EAST TRENT CHURCHES
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GRAPEVINE Bartholomew the Apostle

24th Aug 2025

Prayer for the Day

by Revd Canon David White

Teach us, good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve:
to give and not to count the cost:
to fight and not to heed the wounds:
to toil and not to seek for rest:
to labour and not to ask for any reward:
save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen.

This prayer by Ignatius of Loyola (1491 – 1556) emphasises two important virtues and principles of the Christian faith – service and generosity. We follow in Jesus' footsteps not by simply doing good deeds (if that were the case, even atheists would be following him). We follow Jesus by doing good deeds in a particular way, a way that is modelled after the lesson Jesus gave us in washing the disciples' feet on the night before his crucifixion.

Ignatius was Spanish from the Basque region and was originally a soldier who later became a priest. With six companions he founded the religious order of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) the main purpose of which was to be missionary and teaching.

The prayer encapsulates his thinking and ideas. For him, to find God through service, we have to make ourselves vulnerable as Jesus did. We also have to be one who, in faith, offers ourselves to and for others. We offer our service without calculating the cost to us; we do it for the love of God, his creation and his people. Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a faithful servant of God and gave himself generously for the sake of others, so do we.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 24 th	10.00am	Morning Worship	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Harby
	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 Girton
	11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney
Tues. 26 th	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham All Saints
Thurs. 28 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 30 th	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

The next meeting for those who lead our Lay Led Worship will be on TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST starting at 7.30pm, at South Scarle. We look forward to seeing anyone who would like to share a time of Bible study and fellowship.

All Saints Winthorpe presents The Return of the Collingham Singers! Join us on Sunday 21st September at 3pm for a heartwarming afternoon of music, poetry and entertainment. This year's performance explores the theme of "Home" – through song, verse and more! Tickets: £10 including refreshments, available from Joan Lord (07792 110540) or Tisha Applewhite (07896 822424).

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 <u>Community Action</u> page on our website (under 'About Us' on the menu).

NEXT SUNDAY 31st August – 11th after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship		Thorney
10.45am	United Holy Communion	Collingham Methodist Church
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton
11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney

Readings for next Sunday: Proverbs 25.6-7; Psalm 112; 1 Hebrews 13.1-8, 15–16; Luke 14.1, 7-14.

PRAYER

Please pray for:

- Molly & Dillon, who will be married at Thorney this Saturday, 23rd August, and for Samantha & Geoff, who will be married at Collingham St John the Baptist on 30th August.
- Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- Our young people, after receiving their school exam results.
- All those mourning the loss of loved ones.
- * Those who have recently died: Michael Gilbourne, Ann Williams.
- In our year's mind: Alice Coote, Dorothy Bills, Duncan Hargreaves, Eric Neal, Dorothea Robinson, Dean Muggleston, Ken Candeland, Neil West, Guy Mansell, David Croft.

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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