



GRAPEVINE 15th Sunday after Trinity 13th Sep 2026

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

O God, enlarge within us the sense of fellowship with all living things,
our brothers and sisters the animals
to whom you gave the earth as their home in common with us.

We remember with shame
that in the past we have exercised high dominion
with ruthless cruelty so that the voice of the earth,
which should have gone up to you in song,
has been a groan of travail.

May we realise that we live not for us alone
but for themselves and for you,
and that they love the sweetness of life. Amen.

At a first glance this prayer would seem to be by a modern ecologically concerned environmentalist, especially as the church is presently in the midst of the 'Creation Season' which runs from 1st September until 4th October (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi) each year. However, the prayer was in fact written by Basil the Great (330 – 379). He was a Greek bishop, writer and influential theologian in Cappadocia who opposed various heresies within the early Christian church. Interestingly, he stressed the complete equality in all things of both men and women saying that their common creation was of equal honour and dignity, of the same capacity and activity and they will be given the same reward.

His three hundred letters reveal his character and show his observant nature which, despite the troubles of ill-health and ecclesiastical unrest, remained optimistic, tender and even playful. This prayer shows another side to his concern – for the creatures of the earth. It reminds us of both our responsibility and, ultimately, our accountability in our care of all God's creatures.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 13 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Girton
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10.15am	Morning Worship	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
Tues 15 th	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham All Saints
Thurs. 17 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 19 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

Revd Canon John Smith sends a warm thankyou to everyone who came to the Tea Party at Besthorpe on 5th September, and to Sue for organizing it.

On Saturday 12th September, Sally and Steve Lee are planning to take part in the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride event to raise money for the Trust and Gorton Church. If you would like to sponsor them please email Sally on sallylee678@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.

At St Cecilia's Church, Gorton, we are pleased to be hosting the **Collingham Singers** for one of their entertaining concerts. This will take place on Saturday 19th September at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and include interval refreshments. To book your place, please contact Samantha (07944 466220) or Sally (01522 778691).

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.

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 20th September – 16th after Trinity

10.00am	Holy Communion	Holme
10.00am	Morning Worship	Collingham All Saints
10.30am	Morning Worship	Thorney
10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Gorton
11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney

Readings for next Sunday:

Jonah 3.10 – end of 4; Psalm 145.1-8; Philippians 1.21-end; Matthew 20.1-16.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Harriet & Wally, who were married yesterday (12th) at Besthorpe.
- ❖ Callie & Rob who will be married at Thorney on Saturday (19th).
- ❖ Those who are unwell – Revd Canon John Smith.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Winnie Sunman, Doris Smith, Doreen Spowage, Keith Wilson, Ruth Birkett, Fank Lavery, Janet Brozyna.

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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