



**GRAPEVINE**                      **Mothering Sunday**                      **15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Prayer for the Day**    *by Revd Canon David White*

**God our Mother**  
**Living Water,**  
**River of Mercy,**  
**Source of Life,**  
**in whom we live and move and have our being,**  
**who quenches our thirst, refreshes our weariness,**  
**bathes and washes and cleanses our wounds,**  
**be for us always a fountain of life,**  
**for all the world a river of hope**  
**springing up in the midst**  
**of the deserts of despair. Amen.**

‘Do remember, they can’t cancel the spring’ was coined by the artist David Hockney in 2020 during the first lockdown of the Covid-19 pandemic. He self-isolated in Normandy where he spent his time working on iPad paintings showing the gradual transformation of the landscape by the arrival of spring.

This Sunday is Mothering Sunday. Churches and families give thanks for their mothers and for their love and care. For those who have not been able

to grow up experiencing a mother’s love and care, perhaps they will give thanks for those who have acted as a mother for them in their lives.

This prayer encapsulates all that a mother is concerned with in our lives and is offered to God as our Mother. It was written by Miriam Therese Winter a Roman Catholic Mission sister, theologian and song writer. It reminds us that God is the creator and sustains of the life he gives.

Mothering Sunday always falls in the spring and this year it comes at a time when the world is such a disturbing and unsettling place. If, like me, you’ve been reading or watching the news of late with some alarm, unsure of what will happen next, then to know that God loves and cares for us with the constancy of a mother is reassuring and gives hope. And of course, ‘do remember, they can’t cancel the spring’.

**SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK**

Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holme</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Collingham All Saints</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Thorney</b>
	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton
	11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Pause for Thought</b>	<b>Collingham St John the Baptist</b>
	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
	2.00pm	Lent Discussion Group	Collingham Methodist Church
Thurs. 19 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton

**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.

## NOTICES

**Please note:** Morning Worship on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Besthorpe has been cancelled.

**The Lent Discussion groups** started on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the Methodist Church front vestibule. There will be five Tuesdays altogether, the last one being 24<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to having some lively and thought-provoking discussions and hope that you will join us.

**Thorney Twitchers present an afternoon of Falconry** to be held at St Helen's Church and Community Hub on SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH from 2pm to 3.30pm. Come and meet the birds and watch them fly! A great variety of Birds of Prey will be on display, including Harris' Hawk, Goshawk, Peregrine Falcon, Gyr Saker Falcon. Learn about Falconry past and present. Refreshments. Adults £5, children £3. Family: two adults, two children £12. Bank Transfer prior to event Contact Zoe: 07768 570401 or zoeraygen@outlook.com for details, or cash on the day.

**The next meeting for those who lay-lead services** will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, starting at 7pm at South Scarle Church and Community Centre. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to come along. We will be reading some of the Bible readings set for March together, discussing them and praying together. We look forward to seeing you.

**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](http://www.easttrentchurches.org.uk).

**Churches Together in Collingham:** The two regular Housegroups normally held every other week in Collingham will NOT be held while the Lent Course is running. These meetings will resume after Easter. Everyone is welcome, so if you are interested please contact 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

10.00am	Holy Communion	Collingham St John the Baptist
10.00am	Morning Worship	Langford
10.30am	Morning Worship	Clifton
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Winthorpe
10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton

**Readings for next Sunday:** Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ All mothers around the world, especially those mourning the loss of a child.
- ❖ All those who have recently died – Christopher Steeples, Marion Woodcock.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Betty Moran, Pamela Ryan, Joseph Hallam, Margaret Pennell, Joan Casterton, Johanna Boyce, David Riley.

## 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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