

EAST TRENT CHURCHES  
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**GRAPEVINE** Sunday next before Lent 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

**Prayer for the Day** *by Revd Canon David White*

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings  
with thy most gracious favour,  
and further us with thy continual help.  
That in all our works, begun, continued  
and ended in thee,  
we may glorify thy holy name  
and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With Ash Wednesday (on 18<sup>th</sup> February) being less than a week away, this prayer is very suitable both as a preparation for, and to use during, Lent. Anyone who has sung in a choir or been in a vestry just before a service may have heard it rattled off the tongue of the officiating priest or minister as the show gets under way. It is an ancient prayer and can be found in a book of prayers dating from the eighth century. It was later included in the Book of Common Prayer where it occurs several times.

The first word, 'prevent' is not used in the prayer as it is in modern usage where it means to stop or avoid. Here it means 'go before'. Some modern versions start the prayer, 'Direct us, O Lord' or 'Go before us, O Lord'. Whichever version is used it is good to know that God is present in a given situation with his 'gracious favour' even before we get there. But at the heart of the prayer lies the stress on continuity and perseverance two ideas that, in turn, lie at the heart of our faith. Then, if we still fall short, we can rely on God's mercy, for his love and undisputed goodness will not let us down. Wishing you a good and holy Lent.

## SERVICES & OPEN CHURCHES FOR THIS WEEK

|                         |             |                                  |                                |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.00am     | Holy Communion                   | Langford                       |
|                         | 10.00am     | Morning Worship                  | Collingham All Saints          |
|                         | 10am-4pm    | Open Churches                    | Besthorpe and Girton           |
| Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am     | Pause for Thought                | Collingham St John the Baptist |
|                         | 10am-noon   | Open Church                      | Collingham St John the Baptist |
| Weds. 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.30pm      | Holy Communion & Ashing Ceremony | Collingham St John the Baptist |
| Thurs. 19 <sup>th</sup> | 1.30-3.30pm | Open Church                      | Winthorpe                      |
| Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 12noon      | Funeral – Bob McClymont          | Winthorpe                      |
| Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 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!

**St Helena's Pancake Party at South Scarle Church:** Shrove Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, from 11.30am to 1.15pm. Free but donations would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party** 17<sup>th</sup> February, two sittings, 1-2.30pm or 3-4.30pm, at Winthorpe Village Hall. Tickets - £5 (includes pancakes / hot drinks) – please state sitting preference - available from Tisha Applewhite 07896 821414 or email tishapplewhite@msn.com.

**The next meeting for those who lay-lead services** will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the Methodist Church front vestibule. There will be five Tuesdays altogether, the last one being 24<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to having some lively and thought-provoking discussions and hope that you will join us.

**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](http://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 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> of Lent

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|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 10.00am   | Holy Communion  | Collingham St John the Baptist |
| 10.30am   | Morning Worship | Clifton                        |
| 5.00pm    | Evening Prayer  | Winthorpe                      |
| 10am-noon | Open Church     | Collingham St John the Baptist |
| 10am-4pm  | Open Churches   | Besthorpe and Girton           |

**Readings for next Sunday:** Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Tamsin & Tommy-Lee, who were married at Collingham All Saints on Saturday (14<sup>th</sup> February).
- ❖ Nikolai, who will be baptised today (15<sup>th</sup> February) at Collingham St John the Baptist.
- ❖ Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and all other countries where there is conflict.
- ❖ Bob McClymont, whose funeral takes place this week.
- ❖ All those who have recently died – Elisabeth Thursby, Mary Hill, June Wilson, Ron Smith.
- ❖ In our year's mind – David Ellerker, Julia Laing, Lily Gill, Keith Bryan, Roy Cullum, Olga Bradshaw, Vincent Dobson, Betty Thompson.

## 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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