

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Andrew Barker, Stewart Colledge, Deborah Cosgriff, Beryl Fentem, June Leek, Ruth Morris Barbara Walsh and Julia West.

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Shirley Madley and Joan Garton.

Please pray for all the families who have lost children through drowning over the last week.

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)

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

Meeting ID: 890 3534 4573 Passcode: 870177

Bottesford Community Hub and Charity Shop

Come and join us on a Wednesday and Saturday morning 9.30-12 noon for tea and cake, plus pick up a bargain. A very popular venue to meet friends old and new. Can you spare us a few hours once or twice a month? Come and join our friendly team of Volunteers. Contact Linda - lspencer631@gmail.com

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

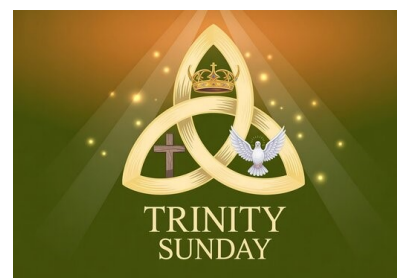
Are you new to St Mary's Church? Would you like to receive a copy of In Church Today on a regular basis? If so, please write your details here and hand this to the Welcomer by the door.

Name..... Phone.....
 Address.....
 Email.....

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



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

in church today

Church Contacts

Reverend Monica Judson
Growing Faith Minister
 07903005304
revdmonica@gmail.com
Reverend Mike Chaldecott (Deacon)
Revmike1985@gmail.com

Lisa Smith
 07415144640
lisa.smith1970@yahoo.co.uk

John Bartlett
 07831 650769
john@jbeng.co.uk
Canon Judith Wells (Pastoral Care)
 01949 842804
judithwells@hotmail.co.uk

Administrator for Bottesford & Muston:
Pamela Kearsley
 01949 842859
stmbottesford@gmail.com

Website & Facebook for St. Mary's
www.stmarysbottesford.co.uk
 Facebook:
 St Mary the Virgin Bottesford
 Contact details for each church can be found at:
www.achurchnearyou.com
 (followed by the church name.)

Sunday 31st May 2026- Trinity Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end, Matthew 28: 16-end

Services this Sunday

Morning Worship 10.30 at St Mary's led by Reverend Peter Sutton and Graham Lyndsell

Dates for your Diary

Mon 1st June Walking with the Holy Spirit
St Mary's 7.00pm
FOSM meeting 7.00pm

Tues 2nd June Tea and Cakes 2.30pm

Sun 7th June Holy Communion 10.30
St Mary's Rev'd Peter Sutton
Rev'd Mike Chaldecott
Quarter Peal 2.00pm

Wed 10th June Funeral of Joan Garton 11.00

Sat 27th June Summer Village Fete



This week's Worship and Reflection

Trinity Sunday

How would you describe God? If you attempted to draw or paint a picture what would God look like from your perspective?

A child might create a picture of a bearded old man sitting on a cloud but as we grow up and grow in faith we come to realise its more complicated than that. We look at the work of great artists and poets, we look for metaphors and hunt for words which can help ... but nobody would admit this is easy.

The moment we start even thinking about the nature of God we enter the world of theology and we become theologians ourselves – thinking, praying, agonising even as we take ourselves out of the normal busyness of life and enter the everyday world in which God has an all-encompassing role to play.

One of my favourite theologians from early times was a man called Tertullian (c.160 – 225AD), I even love his name! Tertullian addressed this same question about describing God. From his thinking he invented the word 'Trinity'. Tertullian, the first Christian to write in Latin, was a big inventor of words, words that were needed as the world and the Church asked more and more questions about the nature of Christianity and of what it means to be a Christian. These were questions which despite the best efforts of some, would never go away.

God is Trinity. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit or as Tertullian said 'one substance in three persons'.

In my mind, the more we think about what that means God becomes even bigger so the word 'trinity' is the best word we can think of to encompass the God we celebrate, pray to and thank this weekend for the abundance of his love ... on this Trinity Sunday.

Peter Sutton

To Pray

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with
the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the
mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
one God, now and forever. Amen

Collect for Trinity Sunday

Walking with the Holy Spirit

Lisa will be running a new course entitled 'Walking with the Holy Spirit' on the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd June from 7.00-8.30pm. The course aims to help us understand who the Holy Spirit is, what the Holy Spirit does and how we can live lives led by and empowered by the Holy Spirit! **Course information is now available in church.** Please let Lisa or Pamela in the church office know if you would like to attend as soon as possible. All are welcome.

Christian Aid

Many thanks to all who donated during Christian Aid Week. We have sent £500 to Christian Aid from Tea and Cakes, and church collections.

Greeters and coffee makers

We are looking for volunteers to greet the congregation on a Sunday or to join the coffee rota to serve refreshments after services. Please speak to Pamela if you can help.

Save the Date

The next Friends of St Mary's Concert will be the award winning Helix Ensemble Chamber Orchestra on Saturday 25th July at 7.30pm. More details to follow.

Sunday Supplement

Every other Sunday evening at 5pm - live worship by Zoom: fresh, interactive and spontaneous. Meet up with people you know from around our churches or make their acquaintance for the first time.

Three In One Zoom

Time: May 31, 2026 05:00 PM London
Join Zoom Meeting

[https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9267932410?](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9267932410?pwd=Wng4OXQobFMwT3ZNSUhoaj9JcVAzdzo9&omn=87849112680)
[pwd=Wng4OXQobFMwT3ZNSUhoaj9JcVAzdzo9&omn=87849112680](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9267932410?pwd=Wng4OXQobFMwT3ZNSUhoaj9JcVAzdzo9&omn=87849112680)
Meeting ID: 926 793 2410

Passcode: 098305

FOSM Summer Village Fete

The FOSM Summer Village Fete is fast approaching. We would be grateful to anyone who could provide cake for the cake stall or could man the refreshment stall for an hour or so. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church.

To Kenya with Love

There are new updates on the two children, Baraka and Bernard, we sponsor through the charity To Kenya with Love. They are certainly growing up fast.

