

EAST TRENT CHURCHES
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GIRTON, HARBY, HOLME, LANGFORD,
SOUTH SCARLE, THORNEY, WINTHORPE
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GRAPEVINE **2nd Sunday of Advent** **7th Dec 2025**

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

**May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall,
and in the crossing of the sea,
guide your feet as you go.**

**May God, who is with you
when you sit and when you stand,
encompass you with love and lead you by the hand.**

**May God, who knows your path
and the places where you rest,
be with you in your waiting
be your good news for sharing,
and lead you in the way that is everlasting. Amen.**

This prayer of blessing is from the Iona Community which is an ecumenical Christian community of people from different walks of life and different traditions in Christianity. It was founded by a Church of Scotland minister, George MacLeod when, in 1938, he formed a project in Glasgow to close the gap between the Church and working people. He took a group to the island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland to rebuild the medieval Iona Abbey. Iona is a gorgeous island with one of the oldest Christian religious centres in Western Europe. St Columba landed there with twelve companions in 563 A D, founded a monastery and evangelised the surrounding areas.

This prayer has an Advent spirit with its call to God to be present to us wherever we are and whatever we're doing – even as we wait to hear the good news of Jesus' coming amongst us. It affirms that there is no part of life that is beyond the reach of faith. The word of life is as much for our politics as for our prayers.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 7 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Harby
	10.00am	Joyful Noise	Collingham All Saints
	4.00pm	Carols Around The Organ	Langford
Tues. 9 th	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton
	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
Weds. 10 th	2.00pm	Advent Course	Collingham Methodist Church Foyer
	12noon	Funeral – Ronald Bennett	Collingham St John the Baptist
Thurs. 11 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 13 th	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girtton

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

Please note: St Helen's Church, Thorney will not be open on Sundays for quiet prayer for a while as work is underway to install heating!

Girton's next Film Night is on Friday 5th December, in the Village Hall, at 7pm. We will be showing the latest Mission Impossible film. Everyone is very welcome to join us, no tickets are required, but donations will be gratefully received.

The Besthorpe Advent Calendar is back! This year we are collecting Christmas food treats and toiletries for the whole family for the Collingham Food Pantry. The collection box is in the Church porch until December 15th or ring Sue Butler on 01636 892068 if you want anything collecting.

Advent Course: Come and join an ecumenical preparation for Christmas on the themes of Love, Hope and Joy, in the foyer of the Methodist Church on Tuesdays from 2 - 3pm starting 2nd December and ending 16th December. All welcome!

Collingham Singers are presenting a Christmas Entertainment on Friday December 12th 7.30pm at South Scarle Community Centre. Tickets £10 from Gascoignes (High Street, Collingham), Di Smith (07467 064292) or choir members.

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 14th December – 3rd of Advent

10.00am	Holy Communion	Girton
10.00am	Morning Worship	Collingham St John the Baptist
10.15pm	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
10.30am	Morning Worship	Clifton
5.00pm	Carol Service	South Scarle
10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 35.1-10; *Canticle:* Magnificat; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ All others known to us who have recently died - Ronald Bennett, Brian & Charles Wright.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Gordon Rickman, Fred Mumby, Joyce Audrey White, Joan Margaret Hewitt, Margaret Bannocks, Margaret Chennells, Roger Jackson, Thomas Quarrington, Olive Pickworth, Pearl Crocker, Eric Jenks.

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>