

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Norman Baird, Andrew Barker, Eileen Boyce, Jim Farley, Sally Hillcote, June Leek, Julie Marshall, Ivy McElroy, Margaret Metcalfe, Irene Robinson, Beryl Smith, Philip Toomey and Tim Wakefield.

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Maisie Coulthard, Jean Moulds, Doria Pear, Roger Smith and Pat Smith.

Please pray for a just and peaceful election in America.

Wreath making

The next session of wreath-making is on Saturday 7th December, 9-12. Please book your place with Lisa Smith or via Pamela in the church office.

Remembrance

Planning has begun for this year's Act of Remembrance service on Sunday 10th November. If you have a military background and would like to take part in the service, please speak to Lisa Smith in Church or on 07415144640.

Jam jars , please

Pim is on the look out for small jam jars, from 1/2lb down to the little hotel size.

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?](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89035344573?pwd=MmpXYotzWUhmZlhrYkpHVTBVYlZBdzog)

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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 2.30 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.....

Address.....



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



- ♦ 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 27th October 2024- Bible Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-11, John 5: 36-end

Services this Weekend

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

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 26th Oct	FOSM Quiz Night at the Bowl's Club 7.00 for 7.30
Monday 28th Oct	Open Doors Melton 7.30pm
Sunday 3rd Nov	Holy Communion St Mary's Service of Memories 3.00pm
Tuesday 5th Nov	Tea and Cakes 2.30pm
Friday 8th Nov	Belvoir Academy Remembrance Service 9.00
Saturday 9th Nov	Cranmer Company of Singers and Orchestra Remembrance Concert 7.30
Saturday 23rd Nov	St Mary's Christmas Fair 10.00-2.00



This Week's Worship and Reflection



“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...” 2 Timothy 3:16

This Sunday is Bible Sunday, when we give thanks for the Bible in the life of Christian faith. We commit to ‘read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest’ the Scriptures, we pray for people who don’t have access to the Bible in their own language, or for whom owning and reading a Bible is an offence in the land where they live.

The Bible is the most read book in the whole of Christian history – it’s deliberately left out of bestseller lists or it would skew the results. Actually, it’s a collection of 66 different books written over 1500 years, but with an incredible coherence from start to finish – a story of God, His creation and His people – and a story that continues to be told in the life and faith of Christians today (including you and me)!

I wonder if you have Bibles at home that are special to you? I have a few: each one given to me at different milestones in my journey of faith. And I wonder what the Bible means to you today? For many in our communities it’s maybe a few nice words at Christmas, an important part of our cultural heritage, the inspiration for great works of art and literature (Milton’s Paradise Lost, or Leonardo’s Last Supper).

Of course the Bible is that, but it is also so much more. It’s the source and bedrock for all we believe as Christians and the means by which we come to know most clearly the saving love of God in Christ Jesus. Truly the Word of Life. And there are so many versions and translations now, including those that use everyday language and are easy to read, that we can find one that is right for us.

There’s a sense in which every Sunday (and indeed every other day) is Bible Sunday! Whenever we gather to worship, the Word of God is broken open, read and shared and reflected upon, bringing to life the words on the page for our nourishment, and so we can go out to share the good news of Jesus and His love for us and the world.

So wherever you are with the Bible, I pray that you will open your Bible this week and in it find words of comfort, of challenge, of teaching, and most of all, love.

Lisa

To Pray

*Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in
change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will we may
enter the unfailing joy of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Collect for the last Sunday after Trinity*

Service of Memories

This year’s Service of Memories, where we recall and give thanks for those departed from life, will be held on Sunday 3rd November at 3.00pm followed by refreshments. If you would like a loved one added to the list, please contact the church office.

Concert for Remembrance

The Cranmer Company of Singers and Orchestra will be performing a charity concert in aid of the British Legion on Saturday 9th November at St Mary’s from 7.30pm. No tickets but donations on the door. Programme to include Rutter’s Requiem, Vaughan Williams and Butterworth.

Grantham Foodbank

Grantham Foodbank are hosting an Open Evening on Thursday 7th November from 6.00-8.00pm to show the recent refurbishments at their centre.

To Kenya with Love

We have received new updates about our two sponsored children, Baraka and Bernhard. Please see the display board for details.

Real Advent Calendars

If you would like to donate a real Advent Calendar (£4.95) or bars of chocolate (£3.00) to Grantham Foodbank, all with the Christmas story, please speak to Kathie Lyndsell.

Sunday Supplement

Saints Alive Zooming
Oct 27, 2024 05:00 PM London
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Open Doors

Andy Worthington, from the organisation Open Doors, which supports persecuted Christians, will be sharing inspiring stories of what God is doing around the world. This event is on Monday 28th October at 7.30pm at St Mary’s Church Melton Mowbray. Graham and Kathie are going if you would like a lift.

Operation Christmas Child

It’s shoebox time again. Through this project, Samaritan’s Purse sends shoebox gifts and a child-friendly Gospel presentation to children in over 100 countries. Please collect and fill a shoebox from church. This year’s closing date is 3rd November.

Christmas Fair

We have already started planning this year’s Christmas Fair at St Mary’s which will be held on Saturday 23rd November from 10.00-2.00. As usual, we would welcome any volunteers to help on the day. Please start saving raffle prizes, bottles of wine, chocolate items and sign up to make a cake (list at the back of church).

Christmas Tree Festival

FOSM are hosting a Christmas Tree festival from 6th-8th December. If you are able to help serve refreshments on Saturday 7th December, please sign the sheet at the back of