



GRAPEVINE 7th Sunday of Easter 17th May 2026

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

When we stand gazing upwards, bring us down to earth:
with the love of a friend,
through the songs of the sorrowing,
in the faces of the hungry.

When we look to you for action, demand some work from us:
by your touch of fire,
your glance of reproof,
your fearful longing.

As ruler over all:
love us into action,
fire us with your zeal,
enrich us with your grace,
to make us willing subjects of your rule. **Amen.**

This prayer was written by Janet Nightingale, a writer and songwriter who has been connected to Christian Aid for many years. Christian Aid Week, which ended yesterday, is an annual event where churches, communities and households come together to support people living in many different countries all of whom are struggling with poverty in one way or another. Today is the

Sunday after Ascension Day when we continue to think about the ascension of Jesus and its meaning for us. The temptation is, like the first disciples, to stand looking towards God but, as this prayer reminds us, we need to ask God to ‘bring us down to earth’. We must look around us and realise that we cannot leave the objects and aims of Christian Aid Week behind for another year but must continue to care and provide for the ‘sorrowing’ and the ‘hungry’.

We are encouraged in all our continuing work for others by the example Jesus set for us during his life and who now, as the risen, ascended ‘ruler over all’, inspires us to work for the wellbeing others by his love and grace.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 17 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holme
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Collingham All Saints
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Thorney
	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton
Mon. 18 th	11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney
	1.00pm	Funeral – Mavis Wells	Winthorpe
Tues 19 th	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
Thurs. 21 st	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 23 rd	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton

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

Christian Aid Week (10th – 16th May): Volunteers are needed to help collect gift envelopes in Collingham. If you think you could help please contact me on 01636 892539 (ans) or 07908 996190. If nothing else, please bring your donation to church if nobody has collected it by 17th May - and don't forget to fill in the GiftAid form! Thank you, *Marylyn Rayner*

St Helena's Big Breakfast (A full English Breakfast), Saturday 16th May, from 9.00am-11.00am, St Helena's Church, South Scarle. Adults: £8. Under 12s: FREE. All Welcome. Pre-booking advisable – please ring 07760 106310, or email fbaldwin14@gmail.com. Proceeds to the Church Fabric Fund.

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.

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 24th May – Pentecost

10.00am	Holy Communion	Collingham St John the Baptist
10.00am	Morning Worship	Langford
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 Girton
11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney

Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 1.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36, 37b; 1 Corinthians 12.3b–13; John 20.19–23.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Henrik & Tobias, who will be baptised at Clifton on Sunday.
- ❖ Mavis Wells, whose funeral takes place on Monday at Winthorpe.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Pauline Phillips, Graham Cook, Joyce Cassidy, Muriel Atkinson, Derrick Parsons, Frederick Truslow, Edith Wilson, Bessie Keyte, Robert Pickworth, Alan Stone.

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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