



GRAPEVINE

Easter Sunday

20th April 2025

Prayer for the Day

by Revd Canon David White

i thank You God for this amazing
 day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
 and a blue dream of sky; and for everything
 which is natural which is infinite which is yes

 (i who have died am alive again today,
 and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
 day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
 great happening illimitably earth)

 how should tasting touching hearing seeing
 breathing any—lifted from the no
 of all nothing—human merely being
 doubt unimaginaire You?

 (now the ears of my ears awake and
 now the eyes of my eyes are opened)
e.e.cummings (1894 – 1962)

This poem, by the American poet and painter, e e cummings, is offered as a meditation on Easter Day.

The poem has allusions to sunshine, springtime, new birth, wakening and thanksgiving. Cummings was a prolific writer of poetry and is said to have written nearly 3,000 poems. He was a poetry pioneer who did not stick to linguistic rules or traditional poetic form, preferring his own distinct personal style and unusual punctuation.

Cummings was influenced in his childhood by his father being a Presbyterian Church Minister, but as an adult he was never what might be described as an orthodox Christian. Nevertheless, this poem shows he saw God as creator and the resurrection as something of inexplicable wonder, “the birth day of life and of love and wings:”

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 20 th	10.00am 10.30am 10am-4pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Open Churches	Winthorpe Thorney Besthorpe and Girtton
Tues. 22 nd	10.00am 10am-noon	Pause for Thought Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist Collingham St John the Baptist
Thurs. 24 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 26 th	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton

NOTICES

Open Churches: Holme and Langford churches are open every day, 10am to 4pm. Collingham All Saints is open every day, whenever the "Church Open" sign is displayed.

Please note: Due to the building work taking place at Thorney, there will be no Open Church there on Sunday mornings for the foreseeable future.

Safeguarding: Val Watson and Sally Lee are our Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs). If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact either of them – see Contacts below. More information about safeguarding can be found on our website, www.easttrentchurches.org.uk.

Churches Together in Collingham are holding two regular house groups in the village to share a time of fellowship, prayer and discussion every alternate week. Everyone is welcome – if you're interested and would like more information, please ring Duncan Smith on 07394 325675.

For information on the **Newark Food Bank** and the **Collingham Area Pantry** please see the [Community Action](#) page on our website (under 'About Us' on the menu).

NEXT SUNDAY 27th April – 2nd of Easter

10.00am	Holy Communion	Collingham St John the Baptist
10.00am	Morning Worship	Langford
10.30am	Morning Worship	Clifton
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Winthorpe
10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 118.14-end; Revelation 1.4–8; John 20.19-end.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Those celebrating the risen Christ in our communities and around the world.
- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Our young people and their teachers, as the new school term begins.
- ❖ All those known to us who have recently died.
- ❖ In our year's mind: Edith Beevers, Gwendolen Shiller, Elizabeth Gibson, Mary Worthington, John Belton, John Lloyd, Valerie Braddock, Geoffrey Hill.

CONTACTS

PASTORAL ENQUIRIES ~ Please contact your church warden(s).

SAFEGUARDING – Val Watson (07815 644236) or Sally Lee (01522 778691).

ALL OTHER ENQUIRIES, INCLUDING WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS, AND ITEMS FOR GRAPEVINE ~

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