

EAST TRENT CHURCHES
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GRAPEVINE

Trinity Sunday

31st May 2026

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

Mysterious, threefold God,
visit my heart and there find a welcome
as Maker, Mender and Builder.
Come, my Source, my Saviour, my Comforter;
take me up into the movement of love
which flows in your timeless unity,
threefold God,
Father, Son and Spirit.
Amen.

At the heart of our Christian faith is not an abstract doctrine, nor a moral philosophy, nor even a set of beliefs about salvation. At the heart of our faith is God as Trinity – the mystery of the one God revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our faith claims and proclaims that the deepest reality of existence is relational love. God is one and yet God is also eternally in relationship. The early Christians experienced God as Creator and source of all life, revealed in Jesus Christ, and poured into their hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Do you like dancing or even watching ‘Strictly’? Some theologians have described the relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as being like a divine dance which shows that God is not static but always on the move and expressing eternal joy, relationship and grace.

This prayer, by Angela Ashwin (retired writer and retreat giver who lives in this diocese) omits reference to dance – but maybe we can add that in as we say it. The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve. The Trinity is the living God into whose infinite relationship we are invited. Get ready to dance!

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 31 st	10.30am 10.45am 10am-4pm 11am-4pm	Morning Worship United Holy Communion Open Churches Open Church	Thorney Collingham All Saints Besthorpe and Girton Thorney
Tues 2 nd	10.00am 10am-noon	Pause for Thought Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist Collingham St John the Baptist
Thurs. 4 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 6 th	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton

Open Churches:

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

NOTICES

South Scarle Tractor Run: Sunday 31st May from 9.30am. Bacon butty, tea & coffee and see the tractors off, or come to see them return at 3pm, tea, coffee & cake. Moorwood Farm, South Scarle, NG23 7JW.

Girton's Plant Fair will take place on Sunday 31st May, from 10am to 2pm, in and around the Church and the Village Hall. There will be a variety of plants for sale, cakes, raffle, tombola, coffee and tea and bbq.

The next meeting for Worship Leaders will be on Monday 1st June, starting at 7pm at St Helena's Church, South Scarle. We will be looking at the readings for June together.

JOIN US to celebrate the completion of works at St Helen, Thorney, on SUNDAY 14TH JUNE, starting at 3pm, with Rev Mandy Cartwright officiating. Tea Party to follow! Numbers needed for seating and catering purposes, so to book a place please contact Anna Dennison (01522 702748, AnnaRDennison@aol.com) or Anne Massey (01522 703120, team.massey@btinternet.com). Thank you! We look forward to seeing you.

Join us at The Lord Nelson, Winthorpe on Tuesday 16th June for the first Village Curry Night. Enjoy a delicious buffet of three different curries, rice and naan for £16 per person. Please book with the pub and pay in advance – 07798 719575. £1 per head will be donated to Winthorpe church.

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 7th June – 1st 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:

Hosea 5.15 – 6.6; Psalm 50.7-15; Romans 4.13–end; Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Georgia & Ben, who will be married at Collingham St John the Baptist on 6th June.
- ❖ Those who are ill – Jenny Burton.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Bert Brown, Peter Edlin, Colin Wing, Joan Morton, Mary Nicholson, Thomas Whines, Nancy Russell, Maurice Taylor, Barbara Nelson, Greta de Vos, Roy Chambers.

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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