

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Andrew Barker, Ian Beech, Deborah Cosgriff, Jim Farley, Peggy Girdlestone, June Leek, Julie Marshall, Ivy McElroy, Margaret Metcalfe, Irene Robinson, Mike Saunders, Tim Wakefield and Barbara Walsh.



Please pray for peace, not just the absence of conflict but the presence of justice.

Lent Course

Running on Mondays in Lent 7pm-8.30pm from 10th March to 14th April, called Lent for Everyone, following Jesus' life from the wilderness to the cross. All resources and refreshments provided, bring a Bible if you have one. Don't worry if you can't make all the sessions. First session at Lisa Smith's house: 6 Beckingthorpe Drive. Contact Lisa or the Church Office if you'd like to come.

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=MmpXYotZWUhmZlhrYkpHVTBVYlZBdzog>
Meeting ID: 890 3534 4573 Passcode: 870177

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

Are you new to St Mary's Church? Would you like to receive a copy of In Church Today on a regular basis? If so, please write your details here and hand this to the Welcomer by the door.

Name..... Phone.....

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I would like one of the ministry team to contact me.

(Please tick as appropriate)



- ♦ 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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in church today

Sunday 16th March 2025- Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13: 31-35

Services this Weekend

Morning Worship at St Mary's 10.30 led by Kathie and Graham Lyndsell

Holy Communion at Muston 10.30 led by Reverend Monica Judson

Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th March Lent Group 7.00pm

Wed 19th March Sing for Joy 2.00pm

Friday 21st March Muston Quiz Night 7.00

Sunday 23rd March Morning Worship led by Pamela and Tonya

Monday 24th Mar Funeral of Barbara Hart 1.15pm



This Week's Worship and Reflection

Philippians 3 v17 – 4v1 Luke 13 v31-35

Have you ever watched a parent trying to deal with a young child in the throes of a temper-tantrum? How did you feel? Gratitude – “not my child this time”; pity – “oh how well I remember being in that place”; distress – “shattered emotions for parent and child”. Maybe all of the above. Or maybe you’ve had to cope with hormonal teens shouting “you don’t understand” and slamming doors? Parents could obviously never have been teens themselves! Many of us will have dealt with one or perhaps both situations. Raw emotions can be very hard to understand.

The Bible has much to teach us about emotions. Both our creator God and the Lord Jesus clearly expressed their feelings. God was dismayed when the serpent persuaded Adam and Eve to defy his commandment and was angry enough to banish them from Eden. Jesus expressed anger very clearly. He turned over the traders’ tables in the Temple and rebuked Simon Peter more than once. But, in Psalm 2, we read that God sits in heaven and laughs. In the gospels John is referred to as the disciple Jesus loved. When Lazarus died Jesus wept as he did over Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

This Sunday we are thinking about rebellion. Not a political uprising but the Israelites and our own failure to walk in God’s paths. Jesus was distressed, sad, and possibly hurt by the actions of the people. He wanted to protect them, to gather them in and to keep them safe from the snares of the world. To bring them back to righteous ways. God’s chosen people, the Israelites, rebelled time and time again. They failed to keep the laws he had given them and became stuck in the mire of Pharisaic interpretation. They were subjugated to the Roman occupiers who, in AD70, flattened the cities of Israel as they put down a major rebellion.

We all have a rebellious streak and because God gave us freewill we can all be headstrong and self-willed at times. I am sure that if we trust Jesus to lead us in the right paths and to pray for his guidance each day, then the urge to rebel will fade.

Kathie Lyndsell

To Pray

*Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery
of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Collect for the second Sunday of
Lent*

Grantham Foodbank Lent Appeal

During the 6 weeks of Lent Grantham Foodbank will hand out 9 tonnes of emergency food parcels. Please consider donating items from their shopping list instead of giving something up. Top 10 items: soup, baked beans, tinned curry, tinned mince, pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, pasta, tinned fruit, tinned fish and rice pudding. Donate in the trolley of St Mary’s porch or the box in Queen Street.

World Day of Prayer



World Day of Prayer from The Cook Islands was celebrated by Churches Together in Bottesford last Friday. It had a tropical theme this year and £210 was raised.

Easter Eggs for Grantham Foodbank

There is still time to sponsor an Easter Egg with the Easter story included, to donate to Grantham Food-

bank. The eggs are priced £5.50. Please speak to Kathie Lyndsell 01949 843986 if you would like to donate.

Sunday Supplement

Topic: Sunday Supplement - Mark 1
Time: Mar 16, 2025 05:00 PM London
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9267932410?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9267932410?pwd=Wng4OXQobFMwT3ZNSUhoaU9JcVAzdzo9&omn=8541887739)

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Meeting ID: 926 793 2410

Passcode: 098305

Children's Easter Activities

On Saturday 5th April '25 we are running an Easter Activity morning. The session will be held at St Mary’s church between 10am - 11.30am. There will be a varied selection of activities for children to try and refreshments will be available throughout the morning.

We have spaces for 30 children. Booking is via Pamela in the church office. Tel: 01949 842859 alternatively you can email the office: stmbottesford@gmail.com If you are able to offer your time to help run session please can you let Monica know.

Muston Quiz Night

Muston PCC are holding another of their popular Quiz Nights at the newly refurbished Old School on Friday 21st March 7.00 for 7.30pm.

Confirmation

Are you interested in being confirmed or want to find out more about what this means? If so, please speak to Lisa Smith. The Reverend John Barr, our Area Dean, has organised with Bishop Saju a confirmation Service on 26th October.