

**EAST TRENT CHURCHES**  
**BESTHORPE, CLIFTON, COLLINGHAM,**  
**GIRTON, HARBY, HOLME, LANGFORD,**  
**SOUTH SCARLE, THORNEY, WINTHORPE**  
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**GRAPEVINE**                      3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent                      8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
wherever he may send you.**  
**May he guide you through the wilderness,  
and protect you through the storm.**  
**May he bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders he has shown you.**  
**May he bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors. Amen.**

This morning prayer of blessing is included in a book entitled “Celtic Daily Prayer”, a book of prayers compiled by the Northumbria Community described on its website as “a dispersed network of people from different backgrounds, streams and edges of the Christian faith”.

The story behind this prayer is that in the 1970s, a man known only as Peter was helping out at the Anglican retreat house, called Marygate House, on Lindisfarne, Holy Island, Northumberland. He was the author of the prayer and it has been used quite extensively since then. It has also been set to music known as ‘Peter’s Song’.

The essence of the prayer is asking that Christ go with us wherever we may be and in whatever we may encounter. Whether storms or dry and barren wilderness the day is entrusted to Christ’s care. It ends with the hope that the comfort of home will be there at the end of the day, and that there will be rejoicing with the return. It’s good to pray this at the start of any or every day for it gives reassurance that no matter what happens God is always with us.

**SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK**

Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Girton</b>
	10.00am	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Collingham St John the Baptist</b>
	10.15am	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Winthorpe</b>
	10.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Clifton</b>
	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton
Mon. 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Funeral – Margaret Rowland	Sherwood Forest Crematorium
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>Pause for Thought</b>	<b>Collingham All Saints</b>
	2.00pm	Lent Discussion Group	Collingham Methodist Church
Thurs. 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Funeral – Ron Smith	Harby
	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 14 <sup>th</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:** (1) Morning Worship on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Besthorpe has been cancelled. (2) St Helen's Church, Thorney will not be open on Sundays for quiet prayer for a while as work is underway to install heating!

**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 15<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

10.00am	Holy Communion	Holme
10.00am	Morning Worship	Collingham All Saints
10.30am	Morning Worship	Thorney
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton

**Readings for next Sunday:** Exodus 2.1-10; Psalm 127.1-4; Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Margaret Rowland and Ron Smith, whose funerals take place this week.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Isobel Chipperfield, Anna Sheldon, Peter Foden, Brian Parkin, Laurence Baston, Ivy Wing, Anne Thompson, Dorothy Walker, Dennis Narracott, Robert Hallam.

## 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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