



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: 11th March

Mothering Sunday

8.30am	Holy Communion*	Bottesford
10.30am	All Age Service	Bottesford
10.30am	Messy Mothering Sunday	Bottesford
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Bottesford Methodists
6.30pm	Evensong*	Plungar

Today's Readings

Exodus 2:1-10 & Luke 2:33-35

This Week at a Glance

Monday 12th

11.00am Funeral of Eunice Greasley Bottesford

Tuesday 13th

9.00am Holy Communion Bottesford
10.00am Little Angels Bottesford
7.30pm Friends of St. Mary's AGM Bottesford

Wednesday 14th

7.30pm Bell Ringers Bottesford

Thursday 15th

7.30pm Choir Practice Bottesford

Friday 16th

7.00pm Creative Space Bottesford

Saturday 17th

10.00am Barkestone Café Barkestone

Informal morning prayers are 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

The Friends of St. Mary's Annual Meeting

The Friends' annual meeting will take place at 7.30pm this Tuesday (13th March) in the church. Aside from the conducting of business (which will be mercifully brief), we will be looking back on another successful year for the Friends and Tim O' Brian will give an illustrated talk on 'The Requiem of Signal Boxes in Nottinghamshire.' All are welcome, refreshments will be charged and there is no charge.

News of Fairtrade

A new Traidcraft catalogue (including the tinned fish mentioned in last Sunday's service) is now available. Any orders for goods that you would like for Easter should be given to Glenda by this Wednesday

Church Annual Meetings

Dates for all our annual meetings have now been set, apart from Muston. First off will be St. Mary's on Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm. We are currently collecting reports - if asked to supply one can you please respond with good humour and efficiency. Thank you.

There are vacancies on all our Parochial Church Councils for those who are registered on the electoral roll and have a desire to see the gospel of Jesus Christ at work in their church communities. Ask David for details of how to be nominated, or for an explanation of what is involved.

Electoral Rolls & All That

Please consider joining the electoral roll of your church if you're not already on it. It means that you are listed as a member of the church and can have a say in decisions and deliberations on church life. Forms are now available.

Christian Aid

Plans for marking Christian Aid week are now well under way and will centre around two main fundraising events at St. Mary's: a Big Breakfast followed by coffees and light lunches on Saturday 12th May, and a Royal Wedding tea on Sunday 20th May from 3.00-5.00pm. Mary Griffiths of Christian Aid will be speaking at St. Mary's on Sunday May 13th.

Exploring Easter

An exciting afternoon in St. Mary's on Saturday 24th March from 2.00pm - 4.00pm for families from any of our villages. Sign up with Lisa on 07415 144 640 or Jo at jopayne21@gmail.com

Reclaiming Religious Freedom

Many of us are concerned about the erosion of religious freedom in our country, and the use of the law to inhibit the expression of Christian views. Now Barnabas fund have produced an informative and considered booklet entitled Turn the Tide describing how religious liberties are being eroded. To find out more, to obtain a copy, or to sign the Barnabas fund petition go to OurReligiousFreedom.org

Help Gill Offer Hope

Gill Watson is pounding the streets in preparation for the London Marathon 22nd April. Gill will be raising money for Anthony Nolan, the organisation which works tirelessly to find and recruit life saving donors for bone marrow transplant. To sponsor Gill look her up on her just giving page, write her a cheque or offer her folding money. Jo and Lisa from Bottesford's Children's Church will happily pass on donations.

Gill is also organising an Easter Trail on Saturday 24th March from 10.00am to 4.00pm, running from Bottesford Cricket Club and costing £5 per family. We hope people will do that and our Exploring Easter event –there's time for both!

Bottesford Open Gardens

This year it's St Mary's turn to coordinate Bottesford Open Gardens. The event will take place on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th June with floral displays in church too. Jo will get in touch with those who've opened gardens in previous years, but new gardens are always welcome! New for this year, in addition to gardens being open, will be 'View in Passing' Gardens. Do you have an attractive, quirky, beautiful or unusual front garden which people can look at over the fence on their way to an Open Garden? Get in touch with Jo Payne if you're interested on 843348 or stmarysopengardens@gmail.com

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Thank you God,
that you are tender as a mother,
as well as strong as a father.
You give us life,
and care for us
like a mother who will not
forsake her children.
We pray for our mothers today,
putting them into your hands
for time and for eternity;
and we ask your blessing
on all our relationships
In the families of our homes,
our churches
and our communities. **Amen.**



In Our Prayers & Thanksgiving This Week

Please pray for those who are unwell, particularly Di Barker, Derek & Sheila Collett, Sheila Coe, Derek Edwards, Karon Gudgeon, John Ives, Joan & Dennis Kirk, Floss & Ray Pritchett & Martin Searson.

Pray for those grieving the loss of Barbara Jones & Eunice Greasley

Pray for forthcoming annual meetings, and especially that some will be willing to join and serve on our Church Councils.

Looking Ahead

March

Sat 17	9.45am 10.00am - 12.30pm	Called? Diocesan Vocations Day in Leicester Barkestone Café at St. Peter & St. Paul's
Tues 20	7.30pm	St. Mary's Bottesford Annual Church Meeting
Wed 21	2.00pm	Bottesford Primary School Easter Service
Fri 23	9.15am	Redmile School Easter Service
Sat 24	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Exploring Easter Family Activities at St. Mary's
Tue 27	2.00pm	Tea & Cakes at St. Mary's

April

Mon 9	7.30pm	St. Helen's Plungar Annual Church Meeting
Thurs 12	10.30am	St. Peter's Redmile Annual Church Meeting
Sun 15	10.30am	St. Peter & St. Paul's Barkestone Annual Church Meeting
Sat 21	10.00am- 12.30pm	Barkestone Café at St. Peter & St. Paul's
Mon 23	7.30pm	Bottesford PCC
Tues 24	7.30pm	Friends of St. Mary's Meeting

May

Wed 9	7.30pm	It's Not a Benefice Meeting at Bottesford Vicarage
Sat 12	10.00am - 12.30pm	Barkestone Café at St. Peter & St. Paul's

Services Next Sunday: 18th March

8.30am	Holy Communion*	Muston
10.30am	Holy Communion	Bottesford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Redmile

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

*Denotes service from Book of Common Prayer