



# **GRAPEVINE**      **Presentation of Christ**      **1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2026**

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

Lord, what we have not, give us.  
 Lord, what we know not, teach us.  
 Lord, what we are not, kindly make us.  
 Forgive what we have been.  
 Sanctify what we are.  
 And order what we shall be.  
 All for your love's sake.  
 Amen.

Before I was ordained, I worshiped at a church near to where I then lived. To help me work out whether God really was calling me to ministry in the Church of England I would meet with the Rector on a regular basis. He was generous with his time and fulsome in his encouragement - which was always realistic and balanced. I remember that at the end of each meeting he would pray and the final prayer he would say was this one. I have remembered it ever since and still use it. I don't know who wrote it but it is thought to be Anglican in origin and can be found in different versions.

The prayer is in some anthologies and is a direct, simple, straight-forward and profound petition which has our well-being at heart. It is a prayer which can be said on various occasions or else in private. It's also an ideal prayer to say at the end of a conversation, a meeting, a study group, because whatever has been considered and discussed is offered to God without explanation, whilst embracing our intentions and all that is in our minds at that time.

## **SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK**

Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Clifton</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>	<b>Collingham All Saints</b>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>South Scarle</b>
Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Gorton
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Pause for Thought</b>	<b>Collingham St John the Baptist</b>
	1.30pm	Funeral – Brian Wright	Winthorpe
Thurs. 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
	1.00pm	Thanksgiving – Hazel Wilson	Collingham All Saints
	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Gorton

**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:** St Helen's Church, Thorney will not be open on Sundays for quiet prayer for a while as work is underway to install heating!

**LINKS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:** There will be a special meeting for anyone who is interested in developing Christian links with children, young people and their families, to be held at South Scarle Church and Community Centre on MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY at 3.30pm until 5pm at the latest. We will be supported by Ruth Lee, our Diocesan Youth Development Leader and Richard Kellett, our Associate Archdeacon. Refreshments will be available from 3.15pm and we will close in prayer at about 4.45pm. We look forward to seeing you.

**The next meeting for those who lay-lead services** will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 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** 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 8<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent

10.00am	Holy Communion	Besthorpe
10.00am	Morning Worship	Collingham St John the Baptist
10.15am	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
10.30am	Morning Worship	Clifton
10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Gorton

**Readings for next Sunday:** Genesis 1.1 – 2.3; Psalm 136; Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-end.

## PRAYER

Please pray for:

- ❖ Lauryn & Aaron, who were married at Clifton on Saturday (31<sup>st</sup> January).
- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Brian Wright and Hazel Wilson, whose funerals take place this week.
- ❖ All those who have recently died – Elisabeth Thursby, Maureen Coupland, Mary Hill.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Stephen Chipperfield, Roger Murray, Kerry Clayton, Ken Crocker, Peter Gill, Kadia Evans, Graham Scotney, Rosalind Gosling, David Watson, Ann Stone, John Smith.

## 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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