*



## Music for Reflection

Leicester Cathedral

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm

Tickets £18/ Students £5

Box Office: 01858 467463

Email: [j.r.balme@btinternet.com](mailto:j.r.balme@btinternet.com)



## A Recommendation from John Morrison, Hungarton and Zoom Church Congregation

**"A Church History in Leicestershire" by Nick Miller**

John brought our attention to this book which he strongly recommends. It charts the story of religion in England from pre-Christian times to the twentieth century, viewed through events and the eyes and experiences of the people in Leicestershire.

It can be purchased from many book sellers, including The Book Guild, Amazon and eBay

## 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>

## Prayer Desks

Billesdon Church have 2 spare Prayer Desks

If any church would like one, contact Keith Evans:

Keith Evans, Church Warden 01162596438/ 07754395006

[keithevans6@btinternet.com](mailto:keithevans6@btinternet.com)

## Food for Thought

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 6.30 for 7.15pm start

**Policing is not what you think** with Uel Sandford



### Food for thought

An evening with  
Uel Sandford

Policing - it's not what you think

Meal and talk £15.50

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
Meet 6.30pm for 7.15pm start  
Launde Abbey

Bookings (by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September):  
[mary.baker@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.baker@btinternet.com) 01536 590204 / 07944 30996

About the speaker: Uel served in the Royal Ulster Constabulary for 32 years and was in Close Protection for the past 14 years where he met royalty, heads of state and a pope. Uel has recently returned to County.

About Food for Thought: Talks about life, faith and contemporary issues, arranged by a local group of Christians, including support from Launde C of D. Decey.

## Skeffington Church Cream Teas

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2.30-4.30pm



## Discover Horninghold's Heritage

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2-4pm



## The Friends of Launde

**Decadent Traditional Afternoon Tea**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2-5pm

Booking essential: [madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com](mailto:madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com)



## Tugby: Quiz Night

7pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October Tugby Village Hall

Please contact: [madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com](mailto:madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com) or

<https://www.facebook.com/TugbyTogether/>






## 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/>



 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>

## Launde Minster Community August and September Services

You can now find the services throughout the Launde Deanery/ Minster Community on the website: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk> under the Tab: 'SEPTEMBER SERVICE TIMES'

## NOTE: Back copies of Newsletters available on Launde Minster Community website

Do you want to have a look for something in previous editions of the Gaulby and Coplow, and the Hallaton, Whatborough and Loddington Newsletters?

Back copies can be downloaded from the Launde Minster Community website at: <https://launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk/newsletters>



## This year's Generosity Week runs from Sunday 28 September to Sunday 5 October.

The official dates cover two Sundays, to give churches and worshipping communities double the opportunity to explore generosity when they meet on a Sunday – one to consider with gratitude God's generosity to us and the other to prayerfully work out our response to that generosity.

You could run a Generosity Week in your church to coincide with your Harvest Festival, but if that doesn't work for you, don't let it put you off. We are called to be generous 365 days a year, so run it whenever works for your community. Take a look at the various resources your church could use during Generosity Week:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/generosity-resources/generosity-week/generosity-week-resources-churches>

## The Cathedral Invites You

Please join us at the Cathedral on Saturday 20 September at 4pm for a Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication following the restoration and construction work, with Bishops Martyn and Saju. We are deeply grateful for God's faithfulness and keen to share this moment with everyone.

## Bishop's Lecture Prof. Lord Tarassenko

*Will we still need God when we reach Artificial General Intelligence?*

Thursday 30 October 6-7pm

The University Chaplaincy host the third Bishop's Lecture welcoming Professor Lord Tarassenko, President of Reuben College, University of Oxford. As part of the 'Chaplaincy Lectures', a joint initiative between the Bishop of Leicester and universities in Leicester and Loughborough, we are delighted to announce the next lecture will take place at Loughborough University on Thursday 30th October 2025.

The lecture will be given by the Professor Lord Tarassenko entitled '*Will we still need God when we reach Artificial General Intelligence?*'

Doors open at 5.30pm, with refreshments available in the EHB Atrium. Following the lecture there will be a time for Q&A with Professor Lord Tarassenko.

Professor Lord (Lionel) Tarassenko CBE FREng FMedSci is the first president of Reuben College. He is a world-leading expert in the application of signal processing and machine learning to healthcare, with a strong track record in translation to clinical medicine. He was appointed as a non-party-political peer in the House of Lords in May 2024.

**Full details and booking:**

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/chaplaincy/chaplaincy-events/2025/bishops-lecture-2025/>

## Revd Chris Webb

There will be an informal opportunity to pop-in to the Abbey to say farewell to Chris between 2pm and 5pm on Thursday 18 September.

Please let the Abbey know via [info@launde.org.uk](mailto:info@launde.org.uk) if you intend to drop by that afternoon, and you are welcome to stay to Evening Prayer at 5pm.

If you would like to contribute to a thank you gift for Chris then please contact [accounts@launde.org.uk](mailto:accounts@launde.org.uk) for details of how to do so.

## Church Wardens and Church Officers

### Training Day - this Saturday

The annual training day for Church Wardens and Church Officers takes place on Saturday 20 September, 9am-1.30pm at St Andrew's Church in

## Leicester Forest East.

An opportunity to meet others carrying out these important roles in their parishes, there will be information and talks from diocesan staff, the Registry, a DAC Architect and Ecclesiastical Insurance.

If you would like to attend, RSVP ASAP to Paige Bradshaw-Jones, EA to the Archdeacons of Leicester and Loughborough: [Paige.Bradshaw-Jones@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Paige.Bradshaw-Jones@LeicesterCofE.org)

## NEW - Preparing a Budget

Creating and monitoring a budget can be one of the most useful tools in managing church finances. But how do you do it? Bring along your church accounts for the budgeting exercise, and any members of your church that are interested in helping you create the budget. More info: [Laura.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Laura.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org)

*In person:*

**Saturday 11 October, 10am-12pm – St Martins House, Leicester**

**Sign up on the hub:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/preparing-a-budget/>

*Online:*

**Monday 13 October, 7pm-8.30pm – via Microsoft Teams**

**Sign up on the hub:**

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/preparing-a-budget-online-via-teams/>

## Creationtide – Peace with creation

**1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of Life. It is a month of unity, when Christians around the world celebrate the beauty and wonder of creation and commit to caring for our common home.**

This year, we are called to be peacemakers with creation, all people and God, based on Isaiah 32:14-18.

The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between people and God.

Care for God's creation is part of our everyday faith as Christians. We honour God when we care for his creation. We show love to our neighbours, near and far, when we care about the environments in which they live. And we work for justice when we seek to tackle climate change and halt the loss of nature.

During Creationtide, that call feels all the more significant and is a great time to start, or expand upon our eco-conscious endeavours.

**Take action and read more here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/creationtide-2025--peace-with-creation.php>

## The Great Switch for Creation



**This Season of Creation, pledge to make the Great Switch for Creation and take a small but impactful step towards our net zero carbon mission.**

Switching to a green energy tariff is a small but powerful step your church can take to reduce your environmental impact.

By choosing an ethical green energy supplier, we are:

- Ensuring our churches can be a beacon of hope for everyone.
- Actively increasing investment in renewable energy.
- Supporting ethical companies working hard to reduce carbon emissions, addressing global climate injustice.
- Demonstrating our faith in action.

**Learn more:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/the-great-switch-for-creation.php>

## Save the Date

**'The Sound of Power and Pride' will be the Diocese of Leicester's Black History Month concert, celebrating musical expression from Black Diaspora.** Join us on the night to hear a line-up of renowned Black musical artists. The event will be held at Holy Trinity Leicester (HTL church), at 6.30pm on **Saturday 18 October**, and tickets are free.

**More details to come very soon.**

## East & Southeast Asian Heritage Month



**September is East & Southeast Asian (ESEA) Heritage Month. During the month we are called to consider the theme 'Reframing Resilience'.**

This week, Jessie Tang, our Intercultural Ministry Director, reflects on her familial journey and celebrates the stories of many others who've migrated into our cities and worshipping communities.

See also a video featuring Jessie's story and some words from Revd Pak Kwong Yip of Leicester Chinese Christian Church.

**Find out more here:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/east-southeast-asian-esea-heritage-month.php>

## Prayer Diary - September to December 2025

**Our latest prayer diary is now available for you to use as part of your Everyday Prayer.**

If you would like to receive a paper copy but are not on the mailing list, contact James Pickersgill, Bishop's

Chaplain: [Bishops.Chaplain@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Bishops.Chaplain@LeicesterCofE.org)

**View a digital copy here:**

<https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/prayer-diary-sept-dec-2025.pdf>

## From Roost to Wings



**To celebrate East and Southeast Asian Heritage Month, during September, we are sharing the familial journeys of people in our diocesan worshipping communities.**

This week Vanessa Li, member of the Diocesan Nominations and Remuneration Committee, and former employee of Leicester Cathedral, tells her story...

**Read Vanessa's story:**

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/from-roots-to-wings.php>

## Minster Community Process: Check-in and Chat

**Selected Tuesdays, 12.30pm-1.30pm – Zoom**

**Upcoming dates: 23 September, 7 October, 4 November.**

The Minster Community process is rolling out across our diocese. You may have lots of questions around the process, such as what's happening, when, and why? To help with your understanding of the process and listen to your perspective Beth Cluer, the Facilitation Lead for Minster Communities, is holding some 'Check in and Chat' sessions over Zoom. Please do feel free to come and chat with Beth.

[Use this link to join the meetings.](#) (Link remains the same)

You can also email [Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org)

You may find answers to your questions in our [Minster Communities FAQs](#)

## Mental Health First Aid Training

**Wednesdays: 24 September, 1, 8 and 15 October, 9.30am-1pm – The Cube on Symingtons, Market Harborough**

Training aimed at leaders, paid or voluntary, who work with young people and want to develop how they support young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Training is free but spaces are limited, so we do ask that you only sign up if you can make all 4 dates. **Book here:**

<https://mhfaengland.org/course-booking-form/?id=d3e657ca-2c41-f011-8779-7c1e52208a30>

## OWL Conference - Pray and Play in Creation

**Saturday 27 September, 9.30am-3.30pm – Launde Abbey**

For anyone interested in exploring outside worship, this is a day to pray, play and worship our Creator God within creation, set in the beautiful grounds of Launde Abbey.

Tickets £12, including lunch. Young leaders £8, under 12's free. **See full details and book here:**

<https://htl.churchsuite.com/events/rr1eu611>

**View the poster:**

<https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/owl-conference-2025.pdf>

For more details, please contact [AnneScott@htl.church](mailto:AnneScott@htl.church)

## Chaplaincy Celebration and Recommissioning

**Sunday 28 September, 3.30pm – Leicester Cathedral**

A special time to give thanks to God for the enormous contribution of our chaplaincies across the Diocese. All are warmly invited to attend this service.

## Parish Buying Supplier Expo

**Monday 29 September 10am-3pm – St Martin's Church, Birmingham**

Meet over 25 Church of England approved suppliers and hear from leading industry experts, covering all your parish needs. **Book your free ticket which includes lunch:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-buying-supplier-expo-st-martins-church-birmingham-tickets-1509571702599?aff=oddttdtcreator>

For further information email [ann-marie.childs@churchofengland.org](mailto:ann-marie.childs@churchofengland.org)

## Church Treasurer: Insights Into the Role and Responsibilities

**Tuesday 30 September, 7-8pm – Online**

This course from ACAT is for new church treasurers, trustees looking for a new treasurer and those who have been asked to take on the role of church treasurer. Get a brief insight into the role and responsibilities of the role. Hear some things that you need to think about and ask the questions you need to ask.

Cost: Free if you sign up through the diocese. **Sign up here:** <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jlbsCEtcMUW8FlpkvvNgxqhdxq4bQFGlUEfVkhmr4tUQTBGNU1FVIQ1Q1NEN0k2RkozMExOVzZaNC4u>

## Being a Treasurer: The Basics

**3 Sessions: Thursdays 2, 9 and 16 Oct 7-9pm – Online**

A course from ACAT to equip new and experienced treasurers with the core knowledge needed to carry out their role. Designed for all those who are church treasurers new to the role or just need a refresher. Also for those who support church treasurers and would like to know what is involved. Cost: Free if you sign up through the diocese. **Sign up here:**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jlbsCEtcMUW8FlpkvvNgxqhdxq4bQFGlUEfVkhmr4tUM0hFNIFXNOVKRjIYWkRSRkg4WVBaSElaUi4u>

## Digital Giving at Christmas

**Tuesday 14 October, 12-1pm – Online**

Join us in this webinar to learn about how to maximise your digital giving during the advent period, the Church of England's Christmas theme for 2025 and be inspired by some Christmassy campaign ideas. **Register here:**

[https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0mUGOPPtTdCe3WCkyIOKnw#/registration](https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0mUGOPPtTdCe3WCkyIOKnw#/registration)

## Heartedge Conference: Living God's Future Now

**Tuesday 28 October, 10.00am-19:30pm – St Martins House**

Led by a team from St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, discover practical tools and fresh perspectives to invigorate your parishes' mission and ministry in both rural and urban contexts.

**Tickets are £25 including lunch.** Bring friends for an

additional £10 each.

**Followed by an Evening Concert by St Martin's Choral Scholars** at St Nicholas Church – 6.30pm-7.30pm. (Can be booked separately.)

**See full details and book here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/living-gods-future-now-making-your-churchs-heart-sing-tickets-1425700060259>

## Gift Aid: Maximising the Benefits and Reducing the Pitfalls

**Monday 24 November 6.45pm-8.45pm – Online**

This course from ACAT will enhance your understanding of the complexities of Gift Aid and the small donations scheme (GASDS). Be guided through the jargon and find answers to those questions you always wanted to ask about Gift Aid. Cost: Free if you sign up through the diocese. **Sign up here:**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jlbsCEtcMUW8FlpkvvNgxqhdxq4bQFGlUEfVkhmr4tUM0hFNIFXNOVKRjIYWkRSRkg4WVBaSElaUi4u>

## Vocations Conversation

**Saturday 11 October, 9.30-11am – Bishop's Lodge**

Join Bishop Saju and Revd Sue Willetts for an informal vocations conversation. **Watch Bishop Saju's invitation**

**here:** <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/st-wistan-said-yes--who-else-might-god-be-calling.php>

If you would like to attend please RSVP to [Claire.Stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Claire.Stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org)

## Save the Date: Safeguarding Sunday 2025

**On Sunday 16 November 2025**

This initiative, spearheaded by Thirtyone:eight, invites communities to come together to reflect on their safeguarding journey, and highlight all the good work that is being done to create safer places. **Find out more:**

<https://safeguardingsunday.org>

## Getting the Most Out of Contactless Giving

**Tuesday 10 October, 10-11am – Online**

Explore the ways to get the most out of your contactless device: top tips from successful churches, advice on reporting and Gift Aid, and more. **Register here:**

[https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CmLyGfErT62jh-ikojqaeA#/registration](https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CmLyGfErT62jh-ikojqaeA#/registration)





