



GRAPEVINE 9th Sunday after Trinity 17th Aug 2025

Prayer for the Day

by Revd Canon David White

We are strange conundrums of faithfulness and fickleness.

We cleave to you in all the ways that we are able.

We count on you and intend our lives to be lived for you,
 and then we find ourselves among your people
 who are always seeking elsewhere and otherwise.

So we give thanks that you are the God
 who yearns and waits for us,
 and that our connection to you is always from your side,
 and that is it because of your goodness
 that neither life nor death, nor angels nor principalities
 nor heights nor depths nor anything in creation
 can separate us from you.

We give thanks for your faithfulness, so much more durable than ours. Amen.

On the many Sundays after Trinity (called 'ordinary time' to distinguish it from times of fasting and feasting like Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter etc.) we're given the opportunity to reflect on the breadth and depth of our faith and how we understand ourselves in relation to and with God. This prayer of thanksgiving by Walter Brueggemann, the American theologian and Professor of Old Testament Studies, acknowledges our weaknesses but sets against that the unfailing graciousness of God, who is good and "who yearns and waits for us". Brueggemann quotes from St Paul's letter to the Romans (8.38-39) to make his point.

It is good to offer prayers and thanksgivings to God yet so often it is for things he has provided or done. It is also good, as this prayer shows, to give thanks to God simply for being the faithful, loving and forgiving God he is.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 17 th	10.00am	Morning Worship	Collingham All Saints
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Thorney
	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Gorton
	11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney
Tues. 19 th	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
Thurs. 21 st	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 23 rd	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Please note: The Holy Communion service next Sunday (24th) at Collingham St John the Baptist has been replaced by a Morning Worship service. Please see the list of alternative venues below if you would like to attend a Holy Communion service nearby.

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 [Community Action](#) page on our website (under 'About Us' on the menu).

NEXT SUNDAY 24th August – Bartholomew the Apostle

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 Girtton
11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney

Alternative venues for Holy Communion next Sunday (outside East Trent):

9.00am	Sung Eucharist	Newark (St Mary's) - Barnbygate Methodist Church
9.30am	Holy Communion	Thurlby
10.00am	Family Communion	Coddington
11.00am	Holy Communion	Eagle

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 5.12-16; Psalm 145.1-7; 1 Corinthians 4.9–15; Luke 22.24-30.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Those who have recently died: Michael Gilbourne. And in our year's mind: Clive Gilmore, Alfred Cobb, Rebecca Adams, Wick de Vos, Michael Wayment, Anne Rickman, Keith Lloyd, Allan Smith, Nigel Ellerby, Kathleen Batty, Maxine Stevenson, William Hobson.

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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