



GRAPEVINE **3rd Sunday of Easter** **4th May 2025**

Prayer for the Day

by Revd Canon David White

O God, the Spirit of truth,
 help us to be truthful with one another,
 O God, the Spirit of gentleness,
 help us to be gentle with one another,
 O God, who knows what is in our hearts
 more clearly than we do ourselves,
 help us to hear one another.
 O God, lead us in the way of truth and love. Amen.

The Gospel reading for today tells of how, after the crucifixion Peter and the disciples, having lost hope and purpose, went back to their old day job - fishing. It was their way of dealing with the loss of the one who had changed their lives. But they'd also lost the knack of catching fish until a distant figure on the shore tells them to try again and then they pull in a marvellous haul. The figure is recognised as Jesus. They all eat on the beach and then Jesus and Peter separate and talk together.

Remembering that Peter had three times denied knowing Jesus before the crucifixion, which caused Peter so much distress, Jesus now asks him three times: "Do you love me?" Each time Peter replies: "Of course I love you" and so reverses the negative of the previous denials. This prayer by Richard Harries, the former Bishop of Oxford, takes Jesus' question a stage further and into our own relationships. It relates how we, with God's help, need to be truthful, gentle and fully absorbed in all our dealings with each other so as to acquire the ultimate gain that only truth and love can provide.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 4 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clifton
	10.00am	Joyful Noise	Collingham May Fair Marquee
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Holme
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	South Scarle
	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton
Tues. 6 th	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
Thurs. 8 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 10 th	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton

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

Collingham Annual Meeting will be held at 2.00pm on Saturday May 3rd in the Marquee in Vine Farm Paddock (behind All Saints).

Collingham May Fair - help needed. Collingham churches are having a stall at the May Fair on the afternoon of Bank Holiday Monday (May 5th). It will involve games for children to play and volunteers are needed to staff it. If you can help, please sign up for a time slot on the poster on the notice board in All Saints or the Methodist church foyer. Thank you.

Collingham May Fair Ceilidh Dance in support of the Collingham Churches is being held on Sunday 4th May 2025 from 6-11pm. The Ceilidh Dance is being held in the paddock behind All Saints Church Collingham, accessed from Church Lane. There is a live Ceilidh Band with a caller to help everyone learn the dances, along with food and drink vendors. Tickets are £10 for an adult and £5 for children under 16, available from John and Jane Wilson, or Collingham Post Office.

Christian Aid Week 11 - 17 May. There are many ways in which you could help some of the world's poorest people, even if it is only to bring your filled envelope to church because nobody has managed to collect it. Please contact me if you would like to do more. Thank you. Marylyn Rayner 01636 892539 or 07908 996190.

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 11th May – 4th of Easter

10.00am	Holy Communion	Besthorpe
10.15am	Service to Commemorate the 80 th Anniversary of VE Day	Winthorpe
10.30am	Morning Worship	Clifton
10.30am	Morning Worship	Harby
10.45am	United Christian Aid Service	Collingham Methodist Church
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 9.36–end; Psalm 23; Revelation 7.9–end; John 10.22–30.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ The man who tragically died in Newark on Wednesday night, and for his family.
- ❖ All others known to us who have recently died – Roy Baker, Allan Wayment.
- ❖ In our year's mind: Paul Randall, Karen Kupper, Frank Ward, Wendy Crowe, Dominick Mumford, Barbara Harker.

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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