



GRAPEVINE

Easter Sunday

5th April 2026

Prayer for the Day *by Revd Canon David White*

Lord, at this Easter time we ask you
to increase our faith, our hope and our love.

Give us faith that overcomes the world
and enables us to face both life and death calm and unafraid.

Give us the hope that looks beyond this mortal life
and grasps hold of the things unseen and eternal.

Give us the love that binds us more closely to one another,
and to you our risen Lord;

to whom be all glory and praise, dominion and power,
now and forever. Amen.

In his first letter to the Christian community at Corinth (1 Cor 13.13) St Paul expresses his view that the virtues of faith, hope and love are so important that they 'remain' or in some translations, 'abide' - which may lead us to ask what he means by those words 'remain' and 'abide'. It is thought that he means that faith, hope and love are so important for Christians that they are completely embedded into what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

This Easter prayer, by the great Anglican compiler of prayers Frank Colquhoun, calls upon the risen Christ to increase in us these things that are so necessary but still so difficult to quantify. However, the prayer does give us some pointers, namely that we may have a faith that enables us to face all that happens in a 'calm and unafraid' way; that we may have hope so as to discern the spiritual context of our lives; and that, by love, we may be bound more closely to one other and to God. It is a prayer to be said this Easter as we contemplate the reality of our lives and our world at this time.

SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 5 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Thorney
	10.00am	Joyful Noise	Collingham All Saints
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Holme
	10am-4pm	Open Churches	Besthorpe and Girton
	11am-4pm	Open Church	Thorney
Tues 7 th	10.00am	Pause for Thought	Collingham St John the Baptist
	10am-noon	Open Church	Collingham St John the Baptist
Thurs. 9 th	1.30-3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Sat. 11 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

The next meeting for those who lay-lead services will be on Monday 27th April, starting at 7pm at St Helen's Church, Thorney. 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.

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.

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: The two regular Housegroups normally held every other week in Collingham will resume after Easter. Everyone is welcome, so if you are interested please contact 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 12th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

10.00am	Holy Communion	South Scarle
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

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-end.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Those celebrating the risen Christ in our communities and around the world.
- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ In our year's mind – Kathleen Baldwin, Joyce Spencer, Roy Sturman, Ellen Cobb, Rosalie Brewer, Joan Roach, Ian Donaldson, Geoff Hasman.

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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