



GRAPEVINE 7th Sunday after Trinity 19th July 2026

Prayer for the Day by Revd Canon David White

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;
 Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;
 Eternal Power, be our support;
 Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;
 Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;
 that with all our hearts and mind and soul and strength we may seek
 thy face and be brought by thy infinite mercy to thy holy presence;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This prayer was written by Alcuin (pronounced with a 'k' as in Alkuin), a renowned Anglo/Latin scholar who was born sometime in the 730s and died in 804. He was educated in York at a time when that city was a centre of excellence in religion, the arts and science. He became a teacher there but progressed into Europe where he became known for his expertise in mathematics, theology, philosophy, liturgy and literature (he was also a poet). He returned to this country in the 790s. The English poet Siegfried Sassoon wrote a poem called "Awareness of Alcuin", the last stanza of which is:

*Alcuin, from temporalities at rest
 Sought grace within him, given from afar.
 Noting how sunsets worked around to west,
 Watching, at spring's approach, that beckoning star,
 And hearing, while one thrush sang through the rain,
 Youth, which his soul in Paradise might regain.*

In today's prayer Alcuin addresses God as the eternal one of 'infinite mercy'. It is a deceptively simple prayer which may be said most appropriately in an evening as we reflect on the day that is past, and offer ourselves into God's hands and all that the future holds.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 19 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Langford
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Collingham All Saints
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Thorney
	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton
Tues 21 st	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. 23 rd	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 25 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

The next meeting for Worship Leaders will be on Monday 27th July St Helena's Church, South Scarle, starting at 7pm, when we will be looking at the readings for August. Everyone is welcome to come along for a time of fellowship.

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.

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 26th July – 8th after Trinity

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
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton
11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney

Readings for next Sunday:

1 Kings 3.5–12; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 8.26–end; Matthew 13.31-33, 44–52.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ All those who are finding it difficult to cope with the summer heatwaves.
- ❖ Our emergency services, and especially those currently dealing with wild fires in the UK.
- ❖ Those who are unwell – Jenny Burton, Revd Canon John Smith.
- ❖ Those who have recently died – Alan Toyn.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Joseph Keyte, Roy Brumpton, Joseph Hallam, John Grant, Sheila Reed, Dorothy Proffitt, Jean Darby, Geoffrey Hammond, Walter Tomlinson.

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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