



GRAPEVINE **2nd Sunday of Easter** **27th April 2025**

Prayer for the Day

by Revd Canon David White

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years
to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms.

How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced;
how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered;
how many hopes have been buried...

But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid!

Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace.

Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say:

"Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost".

Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

This is a a prayer, or to be more accurate, part of a prayer of Pope Francis, who died last Monday and whose funeral and burial took place yesterday. Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in 1936 he came to the papacy from Argentina and chose the name Francis to honour St Francis of Assisi – the inimitable ‘il poverello’, ‘the little poor man’. St Francis was a constant proponent of peace who is said to have greeted all he met with the words, “may the Lord give you peace”. Pope Francis learned well from his saintly namesake that peace is from God, but at the same time we have to be carriers of peace wherever we go. A timely reminder at this time when we remember the resurrected Christ appearing to his disciples and saying to them and to us all: ‘Peace be with you’.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 27 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Langford
	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 Gorton
Tues. 29 th	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham All Saints
Thurs. 1 st	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 3 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

The next meeting for Worship Leaders will be held on MONDAY 28TH APRIL at ALL SAINTS, COLLINGHAM, starting at 7pm as usual. Please note the change of venue!

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 4th May – 3rd of Easter

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 Gorton

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 9.1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5.11–end; John 21.1-19.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Those known to us who have recently died – Roy Baker, Allan Wayment.
- ❖ In our year's mind: Miriam Norris, Ronald Beat, Joan Woodward, Jean Parkes, Nan Jackson, Sebastian Harman, Philip Clements, Granville Daniels, Mary Osgathorpe, Susan Broomfield, Anne Coote.

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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