

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Andrew Barker, Ian Beech, Deborah Cosgriff, Jim Farley, June Leek, Julie Marshall, Ivy McElroy, Margaret Metcalfe, Irene Robinson, Mike Saunders, Tim Wakefield and Barbara Walsh.

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Norman Baird .

Please pray that Jesus will calm the storms of this world.

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.

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. There is also a collection box in Queen Street.

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
Singing 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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Sunday 23rd February 2025- Second Sunday before Lent

Readings: Psalm 65, Luke 8: 22-25

Services this Weekend

Morning Worship at St Mary's 10.30 led by Reverend John Barr

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 24th Feb St Mary's PCC
- Wed 26th Feb Deanery Synod Eco Church
- Sunday 2nd March Holy Communion 10.30
Nota Bene Singers 5.00pm followed by a buffet
- Monday 3rd March FOSM meeting 7.00pm
- Tuesday 4th March Tea and Cakes 2.30pm
- Wed 5th March Ash Wednesday Service 7.00pm
- Friday 7th March World Day of Prayer 1.30



This Week's Readings Psalm 65

Praise awaits you our God in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.
You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.

When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.

Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.

You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the far-
thest seas, who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the
seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning
dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with
grain, for so you have ordained it. You drench its furrows and level
its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with
abundance. The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are
clothed with gladness. The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

Luke 8: 22-25

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side
of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he
fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was
being swamped, and they were in great danger.

The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're
going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm
subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disci-
ples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He
commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

To Pray

*Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*Collect for the second Sunday be-
fore Lent*

Lent Course

Running on Mondays in Lent 7pm-
8.30pm from 10th March to 14th
April, called Lent for Everyone, fol-
lowing Jesus' life from the wilder-
ness to the cross. All resources and
refreshments provided, bring a Bible
if you have one. Don't worry if you
can't make all the sessions. First ses-
sion at Lisa Smith's house: 6 Beck-
ingthorpe Drive. Contact Lisa or the
Church Office if you'd like to come.

Nota Bene Singers

Please book your tickets soon for
this choral concert so we know how
many to cater for. Tickets available
from the church office or Linda Sim-
mons 07958 716765.

Electoral Roll Revision

Every five years all churches are re-
quired to revise their church elec-
toral roll so if you are currently on
the roll, you will need to complete a
new application form. If you would
like to be added to the electoral roll,
please ask for a form. Forms will be
available at St Mary's at Sunday ser-
vices and beside the entrance door.

World Day of Prayer Service

From the Christian women of the
Cook Islands, come and join this wor-
ship service reflecting on Psalm 139
'You are fearfully and wonderfully

made'. Friday 7th March, 2-3pm at St
Mary's, with Pacific themed refresh-
ments from 1.30pm! All welcome.

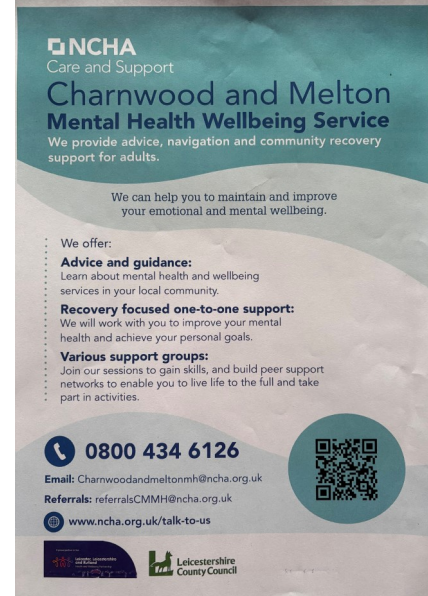


DEANERY SYNOD
Wednesday 26th February, 7pm - 9pm

St. Mary's Church
Melton Mowbray

'Caring for Creation'

Deanery News & Notices; including a motion to discuss.
Care for Creation - guest speakers; Adam Clarke- Net Zero Carbon
Programme Manager for the Dioceses of Leicester and Peterborough.
Anne Scott - Lay Church Planting Pioneer and OWL Network Co-ordinator.
Plus - refreshments, Eco Church, Energy tool, grant info, worship,
information sharing and a bee keeper too!



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New Wi-Fi

We have new fibre Wi-Fi at St Mary's
so hopefully you will be able to con-
nect to the internet in church from
now on.