

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Norman Baird, Andrew Barker, Steph Eastwell, June Leek, Julie Marshall, Ivy McElroy, Margaret Metcalfe, Irene Robinson, Beryl Smith, Tim Wakefield and Barbara Walsh.

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Eileen Boyce, Jean Dennison, Elizabeth Harris, Martin Seabrook and Brigadier Charles Smith

Please pray for the ceasefire between Gaza and Israel to hold and pray for wisdom for all world leaders.

Foodbank Trolley

Many thanks to all who contribute to the Foodbank trolley. During the winter weather we are now keeping the trolley inside the church.

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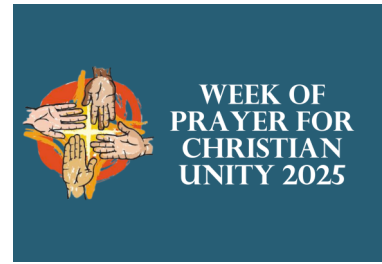
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- ♦ St. Peter and St. Paul's Barkestone ♦ St. Mary the Virgin Bottesford
- ♦ St. John the Baptist's Muston ♦ St. Peter's Redmile ♦ St. Helen's Plungar

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Sunday 19th January 2025- Second Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2: 1-11

Services this Weekend

Morning Worship St Mary's 10.30am led by Lisa Smith

Morning Worship at St John's led by Peter and Krista Daniel

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 21st Jan Churches Together 7.00pm
- Sunday 26th Jan Morning Worship at St Mary's 10.30
- Monday 3rd Feb FOSM meeting 7.00pm
- Saturday 8th Feb Wild Worship 10.30
St Mary's
Film Night Melton 7.00pm
- Sunday 2nd March Nota Bene Singers 5.00pm
St Mary's



This Week's Worship and Reflection



"Do you believe this?" John 11:26b

This week we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). We know that the Church throughout the world is divided over many issues of theology and practice; what we believe and how we behave. This international ecumenical prayer event is an opportunity to say sorry for the mess we humans can make of God's Church, to pray for Christians United (!) and to ask God to show us how we can 'love our neighbour,' especially when they don't worship or think or speak like we do.

This year's worship for the WPCU has been prepared by the community of Bose, an ecumenical monastery of sisters and brothers in Northern Italy. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus told in John's gospel, ch11, verses 17-27. This passage comes before the raising of Lazarus, and Martha is upset with Jesus for arriving too late to save her brother, who is already dead.

In this crunchy conversation with Martha, Jesus asks her if she believes that through Him, everyone who believes will live? Martha responds in vs 27, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is come into the world.' She was one of a small few to profess such faith at this time.

I wonder where you are in your journey of faith. Are you a season ticket holder for Christians United (!)? Are you taking your first steps on the road to faith? Or somewhere in between? Sometimes, becoming a Christian can feel like having to believe a number of seemingly impossible things before breakfast, a task made even trickier when not all Christians approach matters of belief in the same way.

In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, there is diversity in the Christian Church, but we are united in our belief in Jesus. So, as we step out in faith at the start of 2025, let us remember Martha's simple confession of her faith – she believed in Jesus. That was enough. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, who is come into the world. Do you believe this? *Lisa Smith*

Nicene Creed

It's 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea met in 325AD to debate how Jesus was both God and human. The confession of our Christian faith they wrote, we still say in worship today: The Nicene Creed. *"We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty... We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God... We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life..."* May these words be an anchor to our

To Pray

*Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past
ages and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*Collect for second Sunday of
Epiphany*

Nota Bene Singers

The first Friends of St Mary's event for the new year will be a concert by the Nota Bene Singers who come from all over the country. They will be performing at St Mary's on Sunday 2nd March at 5.00pm and the concert will be followed by a buffet supper. Tickets available from the church office or Linda Simmons 07958 716765.

Save the Date

The next wreathmaking workshop for Easter will be held on the morning of Saturday 12th April. Please contact Lisa or the church office to book a place.

Wild Worship

The next Wild Worship will be Prayers around the Churchyard to be held on Saturday 8th February from 10.30-11.30.

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Sunday Supplement

Water To Wine Zoom

Time: Jan 19, 2025 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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Lent Course

A Lent course is currently being planned which will be on Monday evenings commencing Monday 10th March until Monday 14th April. This will take place in someone's home. Please contact the church office if you would like to join this home group.

Film night!
**St Mary's Church
Melton Mowbray**
Saturday 8th February
Six Inches of Soil
Booking is required -
For more info contact Revd Crystal 07890 020012 or pioneerystal136@gmail.com or copy the link below
<https://kinema.com/events/six-inches-of-soil-rpl1uw>
Doors open at 6pm for refreshments.
Film starts at 7pm.
We request that you are seated by 6.45pm