



GRAPEVINE 13th Sunday after Trinity 30th Aug 2026

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

**Lord God,
 teach me the precious insignificance of prayer.**

**Teach me the value
 of its hiddenness in my public life;
 it's wastefulness in the world's eyes;
 it's disregard for eloquence
 if my spirit can only groan.**

**Let my prayer be filled
 with the enjoyment of you
 for your name's sake
 and for none other.**

Amen.

This prayer is by John Bell, a Church of Scotland Minister and member of the Iona Community (a worldwide community with its base on the isolated island of the same name off the west coast of Scotland). He is a musician and a writer, including of hymns, and has contributed to many publications of the Iona Community. His theology and approach to prayer, and that of the Iona Community, is reflected in this prayer. The opening two lines are striking and cause us to ponder from the outset, and then continue to do so. As Christians, we

are taught that prayer is important and significant. But our over busy, impulsive and materialistic world largely sees prayer as insignificant – but paradoxically, that only adds to its preciousness and importance for us and the whole world.

John Bell and the Iona Community have a theology of the integration of work and worship, prayer and politics, the sacred and the secular. Prayer is a call to love as Jesus loved, to be inclusive and welcoming and to live out the mission of Jesus Christ. In doing this they look to find new ways of proclaiming the gospel along with its dedication to peace, justice and the building up of communities – all of which is, of course, our mission too in the East Trent Group of Churches.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 30 th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Thorney
	10.45am	United Holy Communion	Collingham Methodist Church
	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton
	11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney
Tues 1 st	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham All Saints
Thurs. 3 rd	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 5 th	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton

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

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.

On Saturday 12th September, Sally and Steve Lee are planning to take part in the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride event to raise money for the Trust and Girton Church. If you would like to sponsor them please email Sally on sallylee678@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.

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).

The next meeting for Worship Leaders will be on Monday 28th September, St Helena's Church, South Scarle, at 7pm, when we will be looking at the readings for October. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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 6th September – 14th after Trinity

10.00am	Holy Communion	Harby
10.00am	Joyful Noise	Collingham All Saints
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton
11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney

Readings for next Sunday: Ezekiel 33.7-11; Psalm 119.33-40; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ All those killed or missing after flash floods, particularly those in Tibet and Nepal.
- ❖ Our young people and their teachers, as the new school year begins this week.
- ❖ Those who are unwell – Revd Canon John Smith.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Guy Mansell, David Croft, Betty Everitt, Maureen Tyler, Melvin Potter, Betty Scarr, Joseph Leach, Albert Walker.

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