

In our prayers this week...

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

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Mu Martin and Mike Saunders.

Please pray for a world that is generous of heart and respectful of others.

Save the date

This year's Christmas Wreath Making Workshop will be held on Saturday 6th December from 9.00-12.00.

Bottesford Hub and Charity Shop

Would you like to join our friendly team of volunteers? Please contact Pamela in the Church Office or Linda by email ls Spencer631@gmail.com
Shop open Wednesday and Saturday 9.30 to 12 noon, all welcome.

Thursday Prayers

An invitation to 15 minutes of peace and quiet at our prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 9.00pm on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89035344573?pwd=MmpXYotzWUhmZlhrYkpHVtBVYlZBdz09>

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.....

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

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

(Please tick as appropriate)



- ♦ 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 21st September 2025- Fourteenth

Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16: 1-13

Services this Sunday

Morning Worship 10.30
St Mary's led by Reverend Mike Chaldecott
Morning Worship 10.30
Muston led by Graham and Kathie Lyndsell

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 20th Sept Friends Concert for VJ Day
InVoice Singing Group 7.30

Monday 22nd Sept St Mary's PCC 7.00pm

Saturday 27th Sept Churchyard Tidy 10.00am

Sunday 28th Sept Morning Worship St Mary's 10.30 led by Graham and Kathie Lyndsell

Monday 6th Oct Befriending the Bereaved St Mary's from 7.00pm



This Week's Worship and Reflection

Why Jesus Praised a Dodgy Manager (and What That Means for Us!)

This Sunday we hear one of Jesus' most puzzling parables: the story of the shrewd manager (Luke 16:1–13).

Why does Jesus seem to praise someone dishonest? At first glance it sounds as though Jesus is congratulating someone for cheating! But look closer and we discover something deeper. The manager is praised not for dishonesty but for his urgency, his ability to act decisively when time was short.

What can this teach us about living faithfully today?

Alongside Paul's call in 1 Timothy 2 to pray "for everyone," we'll explore how God entrusts us with time, money, relationships and prayer—not to hoard, but to invest in what lasts.

Think of essential and urgent things you have to do in your life, like when a Doctor calls you in for a health check-up, or finding a grandchild lost in a large shopping-centre : time is short you don't waste time, quick choices matter. Jesus tells us to live with the same urgency—because what we do with our money, time and relationships really matters.

Come and explore with us as we reflect on how living generously, living wisely and living prayerfully will shape a life well lived in God's world.

Reverend Mike Chaldecott

Luke 16:1-23

Jesus told his disciples: 'There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, "What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer."

'The manager said to himself, "What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg—I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses."

'So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?"

"Three thousand litres of olive oil," he replied.

'The manager told him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifteen hundred."

'Then he asked the second, "And how much do you owe?"

"Thirty tons of wheat," he replied.

'He told him, "Take your bill and make it twenty-four."

'The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

'Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much and whoever is dishonest with very little will be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

'No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

To Pray

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

*Collect for the fourteenth Sunday
after Trinity*



Members of St Mary's congregation enjoying the recent Barkestone Church barbecue



Harvest Supper

Tickets are now available for our Harvest Supper at St

Mary's on Saturday 11th October.

Tickets, which are available from the church office, are £12.50 for a two-course meal and one free drink.

Booking is essential by 8th October.

Tower Tours

Many thanks to John Topps, bell ringers and refreshment providers who worked on Bank Holiday Monday at the Tower Tours. A total of £655 was raised.

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.

An Evening on Bereavement Care

Framland Deanery invite you to an evening on bereavement care at St Mary's on Monday 6th October at 7.30pm. This will be led by Reverend Canon Louise Corke and members of the deanery. Refreshments will be served from 7.00pm and all are welcome to attend.



Many thanks to all who helped at the JET charity bike ride and the plant and produce swap coffee morning. Here is Lisa trying out the penny farthing.

Churchyard tidy

We are organising our annual clear up of the churchyard on Saturday 27th September from 10.00am. If you could spare an hour or two to help tidy up the churchyard, we would be most grateful.



Peter's Steeple-chase Challenge

Congratulations to Peter Brooks for his Steeplechase Challenge on 7th September. He cycled to 14 churches and raised £600 in total.

Morning Prayer

Please note there will be no morning prayer on Wednesday 1st October at St Mary's.