



GRAPEVINE 18th Sunday after Trinity 4th Oct 2026

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

Let every creature in heaven, on earth,
in the sea and in the depths,
give praise, glory, honour and blessing
to him who suffered so much for us,
who has given so many good things,
and who will continue to do so for the future.

For he is our power and strength,
he who alone is good, who is most high,
who is all powerful, admirable and glorious;
who alone is holy, praiseworthy, and blessed
throughout endless ages. Amen.

Today is the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), who is one of the most well-known and popular of all the saints outside of the Bible. He can often be seen in paintings surrounded by birds and animals and he has become an idealized champion of ecological and environmental causes around the world. Historians recognize him as one of the most influential figures to rise out of the Middle Ages because of his personal concern for the poor and oppressed, his disarmingly

simple approach to dealing with the Church and with civil authorities, and the thousands of followers who flocked to him and then carried his vision to the ends of the earth.

For today, I was going to use the prayer that is often said to have been written by St Francis and begins, 'Make me a channel of your peace'. But that prayer was written in France in 1912 and not by Francis. This prayer is one that he did write. It is typical of his prayers and writings as it asks God to allow for all created things to praise him; refers to the suffering of Christ and ends with an acknowledgement of God's power and glory. This is a good prayer for us too as our harvest festival services begin.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 4 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Thorney
	10.00am	Joyful Noise – Harvest	Collingham All Saints
	10.00am	Harvest Festival	Holme
	3.00pm	Harvest Festival	Harby
	4.00pm	Community Harvest Celebration	Thorney
Tues 6 th	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton
	11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney
	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham St John the Baptist
Thurs. 8 th	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
Friday 9 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 10 th	3.00pm	Funeral – Avril Hill	Sherwood Forest Crematorium
	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 East Trent Memorial Service at 3pm on Saturday 24th October at Collingham St John the Baptist is an opportunity for us to remember loved ones who are no longer with us, and particularly those who have died in the past 12 months. If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out and a candle to be lit in their memory, please either add them to the list in church, or email Christine (admin@easttrentchurches.org.uk) **by Wednesday 21st October.**

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 11th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am	Holy Communion	South Scarle
10.00am	Harvest Festival	Collingham St John the Baptist
10.15am	Harvest Festival	Winthorpe
10.30am	Morning Worship	Clifton
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: Isaiah 25.1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14.

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.
- ❖ Our young people who are starting a new year at University.
- ❖ Those who are unwell – Revd Canon John Smith.
- ❖ Those who have recently died – Avril Hill.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Jessie Widdowson, Hazel Belcher, Daniel McCarthy, Mary Sandford, Gordon Robinson, Joy Muirhead, Paul Nix, Dave Sheppard.

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 ~

Please contact the East Trent Group Administrator, Mrs Christine Hasman:

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GRAPEVINE ONLINE:

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