



GRAPEVINE 16th Sunday after Trinity 5th Oct 2025

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

Grant, O God, that we may wait patiently
as servants standing before their Lord to know your will;
that we may welcome all truth; however it is expressed,
that we may bless every good deed, whoever is the doer of it,
that we may rise above all prejudice and party interest
to the contemplation of eternal Truth and Goodness
though the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This prayer was written by Charles Kingsley (1819 – 1875), who perhaps used to be best known as author of ‘The Water Babies’ and ‘Westward Ho’ (books that are out of favour today). Kingsley was an eccentric intellectual Victorian clergyman who, though he was also at different times Regius Professor of History at Cambridge, private tutor to the Prince of Wales and Chaplain to the Royal Family, was also a bundle of contradictions. He was a Christian socialist and obsessed with water and being clean. He supported sanitation reform to promote healthy drinking water for all so as to stop the spread of cholera amongst the poor – a sub-text in ‘The Water Babies’. For him, cleanliness really was next to Godliness, seeking not just a clean outer body but a clean inner self as well.

However, today’s prayer provides no indication that Kingsley was anything other than a priest who saw himself and all Christians as servants of God who are prepared to accept truth and goodness wherever they are found. Perhaps most important of all is the prayer’s petition that ‘we may rise above all prejudice and party interest’ and seek God through Jesus our Lord, thereby striving for holiness and so avoiding the division that’s so prevalent in society today.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 5 th	10.00am	Joyful Harvest	Collingham All Saints
	10.00am	Harvest Festival	Holme
	3.00pm	Community Harvest	Thorney
	3.00pm	Harvest Festival	Harby
	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton
Tues. 7 th	11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney
	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
Thurs. 9 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 11 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

A big THANK YOU to those who supported our recent MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON, held at St Helen's Church, Thorney. £241-60 has been raised altogether, with lots of donations from people who couldn't make it on the day. It was good to see friends from Harby and Collingham there to support us. Thank you everyone.

Girton's Harvest Service will be on Friday 3rd October at 7pm followed by supper in the Village Hall. No tickets are required but all donations to the Church will be gratefully received on the night.

The East Trent Memorial Service at 3pm on Saturday 25th October at Collingham St John the Baptist is an opportunity for us to remember loved ones who are no longer with us, and particularly those who have died in the past 12 months. If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out and a candle to be lit in their memory, please either add them to the list in church, or email Christine (c.hasman@ntlworld.com) **by Wednesday 22nd October**.

The next meeting for those who lead Morning Worship will be held at South Scarle Church and Community Centre on TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER starting at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come along, not just those who lead worship. We discuss the readings for the coming month and pray together. We would love to see 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.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY 12th October – 17th after Trinity

10.00am	Holy Communion	South Scarle
10.00am	Harvest Festival	Collingham St John the Baptist
10.15am	Harvest Festival	Winthorpe
10.30am	Morning Worship	Clifton
10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton
11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney

Readings for next Sunday: 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19.

Harvest Festival: Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35.

PRAYER

Please pray for:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ All those affected by the attack on the synagogue in Manchester.
- ❖ In our year's mind: Hazel Belcher, Daniel McCarthy, Mary Sandford, Gordon Robinson, Joy Muirhead, Paul Nix, Dave Sheppard.

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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