

### In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Pauline Baird, Andrew Barker, Ian Beech, Deborah Cosgriff, June Leek, Ivy McElroy, Margaret Metcalfe, Mike Saunders, Tim Wakefield and Barbara Walsh.

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Peggy Girdlestone, Vaughan Hall and Ray Smart.

Please pray: In the light of the recent stabbing in Leicester, we pray for all those affected by knife crime: the victims and their families, witnesses, emergency services and perpetrators. We pray for the healing of individuals, relationships and communities so that everyone can thrive.

### Mike Chaldecott

We are pleased to report that following his training, Mike Chaldecott has been recommended for ordination. His ordination service will be on Sunday 29th June at 10.30 at Leicester Cathedral where he will become a deacon. Mike is grateful for all the support, advice and prayers he has received. Please ask if you would like a lift to this service.

### 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

### 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.

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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 8th June 2025- Pentecost

**Readings:** Acts 2:1-21, John 14: 8-17, 25-27

**Services this Week** Service of Morning Worship at St Mary's 10.30 with a speaker from Samaritan's Purse

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th June	Funeral of Peggy Girdlestone 2.00pm
Tuesday 10th June	Funeral of Ray Smart 2.30
Wed 11th June	Deanery Synod 7.00pm St Luke's Gaddesby
Saturday 14th June	Barkestone Coffee morning 10.00-12.30
Wed 18th June	Sing for Joy 2.00pm
Saturday 28th June	St Mary's Village Summer Fete 12.00-4.00pm
Sunday 29th June	Muston Open Gardens 10.00-4.00pm



## This Week's Worship and Reflection



**“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.”**

**Acts 2:4a**

This week we celebrate Pentecost: the coming of the Holy Spirit. This day marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Church's Easter season to an end. Pentecost is a special day when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit - first given to Jesus' friends and followers – and how it turned those ordinary people into people who did amazing things for God.

Pentecost is also known as ‘the birthday of the Church’, because the gift of the Holy Spirit transformed Jesus' friends and followers into His new Church. The Holy Spirit moved them into action, filling them with the power of God and enabling them to tell the story of God in ways that everyone listening could understand. How amazing!

And this is so amazing precisely because what started with Jesus and his disciples didn't stop with them in the Bible's Pentecost story (which is in Acts 2:1-21). This gift of the Holy Spirit is just as much ours today, and indeed for anyone who receives Jesus as Lord and Saviour into their hearts and lives. As Christians, it's what fills us up when we are empty, heals us when we are broken, and fires us up when we are despairing. It's God within us.

The Holy Spirit powered Jesus' ministry and will empower us too, the ordinary folk of Bottesford and around, to do amazing things for God. So let us celebrate together this Pentecost, eat cake (on the Church's birthday!) and be thankful that God's Spirit of life renews us, so that we can go out and serve in the world. Happy birthday everyone! Amen.

*Lisa Smith*

### To Pray

*Holy Spirit,  
sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the  
gift of faith, revive your church  
with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen  
Collect for Pentecost*

### Growing Faith Meeting

Owing to the lack of response, it has been decided to postpone the growing faith meeting which was due to be held on Saturday 7th June at St Mary's.

### Donations please

Plans for St Mary's Summer Fete on 28th June are well under way. As ever, we are looking for donations of items for the tombola, bottles for the water or wine stall and cakes on the day. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church for cake donations.

### Savoury and Sweet Coffee Morning

This fundraiser for Barkestone Church will take place on Saturday 14th June from 10.00-12.30 at the church.

### Muston Open Gardens

Muston Open Gardens will be held this year on Sunday 29th June from 10.00-4.00pm. Tickets and maps are available from The Old School and all proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the church and hall. There will be a plant sale and refreshments and cake will be served at The Old School.

### 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.

### Pentecostal Supplement

Jun 8, 2025 05:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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### Archdeacon Richard

Archdeacon Richard Worsfold will be moving on over the summer to take up the post of Area Dean of Salford and Leigh. We wish him well in this new venture.

