

### In our prayers this week...

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

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Shirley Madley.

Please pray that our national and local government will be able to focus on the many challenges they face in these turbulent times.

### 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

### 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](mailto: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

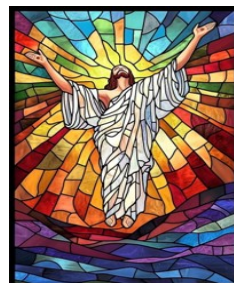
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- ♦ St. Peter and St. Paul's Barkestone ♦ St. Mary the Virgin Bottesford
- ♦ St. John the Baptist's Muston ♦ St. Peter's Redmile ♦ St. Helen's Plungar

# in church today

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 Contact details for each church can be found at:  
[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)  
 (followed by the church name.)

**Sunday 17th May 2026-** Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Readings:** 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11, John 17:1-11

### Services this Sunday

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

Morning Worship 10.30 at Muston led by Peter and Krista Daniel

### Dates for your Diary

Sat 16th May Cosy Charity Bike Ride

Mon 18th May St Mary's APCM 7.00pm

Tues 19th May Bereavement Group 2.30pm

Wed 20th May Sing for Joy 2.00pm

Sun 24th May Morning Worship 10.30 St Mary's led by Peter Brooks and Chris Judson



## This week's Worship and Reflection

Outside our friends house there is a sign "Holy Ones live here". Given to them a long time ago by one of their 50 odd former foster children. They took on the challenge of "problem teenagers that no one else will have". They would not call themselves holy and certainly not saints, just Christian believers and followers of Jesus. Serving Him in their daily lives and embracing change. They have trained as licensed lay ministers and subsequently as clergy. Their latest challenge is supporting, with active fund-raising, some destitute young people in a remote South African town. Oh, and by the way, they are retired.

It may sound arrogant to say that we are holy, perhaps even blasphemous, but this is one of the hundreds of commands given by God: Leviticus 20 v7 "You shall be holy as I am Holy and you shall sanctify yourselves and be holy to me".

We are not all called to live as hermits, monks or nuns, separate from the world to be holy. We can be holy in our ordinary, day-to-day lives. We are not all called to be superheroes but we are commanded to be set apart, that is, holy. Serving God in all we do, our work, our leisure, our volunteering, our daily lives. Maybe accepting His challenge to step outside our comfort zones. To see everyone as made in His image, to engage with everyone as Jesus did, whether they are "people like us" or not. This might not be easy, it might involve sacrifice of our time, status, even money but we are storing up treasure in heaven.

Finally, as Paul says in Romans 12, let us all be holy and pleasing to God. Amen.

*Kathie Lyndsell*

### To Pray

*Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your church on earth with  
power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know  
your peace, to the glory of God  
the Father. Amen*

*Collect for the seventh Sunday  
of Easter*



### Christian Aid Week

If you were moved by Fridah's story at last week's service and you have not had a chance to contribute to Christian Aid online, please put money in the plate this Sunday as this week's collection will be donated to Christian Aid.

### Walking with the Holy Spirit

Lisa will be running a new course entitled 'Walking with the Holy Spirit' on the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd June from 7.00-8.30pm. The course aims to help us understand who the Holy Spirit is, what the Holy Spirit does and how we can live lives led by and empowered by the Holy Spirit! Please let Lisa or Pamela in the church office know if you would like to attend. All are welcome.

### St Mary's APCM

The Annual Parish Meeting at St Mary's will be held on Monday 18th May at 7.00pm.

### Bereavement Support Group

This coming Tuesday we will be holding our second Bereavement support group at St Mary's from 2.30pm.

Come and join us for support and shared experiences within a safe and welcoming group.

Refreshments provided. Further details from Judith Wells 01949 842804



### FOSM Summer Village Fete

The FOSM Summer Village Fete is fast approaching. We would be grateful to anyone who could provide cake for the cake stall or could man the refreshment stall for an hour or so. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church.

### Greeters and coffee makers

Many thanks to Peter and Peggy Topps who have served for many years as greeters and refreshment providers at St Mary's. They now feel it is time to step down so we are looking for volunteers to greet the congregation on a Sunday or to join the coffee rota to serve refreshments after services. Please speak to Pamela if you can help.

### Save the Date

The next Friends of St Mary's Concert will be the award winning Helix Ensemble Chamber Orchestra on Saturday 25th July at 7.30pm. More details to follow.

### Flower Festival

Many thanks to Linda Simmons and all the flower arrangers for the lovely displays in St Mary's over the May Bank Holiday weekend.