

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Andrew Barker, Deborah Cosgriff, Jim Farley, Beryl Fentem, Michael Howett, Michael Kirkland, June Leek, Barbara Walsh and Julia West.

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Stewart Colledge, Christine Dunn, John Goodson and Evelyn Watson.

Please pray for victims of crime.

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=MmpXYotzWUhmZlhrYkpHVTBVYlZBdz09>

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 third Tuesday of the month
	Sing for Joy 2.00 third Wednesday of the month
	Bereavement Group 2.30pm
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.

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

(Please tick as appropriate)



in church today

- ♦ 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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(followed by the church name.)

Sunday 9th August 2026- Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 10: 5-15, Matthew 14: 22-33

Services this Sunday

Service of Morning Worship 10.30 St Mary's led by Lisa Smith. Holy Communion at Barkestone led by Revds. Mike Chaldecott and Monica Judson

Dates for your Diary

Fri 7th Aug Muston Quiz Night 7.00pm

Tues 11th Aug Funeral of Stewart Colledge 2.00pm

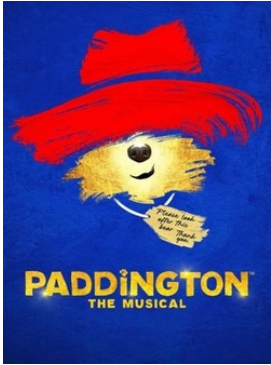
Fri 14th Aug Funeral of John Goodson 12.00

Sun 16th Aug Morning Worship 10.30 St Mary's. Holy Communion at Muston

Tues 18th Aug Bereavement Group 2.30



This week's Worship and Reflection Matthew 14 v 22-33.



"Take Courage! It is I. Don't be Afraid!"

For our wedding anniversary we had the great pleasure to travel to London to see Paddington the Musical. The friendly, polite bear from 'Darkest Peru', with a love of marmalade sandwiches. He was a refugee, leaving Peru as his family had been killed in an earthquake. Lost, stranded, all alone, with only a battered suitcase with a few possessions, and a luggage label around his neck saying "Please look after this bear". He must have been afraid,

scared, missing the previous security of home, now in the 'storm of life' in rainy, cold, unfriendly London. Paddington, that great theologian, had some profound words of advice: "Every adventure begins with a little courage and a lot of hope", and his Aunt Lucy's advice for when he is afraid scared and can't cope... "Just ROAR! And I will ROAR back!"

The amazing story of Jesus walking on the water, through the wild and scary storm, to the frightened disciples struggling in the boat buffeted by the waves, is similar to Paddington's experience. Jesus says "Take courage! It is I, Don't be afraid." Peter, the bold one, initially steps out of the boat to walk on water to come to Jesus. He is safe whilst he keeps his eyes on Jesus and has faith, but soon he turns his eyes to the wind and waves, the wild sea around him, he was afraid and he begins to sink. He cries out "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reaches out to save him. The storm calms and the disciples declare "You are truly the Son of God." And the disciples grew in faith.

As you face challenges this week, some with fear and trepidation, have courage in Jesus who says to you "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." As the words of the song: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace." For truly he is the Son of God.

And, like Paddington Bear, keep a marmalade sandwich under your hat, for emergencies!

Mike Chaldecott

To Pray

*Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught her disciples to be
persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage
never to lose hope, but always to
bring our prayers before you:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*Collect for the tenth Sunday
after Trinity*

Patronal Festival Evensong

Everyone is invited to join us for our Patronal Festival Choral Evensong on Sunday 6th September at 6.30pm. It's the day when we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary to whom our church is dedicated. Her feast day is 15th August, but here in Bottesford we normally celebrate it on the first Sunday of September. We are delighted to welcome Archdeacon Revd Richard Trewethy as our guest preacher and the service will be followed by refreshments provided by The Humble Cat caterers.

Muston Cheese and Wine

Muston PCC are hosting a cheese and wine evening on Friday 4th September from 7.00pm at The Old School, Muston. Great company, fine wine and delicious cheese. Tickets £15. Phone Donya on 07814107254 to book a place.

Newark and Sherwood Concert Band

The next Friends of St Mary's concert will be Lights, Brass, Action! An evening of music from the theatre stage and silver screen performed by the Newark and Sherwood Concert

Band. The concert will be held on Saturday 12th September at 7.30pm. Doors open from 6.30. Tickets are £15 (£12 for members) available from the church office and the usual outlets.

Ride and Stride

This year's Ride and Stride is on Saturday 12th September. Peter Brooks will once again be riding on behalf of St Mary's. If you would also like to take part, please see Pamela for a sponsor form.

Confirmation

This year's confirmation service will take place on Sunday 6th September at 10.30 at Hose Church. If you are interested in preparing for confirmation, please speak to a member of the ministry team. There is also a preparation course being run in Harby. Details are on the notice-board in the porch.

Bottesford Community Hub

The Hub would be grateful to anyone who could spare 15 minutes on a Saturday either at 8.45 and/or 11.45 to help get the stock out and put it away.

Diocesan Centenary Worship Gathering

On Sunday September 13th, Leicester Diocese will be celebrating their centenary with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets are free and can be booked through Eventbrite. More details can be found at <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/diomail/>