

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Bradley Adlington, Norman Baird, Bill Barclay, Andrew Barker, Eileen Boyce, Sheila Collett, Kath Dring, Anne Barclay Dry, Charlie Hall, Joan Kirk, Sam Lancaster, June Leek, Ivy McElroy, Jim Peach, Elizabeth Sargent, Peter Stapleton, Stan Taylor and Tim Wakefield.

Please pray for the many aid agencies working around the world in extreme situations.

Non-Alcoholic Communion wine

Non-alcoholic Communion wine will now be available at St. Mary's for those who need it. Please speak to Reverend Monica if you would like this.

Monthly Services in the East Vale at 10.30am

- 2nd Sunday St Peter & St Paul Barkestone
- 3rd Sunday St John's Muston
- 4th Sunday Redmile Primary School

Regular Events

- Tuesdays Little Angels 9.30-12pm
- Wednesdays Morning Prayer 9.00am
Community Hub 9.30-12.00
Warm Space 10.30-12.30
Methodist Chapel
Bellringing 7.30pm
- Thursdays Choir Practice 7.30pm
- Fridays Coffee Morning Old School, Muston 10-12
- Saturdays Coffee Morning Old School, Muston 10-12
- Saturdays Community Hub 9.30-12.00

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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



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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 14th April 2024-Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 3: 12-19, Luke 24: 36-48

Services this Sunday

Morning Worship at St. Mary's 10.30am led by Kathie and Graham Lyndsell

Celtic Worship at Barkestone 10.30

Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 13th April Yard Sale 10.30 5
Woolsthorpe Lane Muston
- Wednesday 17th April Worship Awareness Course
St Mary's 7.00pm
- Friday 19th April Muston Quiz Night 7.30pm
- Saturday 20th April Melton and District
Bellringers
- Sunday 21st April Morning Worship led by Lisa
Smith 10.30am
Holy Communion at St.
John's Muston 10.30am
Evensong at Leicester
Cathedral with St Mary's
Choir 3.30pm
- Monday 22nd April St Mary's PCC 7.00pm



This Week's Worship and Reflection

Reality of the Resurrection Acts 3 v11-20, Luke 24 v36-49

This week we are looking at another part of the resurrection story. Luke's account tells us that the disciples were terrified when Jesus suddenly appeared in a locked room. Understandably, they thought he was a ghost.

I grew up with stories of ghosts. The lady in white, on a horse, in the hall of an unoccupied farmhouse at midnight; the headless man in chains outside a barn on the edge of the marshes; the old lady at the window of a remote, empty house.

I should explain. I lived in a remote, quite desolate, part of Kent, right on the Thames estuary. The farmhouse in question, ours, was only one meadow away from the beach, the barn was only a few minutes inland, the empty house was so near the water that it was built on stilts. You have probably guessed by now that these were smugglers' stories, put out to discourage superstitious and gullible people from being nearby at night. Georgian and Victorian imports of brandy and other luxury products could slip into the country without paying import duty. The extensive marshes gave access to routes to London and easy sales.

Did I believe in the ghosts as a child? No, my father made sure we knew what the stories were about. Was I still wary of crossing the farmyard in front of the old house? Oh yes, even in daylight I ran, just in case the lady in white was looking out!

I am not surprised that the disciples thought that Jesus was a ghost. I don't understand metaphysics and I cannot imagine how He could be without substance to enter the room and then be able to speak, be touched and eat fish. But I do believe it is true. Jesus rose from the dead and He is alive!

Kathie Lyndsell

To Pray

*Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and
fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim
your risen life and fill us with your peace
to the glory of God the Father. Amen*

Collect for the third Sunday of Easter

Yard Sale

There will be a yard sale at 5, Woolsthorpe Lane, Muston, NG13 0FE on April 13th from about 10.30 am onwards. All donations will be given to St John's Church, Muston.

Muston Quiz Night

St John's PCC are holding another Quiz Night on Friday 19th April at the Old School Muston, 7.00 for 7.30pm start. Teams of 6, £2 per person. Bar and other refreshments.



12 to the Bar

The Friends of St. Mary's are hosting a concert with the band 12 to the bar who play swing, jazz and big band standards. The concert is on Saturday 11th May at St. Mary's commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 (£12 for members) from Frances 843427, the church office and the usual outlets.

Leicester Cathedral Evensong

Next Sunday, 21st April, St Mary's Choir will be singing at Leicester Cathedral Evensong Service at 3.30pm. A decision has been taken not to hire a coach to Leicester but to share cars

instead. If anyone would like to attend the service and needs a lift, please speak to Pamela or Lisa.

Worship awareness course

We are running a 4 week awareness course for those interested in learning about what is involved in taking part in leading worship. **The course starts on Wednesday 10th April '24 at St Marys Church starting at 7.00pm.**

If you've ever wondered how worship is shaped or whether you might like to explore the possibility of reading the bible or taking the intercessory prayers in a service. Or if you would like to have a go at leading some or all of a service this course is for you.

You do not need previous experience, only a heart to serve Jesus. In a very relaxed and user friendly way we will work our way through four sessions.

The sessions will be:-

- Week 1. Understanding worship.
- Week 2. Tools for the journey.
- Week 3. Silence and speech.
- Week 4. Which way now?

You can book onto the course by either letting Pamela know in the church office or by contacting myself. I look forward to sharing this time with those that are coming along. Revd Monica

Thursday Evening Prayers by Zoom

Every Thursday open prayer for growth for around ten minutes. Meeting ID: 890 3534 4573
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