



GRAPEVINE Last Sunday after Trinity 25th Oct 2026

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

This prayer is attributed to St Teresa of Avila, the Spanish Carmelite nun and 'Teacher of the Faith' who died on 15th October 1582. All who are members of God's church know themselves to be the 'Body of Christ', an idea and image first used by St Paul in his letters. The term spells out the theology that although Jesus has gone from our sight into heaven, he needs us to be the vessels, the bodies through which his life in the power of the Holy Spirit is still alive and connecting with the world.

**Christ has no body but yours,
 no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks
 compassion on this world.**
**Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
 yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.**
**Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
 yours are the eyes, you are his body.**
**Christ has no body now but yours,
 no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
 yours are the eyes with which he looks
 compassion on this world.**
Christ has no body now on earth but yours. Amen.

Interestingly, the prayer calls us to offer our eyes, hands and feet for God, but not our mouths and voices. It calls upon us to look with Christ's compassion – i.e. to be attentive and caring; to walk into places and situations where we can do good; and to *bless* the world in the huge variety of ways that that can be done. All without explaining or debating or arguing. That sounds like a quiet ministry in a world of noise, opinions and competing voices which maybe we can aspire to in some way.

How might God be calling us, as people and as churches, to do as Teresa suggests? Try replacing 'yours' with 'ours' or 'mine' and the prayer and its intentions become much more personal.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 25 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Langford
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Clifton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Winthorpe
	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Gorton
	11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney
Tues 27 th	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham All Saints
Thurs. 29 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 31 st	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

The next meeting for Worship Leaders will be on Monday 26th October, St Helena's Church, South Scarle, at 7pm, when we will be looking at the readings for November. Everyone is welcome.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS at ST HELEN, THORNEY from 2pm. Jewellery, pottery, stained glass, recycled plates and the Lincoln Map Lady, to name but a few of our stallholders! Cakes, Tombola, Raffle and Refreshments. Come along to see our newly re-ordered church. We look forward to seeing you.

Girton is holding its popular wreath making workshops on Saturday 28th November in the village hall. Workshop 1 is at 2pm until 4pm; workshop 2 at 5pm until 7pm. All materials are included as well as hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies. There will also be crafts for sale. The cost is £27. Booking is essential with Samantha on 07944 466220.

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 1st November – All Saints' Day

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

Readings for next Sunday: Revelation 7.9-end; Psalm 34.1-10; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ As we approach All Souls and Remembrancetide, we pray for those we have loved and who have gone before us. Our prayers are not only for those we know but also for all those who have died at the hands of others in war. God who is love, in your mercy receive all those we remember into the welcome of your eternal love and life.
- ❖ Those who are unwell – Revd Canon John Smith.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Lily Goodwin, Betty Lansdown, Moire Golland, Brian Cheetham, Cicely Chamberlain, Evelyn Boyce.

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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