

### In our prayers this week...

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

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Peggy Girdlestone, Vaughan Hall, Stephen Lee and Ray Smart.

Please pray for pupils and students taking exams at this time.

### 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. Please ask if you would like a lift to this service.

### 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. John the Baptist's Muston ♦ St. Peter's Redmile ♦ St. Helen's Plungar

# in church today

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**Sunday 1st June 2025-** Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 16:16-34, John 17: 20-26

**Services this Week** Service of Holy Communion at St Mary's, 10.30 led by Reverend Monica Judson

### Dates for your Diary

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| Tuesday 3rd June   | Tea and Cakes 2.30pm                    |
| Saturday 7th June  | Growing Faith Meeting 10.00am           |
| Sunday 8th June    | Morning Worship St Mary's               |
| Monday 9th June    | Funeral of Peggy Girdlestone 2.00pm     |
| Tuesday 10th June  | Funeral of Ray Smart 2.30               |
| Wed 11th June      | Deanery Synod 7.00pm St Luke's Gaddesby |
| Saturday 14th June | Barkestone Coffee morning               |
| Wed 18th June      | Sing for Joy                            |
| Saturday 28th June | St Mary's Summer Fayre                  |



## This Week's Reading Acts 16:16-34

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

### 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

### Donations please

Plans for St Mary's Summer Fayre on 28th June are well under way. As ever, we are looking for donations of items for the tombola, bottles for the water or wine stall and cakes on the day. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church for cake donations.



Charity cyclists enjoying cake at St Mary's. They have already booked for next year.

### Hygiene

Two issues have been noted regarding hygiene at St Mary's. Firstly if you have used a tea towel, please take it home to wash rather than leaving it out. Secondly, please do not put biscuit packaging in the box with loose biscuits. Many thanks.

### Archdeacon Richard

Archdeacon Richard Worsfold will be moving on over the summer to take

up the post of Area Dean of Salford and Leigh. We wish him well in this new venture.

### 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.

### Savoury and Sweet Coffee Morning

This fundraiser for Barkestone Church will take place on Saturday 14th June from 10.00-12.30 at the church.

