



GRAPEVINE 12th Sunday after Trinity 23rd Aug 2026

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

We are now drawing close to the time for our Harvest Festival services across the benefice when we thank God for the harvest both locally and nationally. However, this year's harvest is set against the backdrop of successive summer heatwaves that have caused lower yields for farmers and horticulturists. In addition, people in this country and in Europe have suffered wildfires that swept at alarming speed through trees, scrublands and then houses. People have lost their homes entirely (or they've been severely damaged).

There is overwhelming scientific evidence that the changes we witness and experience are the result of climate change for which we humans are responsible.

This prayer by Stephen Davies, the CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) youth training co-ordinator, contains three important aspects – we are all guardians of the earth; we must acknowledge our need for forgiveness for the harm that has been caused to nature, property and people; and lastly, we need inspiration to do better. This cannot be left to God alone – it's up to each of us to play our part.

**Creator God, who made our beautiful world,
 appointed us as its guardians
 and gifted us with everything we need,
 forgive us
 for the times we cause it harm;
 for the times our way of life
 affects our neighbours.
 Inspire us
 to care for the environment;
 to help rebuild lives and communities;
 to share in the griefs and anxieties,
 joys and hopes of all your people,
 so that all your creation may flourish. Amen.**

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 23 rd	10.00am	Holy Communion	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
Tues 25 th	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Gorton
	11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney
	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham All Saints
Thurs. 27 th	10.00am	Funeral – Jenny Burton	Winthorpe
	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 29 th	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Gorton

Open Churches: Holme St Giles is open every day, 10am to 4pm.

Collingham All Saints is open every day, whenever the "Church Open" sign is displayed.

NOTICES

Winthorpe's Summer fundraiser, the Pimms and Strawberry Party will be held at church on Saturday 22nd August from 5pm, with musical entertainment. The Raffle will be drawn before 7pm. Tickets cost £10, which includes a glass of Pimms (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) or other soft drink and a bowl of strawberries with cream/ice-cream. Tickets for this popular event are on sale from any Winthorpe PCC member or phone Tisha Applewhite on 01636 643763.

The next meeting for Worship Leaders will be on Monday 24th August, St Helena's Church, South Scarle, at 7pm, when we will be looking at the readings for September. Everyone is welcome.

East Trent Group Tea Party to say thankyou to the Rev'd Canon John Smith for all his support through our vacancy, on his retirement. Saturday Sept 5th 3.00pm at Besthorpe. All are welcome. Please let me know if you are coming, to help with the catering. suebutler@gmx.co.uk 01636 892068. Thanks, Sue.

At St Cecilia's Church, Girton, we are pleased to be hosting the **Collingham Singers** for one of their entertaining concerts. This will take place on Saturday 19th September at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and include interval refreshments. To book your place, please contact Samantha (07944 466220) or Sally (01522 778691).

Churches Together in Collingham require a Minutes Secretary to record the minutes for 3 meetings a year (Jan, April & Sep) held at Collingham Methodist Church and to circulate the minutes by email afterwards. Please contact Mr Owen Yeomans (roandajyeomans@hotmail.co.uk) or Mrs Anne Massey (team.massey@btinternet.com) if you are interested or require further information.

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.

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 30th August – 13th after Trinity

10.30am	Morning Worship	Thorney
10.45am	United Holy Communion	Collingham Methodist Church
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton
11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney

Readings for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1-8; Romans 12.9-end; Matthew 16.21-end.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Those who are unwell – Revd Canon John Smith.
- ❖ Those who have recently died – Jenny Burton.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Maxine Stevenson, William Hobson, Alice Coote, Dorothy Bills, Elisabeth Quibell, Duncan Hargreaves, Eric Neal, Dorothea Robinson, Dean Muggleston, Ken Candeland, Neil West.

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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GRAPEVINE ONLINE:

<http://www.easttrentchurches.org.uk/community/east-trent-churches-7910/grapevine>