

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Andrew Barker, Deborah Cosgriff, June Leek, Ivy McElroy, Margaret Metcalfe, Tim Wakefield and Barbara Walsh.

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Marion Cole and David Dunlop.

A prayer for the new Archbishop of Canterbury

Almighty and everlasting God, the only worker of great marvels, send down upon your servant Sarah, called to be Archbishop of Canterbury, and all who are committed to her care, the spirit of your saving grace, and that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen

Community Connect

Melton Borough Council are holding a monthly drop-in for support, advice and guidance on the first Monday of every month from 10.00-12.00 at the Parish Rooms, Bottesford. No appointment needed, just drop in.

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

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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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in church today

Sunday 19th October 2025- Eighteenth

Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Services this Sunday

Morning Worship 10.30 at St Mary's led by Peter Brooks and a speaker from The Salvation Army.
Harvest Service at Muston 10.30 led by John Bartlett

Dates for your Diary

Wed 22nd Oct	Priory Belvoir Academy Awards Evening
Sunday 26th Oct	Morning Worship St Mary's 10.30 led by Graham and Kathie Lyndsell Confirmation Service at St Mary's Melton 10.00
Tuesday 28th Oct	Muston PCC 7.00pm
Wed 29th Oct	Funeral of Marion Cole 1.30 Grantham Crematorium
Sunday 2nd Nov	Service of Memories 3.00pm



This week's Readings

2 Timothy 3: 14-17, 4:1-5

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

To Pray

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day with
confidence in the salvation which
is given through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

*Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday
after Trinity*



Harvest Flowers and Supper

Many thanks to all the flower arrangers who made St Mary's look so beautiful over the harvest weekend. Thanks also to the organisers, cooks and dishwashers for a most delicious and enjoyable evening at the harvest supper.



Membership Secretary

The Friends of St Mary's are looking for someone to take on the role of membership secretary. This will involve keeping an up to date list of members and issuing reminders when subscriptions are due. If you can help, please see Linda Simmons or Pamela in the church office.

Monthly Communion

Reverend Monica will be starting a monthly Communion service on the first Wednesday of the month, commencing Wednesday 5th November at 9.15am. All welcome.

Confirmation Service

You are invited to a confirmation Service at St Mary's Melton on Sunday 26th October at 10.00 where our own Scott and Olivia will be confirmed. They would appreciate your support at this service.

St Mary's Christmas Fair

Plans are already afoot for this year's Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November from 10.00-2.00. If you have any ideas for stalls or would like to volunteer to help, we'd love to hear from you. We are starting to collect donations of books, bottles, tombola items and raffle prizes. Please speak to Pamela in the office if you can help.

Service of Memories

Our annual service of memories, where we give thanks for the lives of those we love and remember, will be held this year on Sunday 2nd November at 3.00pm. If you would like a relative or friend remembered at this service, please contact Pamela in the church office.

Operation Christmas Child



Shoeboxes are now available for collection at St Mary's. Please fill and return them by the 2nd November.

Baby Grand Piano

We are very grateful to a Mrs Elizabeth Edmond who has donated her late husband's baby grand piano to St Mary's.