



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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Services Today: 7th January

Epiphany

8.30 am	Holy Communion*	Muston
10.30 am	Covenant Service	Bottesford Methodist Church Bottesford
4.00 pm	Evensong*	Bottesford

Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

This Week at a Glance

Monday 8th

2.00pm	Funeral of Gavin Douglas	Grantham
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Tuesday 9th

9.00am	Holy Communion*	Bottesford
10.00am	Little Angels	Bottesford

Wednesday 10th

7.30pm	Bell ringing	Bottesford
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Thursday 11th

11.00am	Funeral of Barbara Wakefield	Grantham
7.30pm	Choir Practice	Bottesford

Saturday 13th

10.00am	Barkestone Café	Barkestone
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Informal morning prayers are usually said each Monday at 9.00am in the Old School, Muston and on Wednesday & Thursday at 9.00am in St Mary's. *Book of Common Prayer services

Children's Church

St. Mary's children's church will start next week at St. Mary's at our 10.30am service. The following week (21st) we will be meeting in the Methodist Hall at 10.30am before returning to St. Mary's to share what we have done with the rest of the congregation.

Good Luck to our Bible Readers

Those who have signed up to read the Bible through in 2018 have made a start. We pray for them all and look forward to opportunities throughout the year to compare notes, offer encouragement and discuss discoveries. Now read on!

Bibles for China

There is still time to give £12 to the Bible Society to help provide Bibles for Christians in China. Cheques made payable to the Bible Society can be given to Tricia Little and Judith Wells or posted in one of the wall money boxes in St Mary's. We will be sending the cheques off to the Bible Society at the end of January. Thank you to those who have already responded –we'll let you know the total in due course.

Clearer Upper Sought

Our clergy are appealing for a kind-hearted soul to clear the communion table at the end of 10.30am Communion services in St. Mary's so they can greet people, say good-bye and eat biscuits. Training and gratitude will be given. Please speak to David to find out more.

To be Confirmed

On January 21st we will be taking three members of our church family to be confirmed by Bishop Martyn at St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray. The service is at 4.00pm and we want as many of our church family as possible to be there supporting Anna, Hannah and Pam. We also look forward to supporting Jenna in her confirmation at a date to be arranged. If you'd like to go but need wheels speak to David or Jo Payne, and don't forget to pray for our candidates as they approach this important day in their journey of faith.

Ask me Another—it's Quiz Time!

The Friends of St. Mary's begin their 2018 programme with their ever-popular Quiz Night on Friday 2nd February at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £6 for FOSM members and £7 for others, and admission includes a buffet supper. Teams of up to six should be notified to John Daybell on 842780.

The full programme for 2018 will be published soon - we are currently waiting on whether a top notch attraction will be joining us in November. Watch this space.

Church Councils

We have Church Council meetings ahead in each of our churches over the coming weeks. If there is something you'd like considered or discussed, please tell your Churchwardens or the Vicar.

Deanery Meetings for 2018

Framland Deanery's Synod meetings have been opened up for all to attend. Next year there will be four meetings as follows:

Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm in Melton: What's New in the Framland Deanery?

Wednesday 13th June 13th at 7.30pm in Tilton: What's new in the Diocese?

Thursday 27th September at 7.30pm in Wymondham: What's New in Mission and Outreach in our Deanery?

Wednesday 5th December at Waltham: What's New about Christmas? (including a celebratory eucharist).

Reading, Praying, Welcoming...

At the turn of a new year, we are looking for people to enrich our worship by reading the Scripture, leading our prayers and making the congregation welcome. The more people we have, the less often we ask, and the more the life of our churches is shared out.

In 2018 we are aiming to offer some hints and training for those leading prayers—please speak to David if you think any of the above applies to you, or even if it applies to someone else!

Wit & Wisdom from Milton Jones (comedian & theologian)

'To say that Christianity is just one of several religions is a bit like saying that water is just one of many types of drink—it's a bit more fundamental than that.'

Sometimes people think of church as being like a giant helicopter. They don't want to get too close in case they get sucked into the rotas.

'The biggest question many Christians are asking the world today is 'Will you give us some money to help pay for our new roof?'

From 10 Second Sermons by Milton Jones, Darton, Longman & Todd.

A Prayer for the New Year

God and of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Whose years never fail
And whose mercies are new each returning day:
Let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
Warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;
That we may pass the coming year
In joyful obedience and firm faith;
Through him who is the beginning and the end,
Your Son Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In Our Prayers This Week

Please pray for those who are unwell, particularly Danny Wilcock, Wes Marsh, Anna Watson, Derek & Sheila Collett, Mathew Leeke, Brian Metcalfe, Derek Edwards, Sheila Coe, Billy Turner and Joan & Dennis Kirk.

We pray for those grieving the loss of Gavin Douglas, Barbara Wakefield and Peter Lees.

Looking Ahead

January

Sat 13	10.00am	Barkestone Café
Sun 21	4.00pm	Confirmation Service at Melton Mowbray
Mon 22	7.30pm	Bottesford PCC
Tue 23	2.30pm	Tea & Cakes @ St Mary's
Mon 29	7.30pm	Barkestone PCC
Tue 30	7.30pm	Plungar PCC

February

Fri 2	7.00pm	Friends of St. Mary's Quiz—Bottesford Bowls Club
Sat 3	11.00am	Wedding at St. Mary's, Bottesford
Sat 10	10.00am	Wedding Preparation Session at St. Mary's, Bottesford
Wed 14	7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Bottesford

Services for Sunday 14th January

8.30 am	Holy Communion*	Bottesford
10.30 am	Morning Worship	Bottesford
10.30 am	Holy Communion	Redmile
6.30 pm	Sunday Praise	Bottesford
6.30 pm	Evensong*	Plungar

If you need a lift to any services please contact the Vicar.

*Denotes BCP service