

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Pauline Baird, Andrew Barker, Ian Beech, Deborah Cosgriff, Jim Farley, June Leek, Ivy McElroy, Margaret Metcalfe, Ruth Morris, Mike Saunders, Ray Smart, Tim Wakefield and Barbara Walsh.



Please pray for those grieving the loss of Peggy Girdlestone and Stephen Lee

Please pray for safe and considerate driving through the villages.

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.....

Address.....

Email.....

I would like to receive a copy of In Church Today. Email

Paper copy

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

(Please tick as appropriate)



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

Church Contacts

Reverend Monica Judson
Growing Faith Minister
07903005304
revdmonica@gmail.com

Lisa Smith
07415144640
lisa.smith1970@yahoo.co.uk

John Bartlett
07831 650769
john@jbeng.co.uk

Administrator for Bottesford & Muston:
Pamela Kearsley
01949 842859
stmbottesford@gmail.com

Website & Facebook for St. Mary's
www.stmarysbottesford.co.uk
Facebook:
St Mary the Virgin Bottesford
Contact details for each church can be found at:
www.achurchnearyou.com
(followed by the church name.)

Sunday 18th May 2025- Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 11:1-18, John 13: 31-35

Services this Week Morning Worship at St Mary's at 10.30am led by Reverend Nick Baker. Morning Worship at Muston at 10.30 led by Peter and Krista Daniel

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 17th May Charity Bike Ride
FOSM concert Elvis
Gospel Singer 7.30pm

Monday 19th May St Mary's APCM 7.00pm

Tuesday 20th May St John's APCM 7.00pm

Wed 21st May Sing for Joy 2.30pm

Friday 23rd May Muston Quiz Night 7.00

Sunday 25th May Morning Worship at St Mary's 10.30am

Monday 26th May FOSM meeting 7.00



This Week's Readings Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

"I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

"The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

"Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

John 13:31-35

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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*

Mike Chaldecott

We are pleased to report that following his training, Mike Chaldecott has been recommended for ordination. His ordination service will be on Sunday 29th June at 10.30 at Leicester Cathedral where he will become a deacon. Mike is grateful for all the support, advice and prayers he has received.

Teddy Bear Brown

Teddy is a three year old boy who lives with his family in Bottesford. He had meningitis as a baby and now needs specialist therapy and equipment to live his best life. The village are helping to raise funds for the charity Just4Children who are supporting him. We have raffle tickets at £2 each, with lots of fabulous prizes donated by local businesses, to be drawn at the Rutland Arms on 21st June. Please support if you can. Tickets are in the Church Office. Thank you!

Muston PCC Quiz Night

The next Quiz Night at the Old School, Muston will be on Friday 23rd May from 7.00pm. Teams of up to 6 people. Bar and refreshments available.

To Kenya with Love

We have the latest updates available on Baraka and Bernard, the two children we sponsor in Kenya. Please see the display board at the back of St Mary's.

Save the Date!

The FOSM Summer Fayre at St Mary's will be held on Saturday 28th June.



VE Day Teas

Many came to enjoy the VE Day Commemoration Tea and Cakes on 6th May which included a war-time sing song.

Growing Faith Meeting

On Saturday 7th June '25 we are holding a meeting to explore the role of Growing Faith Minister. The meeting will run from 10am - 12 noon at St Mary's Church, Bottesford and will be open to anyone interested in learning more about how this role can help communities sow seeds of faith.

If you have questions about the role, suggestions on how it may unfold in your area or want some deeper understanding of what the role is and isn't, then do come along and join in the discussions. All are welcome.

It would be good if we could get a general idea of numbers attending. Please can you contact St Mary's Church office if you are attending on Tel no. 01949842859.