

EAST TRENT CHURCHES

BESTHORPE, CLIFTON, COLLINGHAM,
GIRTON, HARBY, HOLME, LANGFORD,
SOUTH SCARLE, THORNEY, WINTHORPE
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GRAPEVINE 16th Sunday after Trinity 20th Sep 2026

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

Help me, O God, to put off all pretences and to find my true self.

Help me, O God, to discard all false pictures of you –
whatever the cost to my comfort.

Help me, O God, to let go all my problems, and fix my mind on you.

Help me, O God, to see my own sins, never to judge my neighbour,
and may the glory be all yours.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Your will, not mine, be done. Amen.

This is a deep and penetrating prayer by Anthony Bloom. His title was Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh (1914 – 2003). He was best known as a writer and broadcaster on prayer and the Christian life though he was also a monk and Bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church. He had lived his early life in Moscow where his father had been in the diplomatic service and after denying the Christian faith in the early part of his life, he was ordained priest in 1948 and became head of the Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain.

This prayer reflects his theology and approach to the spiritual life in which he focussed on the complexities of the personal encounter between humans and God.

Each line and petition of this prayer is a complete prayer in itself – and then to have them grouped together like this is almost overwhelming. How do we start to deal with our pretences and find our ‘true self’, let alone discard all the ‘false pictures’ we have of God? Maybe the thing to do, as the prayer says at the end, is to commend ourselves to God – and do the best we can to love him with all our heart and mind and soul, and our neighbours as ourselves.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 20 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
	11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney
Tues 22 nd	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
Thurs. 24 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 26 th	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton

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 28th September, St Helena's Church, South Scarle, at 7pm, when we will be looking at the readings for October. Everyone is welcome.

Girton's Harvest Festival service will take place on Friday 2nd October at 7pm, followed by supper in the village hall. No tickets are required; donations on the night will be gratefully received.

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 27th September – 17th after Trinity

10.00am	Holy Communion	Collingham St John the Baptist
10.00am	Morning Worship	Langford
10.30am	Family Harvest Festival	Besthorpe
11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Clifton
1.00pm	Harvest Festival	South Scarle
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:

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end; Psalm 25.1-8; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32.

Harvest readings: Deuteronomy 28.1-14; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9.6-end; Luke 12.16-30.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Callie & Rob who were married yesterday at Thorney (19th).
- ❖ Those who are unwell – Revd Canon John Smith.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Andrew Chennells, Kathryn Coles, Pat Stephenson, David Watson, Jean Hayler, Richard Shiller, Sheila Shutler, Shirley Day.

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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GRAPEVINE ONLINE:

<http://www.easttrentchurches.org.uk/community/east-trent-churches-7910/grapevine>