

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Andrew Barker, Stewart Colledge, Deborah Cosgriff, Jim Farley, Beryl Fentem, Michael Howett, June Leek, Barbara Walsh and Julia West.

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Stewart Colledge, Christine Dunn, Andy Morley, Dorothy Plowright, Mary Robinson and Evelyn Watson.

Please pray for children and young people as they break up for their summer holidays, for rest and refreshment for them and their teachers, and especially for those families whose situation makes the long holiday a struggle.

Thursday Prayers

An invitation to 15 minutes of peace and quiet at our prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 9.00pm on Zoom <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89035344573?pwd=MmpXYotZWUhmZlhrYkpHVTBVYlZBdz09>

Meeting ID: 890 3534 4573 Passcode: 870177

Bottesford Community Hub and Charity Shop

Come and join us on a Wednesday and Saturday morning 9.30-12 noon for tea and cake, plus pick up a bargain. A very popular venue to meet friends old and new. Can you spare us a few hours once or twice a month? Come and join our friendly team of Volunteers. Contact Linda - lspencer631@gmail.com

Monthly Services in the East Vale at 10.30am

2nd Sunday St Peter & St Paul Barkestone

3rd Sunday St John's Muston

Regular Events

Tuesdays	Little Angels 9.30-12pm (term time)
Wednesdays	Morning Prayer 9.00am Community Hub 9.30-12.00 Bellringing 7.30pm Sing for Joy 2.00 third Wednesday of the month
Thursdays	Choir Practice 7.30pm
Fridays	Coffee Morning Old School, Muston 10-12
Saturdays	Community Hub 9.30-12.0

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- ♦ St. John the Baptist's Muston ♦ St. Peter's Redmile ♦ St. Helen's Plungar

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(followed by the church name.)

Sunday 12th July 2026- Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 8: 1-11, Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Services this Sunday

Service of Morning Worship 10.30 St Mary's led by Kathie and Graham Lyndsell
Morning Worship 10.30 Barkestone led by Revd Mike Chaldecott

Dates for your Diary

Wed 15th July Sing for Joy 2.00pm

Sat 18th July Barkestone Barbecue 5pm

Sun 19th July Morning Worship St Mary's
Morning Worship St John's Muston

Mon 20th July St Mary's PCC 7.00pm

Tues 21st July Bereavement Group 2.30

Wed 23rd July Funeral of Evelyn Watson
11.00 Muston

Sat 25th July Helix Ensemble 7.30pm



This week's Worship and Reflection

Romans 8 v1-11

Matthew 13 v1-9 & 18-23

Jonathan Aitken was highly successful. Educated at Eton and Oxford. An MP, a cabinet minister, a cheat and a liar. He sued the Guardian newspaper for libel in the civil courts when they published an article about some of his lies. He even persuaded his wife to lie on oath for him. But the case found against him and he was bankrupted by costs. He was then tried in the criminal court and pleaded guilty to perjury, lying under oath in a court of law, and for attempting to pervert the course of justice. His sentence was 18 months imprisonment.

It was the first item on the Six o'clock news that day. He was filmed as he entered the gates of the prison. The ignominy and shame were huge, he was condemned by the public and cast low by his own failure. The doctor who interviewed him as part of the admission process asked if anyone knew he was there and looked surprised when he replied "millions I expect".

In the time before the perjury trial he was invited to, and attended, an Alpha course. Not knowing Jesus as his Saviour and Redeemer he mostly went along out of curiosity. In prison he started to read the Bible and realized that he was not condemned by God's Son but that, with repentance, he could turn his life around and be born again in the love of Christ. He continued to study God's word for the 7 months he was incarcerated and he also helped other prisoners with reading letters and writing replies, filling in official forms and researching support for ex-convicts. On parole, he was accepted into Theological College and was then ordained. His ministry since has been as prison chaplain at HMP Pentonville and working for a Christian charity that helps ex-offenders turn their lives around.

Like John Newton, the former slave-trader, who wrote Amazing Grace, Jonathan Aitken turned to Christ and found for himself that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Kathie Lyndsell

To Pray

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that
we see,
and serve you in all that we do,
though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect for the sixth Sunday after
Trinity



St Mary's congregation enjoying the Summer Praise Service on 28th June
Patronal Festival Evensong
Save the date. There will be a service of Choral Evensong with Archdeacon Richard Trethewey at 6.30 on Sunday 6th September followed by refreshments.



Barkestone Barbecue

You are invited to Barkestone Church Village Barbecue on Saturday 18th July from 5.00pm-10.00pm at The Manor, Plungar Lane, Barkestone. This is a cash event. Adults £10, Children £5 to include food, raffle, music and bar. All proceeds to the church restoration.

Ride and Stride

This year's Ride and Stride is on Saturday 12th September. If you would like to take part, please see Pamela for a sponsor form.

Safeguarding Survey

The diocese and cathedral will soon be taking part in a safeguarding audit and they would like people across the diocese to take part through an online survey. There are posters up in church containing a QR code or you can access the survey on Leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit The survey closes on the 8th August.

Confirmation

This year's confirmation service will take place on Sunday 6th September at 10.30 at Hose Church. If you are interested in preparing for confirmation, please speak to a member of the ministry team. There is also a preparation course being run in Harby. Details are on the notice-board in the porch.

Helix Ensemble

Tickets are now available for the next Friends concert, the highly acclaimed Helix Ensemble, on Saturday 25th July at 7.30pm.

Bottesford Community Hub

The Hub would be grateful to anyone who could spare 15 minutes on a Saturday either at 8.45 and/or 11.45 to help get the stock out and put it away.

Diocesan Centenary Worship Gathering

On Sunday September 13th, Leicester Diocese will be celebrating their centenary with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets are free and can be booked through Eventbrite. More details can be found at <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/diomail/>