

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Bradley Adlington, Norman Baird, Andrew Barker, Eileen Boyce, Sheila Collett, Kath Dring, Charlie Hall, Joan Kirk, Sam Lancaster, June Leek, Ivy McElroy, Jim Peach, Elizabeth Sargent, Roger Smith, Peter Stapleton, Stan Taylor and Tim Wakefield.

Please pray for people struggling with their mental health and the families who walk alongside them.



Grantham Foodbank

There is now an additional collection point for the Grantham Foodbank which is outside the Nisa shop in Queen Street.

Monthly Services in the East Vale at 10.30am

- 2nd Sunday St Peter & St Paul Barkestone
- 3rd Sunday St John's Muston
- 4th Sunday Redmile Primary School

Regular Events

- Tuesdays Little Angels 9.30-12pm
- Wednesdays Morning Prayer 9.00am
Community Hub 9.30-12.00
Warm Space 10.30-12.30
Methodist Chapel
Bellringing 7.30pm
- Thursdays Choir Practice 7.30pm
- Fridays Coffee Morning Old School, Muston 10-12
- Saturdays Coffee Morning Old School, Muston 10-12
- Saturdays Community Hub 9.30-12.00

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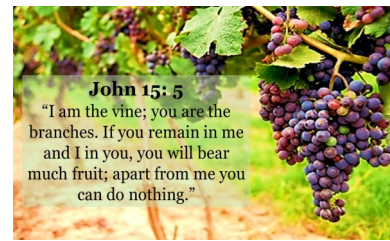
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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



John 15: 5
"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

in church today

- ♦ St. Peter and St. Paul's Barkestone ♦ St. Mary the Virgin Bottesford
- ♦ St. John the Baptist's Muston ♦ St. Peter's Redmile ♦ St. Helen's Plungar

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Sunday 28th April 2024- Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8: 26-end, John 15:1-8

Services this Sunday

Morning Worship at St Mary's led by Lisa Smith and Reverend Jim Farley 10.30am
Agape at Redmile Primary School 10.30am

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 1st May Worship Course 7.00pm
- Saturday 4th May Taizé at Plungar 7.00pm
- Sunday 5th May Holy Communion led by Reverend Monica Judson
- Tuesday 7th May Tea and Cakes for Christian Aid
- Thursday 9th May Ascension Day Communion
- Saturday 11th May 12 to the Bar concert 7.30pm
- Monday 13th May Churches Together 7.00pm
- Tuesday 14th May Friends AGM



This Week's Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road, the desert road, that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

To Pray

*Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the
world and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve
to the glory of God the Father. Amen*

Collect for the fifth Sunday of Easter

Cathedral Visit



St Mary's Choir joined with members of the choirs of St Andrew's Aylestone, St Anne's Western Park and members of the cathedral choir for a joyous choral evensong last Sunday. Vestry prayers composed by our own Rob Kearsley Bullen were also performed.

St Mary's Bookstall

We are looking for a volunteer to look after and develop the bookstall in St Mary's. We are a long way from the nearest Christian bookshop and so it would be great to offer more items here at St. Mary's. Please speak to Pamela if you can help.

St Mary's APCM

The APCM season is shortly to be upon us. The St Mary's meeting will be held on 20th May at 7.00pm. If you are interested in joining the PCC, please ask Pamela for a nomination form. We are also looking for

volunteers to take on the role of churchwarden.



12 to the Bar

The Friends of St. Mary's are hosting a concert with the band 12 to the bar who play swing, jazz and big band standards. The concert is on Saturday 11th May at St. Mary's commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 (£12 for members) from Frances 843427, the church office and the usual outlets.

Taizé

On Saturday 4th May, there will be a Taizé service at St Helen's, Plungar commencing at 7.00pm.

Charity Cycle Ride and Plant Sale

On Saturday 18th May over 100 cyclists will be taking part in a charity cycle ride from Derby to Skegness. Cyclists will be dropping in at St Mary's for relief and refreshments. In addition, Lisa will be holding her Wild Worship Plant Swap that morning. We would be grateful for any volunteers who could help serve refreshments to the cyclists during the morning.



Ascension Day

Save the date: The Ascension Day Holy Communion service will be held on

Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm at St Mary's.