



GRAPEVINE

1st Sunday of Lent

22nd Feb 2026

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

Forgive me, Lord, for a mind
 that turns so readily to weigh my troubles,
 so seldom to count my blessings.
 Teach me the practice of recollection,
 the habit of thankfulness,
 the art of praise.
 And may I deal as generously with others
 as you deal with me.
 For Christ's sake. Amen.

This season of Lent is a time of self-examination and reflection, for us to be deadly serious about our sins and shortcomings, all of which we offer to God. These may well be our 'troubles' referred to in this prayer. Having weighed our 'troubles', Lent also provides us with the space for repentance and for allowing God's loving mercy to take effect in his forgiveness. Lent is a time for being reconciled to God, to ourselves and, if it is necessary, to others too.

However, as this prayer makes clear, our 'troubles' are just one side of the coin. Jesus was always concerned with making people whole, as the Bible puts it. We also have to give due consideration to those things and matters for which we have to be grateful and 'count our blessings'. As the old hymn goes: 'Count your blessings, count them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done'. Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith, who died in 2024 was not only a prolific writer of hymns and prayers, he was also very perceptive of the human condition. This prayer asks that God teach us 'a spirit of recollection' by which we can see the full picture and lead us to balance our 'troubles' with thankfulness, praise and generosity.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 22 nd	10.00am	Holy Communion	Collingham St John the Baptist Clifton Winthorpe
	10.30am	Morning Worship	
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	
	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton
Tues. 24 th	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham All Saints
	2.00pm	Lent Discussion Group	Collingham Methodist Church
Thurs. 26 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
	2.00pm	Funeral – Mary Hill	Collingham St John the Baptist
Fri. 27 th	12noon	Funeral – June Wilson	Collingham All Saints
Sat. 28 th	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

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!

The next meeting for those who lay-lead services will be on Monday 23rd February, starting at 7pm at South Scarle Church and Community Centre. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to come along. We will be reading some of the Bible readings set for March together, discussing them and praying together. We look forward to seeing you.

The Lent Discussion groups will start on Tuesday 24th February at 2pm in the Methodist Church front vestibule. There will be five Tuesdays altogether, the last one being 24th March. We look forward to having some lively and thought-provoking discussions and hope that you will join us.

Thorney Twitchers present an afternoon of Falconry to be held at St Helen's Church and Community Hub on SUNDAY 22ND MARCH from 2pm to 3.30pm. Come and meet the birds and watch them fly! A great variety of Birds of Prey will be on display, including Harris' Hawk, Goshawk, Peregrine Falcon, Gyr Saker Falcon. Learn about Falconry past and present. Refreshments. Adults £5, children £3. Family: two adults, two children £12. Bank Transfer prior to event Contact Zoe: 07768 570401 or zoeraygen@outlook.com for details, or cash on the day. Look forward to seeing you.

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 1st March – 2nd of Lent

10.00am	Holy Communion	Harby
10.00am	Joyful Noise	Collingham All Saints
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	South Scarle
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17.

PRAYER

Please pray for:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Mary Hill and June Wilson, whose funerals take place this week.
- ❖ All those who have recently died – Elisabeth Thursby, Ron Smith, Margaret Rowland.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Carolyn Hovey, Andrew Malone, Marian Leach, John Todd, John Bates, David Purnell, Anne Ackroyd, Eileen Applewhite, Michael Cox, George Jarrett, Dennis Chettle.

CONTACTS

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ALL OTHER ENQUIRIES, INCLUDING WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS, AND ITEMS FOR GRAPEVINE ~

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