



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.

Services Today: 15th April

3rd Sunday of Easter

8.30am	Holy Communion*	Muston
10.30am	Holy Communion	Bottesford
11.00am	Celtic Morning Worship	Barkestone
(followed by annual church meeting)		

Today's Readings

Acts 3:12-19 & Luke 24:36b-48

This Week at a Glance

Tuesday 17th

9.00am	Holy Communion	Bottesford
10.00am	Little Angels	Bottesford
2.00pm	Funeral of Eve Hamer	Bottesford

Wednesday 18th

7.30pm	Bell Ringers	Bottesford
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Thursday 19th

7.30pm	Choir Practice	Bottesford
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Friday 20th

7.30pm	Creative Space	Bottesford
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Saturday 21st

9.30am	Church & Churchyard Tidy	Bottesford
10.00am -	Barkestone Café	Barkestone
12.30pm		
7.30pm	Stardust Band — Friends Concert	Bottesford

A time of informal morning prayer, led by whoever turns up is held each Monday at 9.00am in the Old School, Muston and on Wednesday & Thursday at 9.00am in St Mary's, Bottesford.

*Book of Common Prayer services

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congregation



One of our Vicars is Missing...

David is away this week on the Deanery/Diocesan leadership programme at Launde Abbey. Jo is taking calls but why not give him a break from emails for a few days—he won't be reading them anyway.

The Word, the Whole Word

Building on our emphasis on Bible reading in 2018, we are pleased and grateful to receive a beautiful new lectern Bible for St. Mary's. The text matches the other Bibles we have in church which means that those who wish to can follow the text of Bible passages as they are read in our services. We will be dedicating the Bible shortly, and making sure in future that all references to the Bible on our notice sheet carry page numbers!

Cleanliness is...

There will be a church and churchyard working morning at St. Mary's next Saturday beginning at 9.30am. Come for as long as you can and be sustained throughout by coffee and cake.

Stardust Band

Tickets are now available for the Stardust Big Band concert at St. Mary's this Saturday (doors open 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start). They cost £8 for members of the Friends of St. Mary's and £10 for non-members, and are available from the Poppy Seed, Community Library and Select Stores, or through Frances Satepleton on 843427. The Band is a traditional big band line up with saxes, trumpets, trombones and rhythm section.

Christian Aid Week

As you may have already seen, we are holding two big fundraising events at St Mary's this year in place of our usual 'house to house' collections:

Saturday 12th May 9am - 2pm Big Breakfast, followed by Coffee and Cakes and Light Lunches

Sunday 20th May 3pm - 5pm Royal Wedding Tea

Can you help by offering any of the following? **12th May** - Breakfast foods, cakes, tray bakes; **20th May** - Cakes, sandwiches, savouries; **Either/both dates** 1 - 2 hours serving teas and coffees, washing up etc. We would also welcome help with setting up tables for both events, and clearing afterwards. There are lists at the back of church from today, and Judith Wells and Jane Willcock will be happy to give you more details.

In addition to the above, Mary Griffiths of Christian Aid will be speaking at St Mary's on Sunday 13th May and Bottesford Methodist Church have a Christian Aid speaker at their Friendship Group on Thursday 24th May at 2.30pm, plus a Bring & Buy Stall.

Health, Wholeness & Healing

A day at Launde Abbey with Canon Brian Davis looking at just what makes for a healthy lifestyle and health of mind and body. The day features, amongst others, input from a GP, physiotherapist and the Diocesan Warden of Readers. The date is Saturday 5th May and further details can be obtained from Brian at revbdavis@aol.com

Bottesford Open Gardens

This year's Open Gardens takes place on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th June, with floral displays in church too. Jo will contact those who've opened gardens previously, but new gardens are always welcome! New for this year, in addition to gardens being open, will be 'View in Passing' Gardens. If you have an attractive, quirky, beautiful or unusual front garden that people can look at over the fence on their way round, please get in touch with Jo Payne on 843348 or by emailing her at stmarysopengardens@gmail.com

SPRING INTO SUMMER



John Stirland RHC, SCS in Nottingham and
Noton TV Gardening Expert

Our local gardening expert talking about his life in Horticulture.

Guaranteed to be a lively, fun and informative evening.

Demos, Q & A session, plant swap/sale/books raffle & refreshments.

May 15, 2018 at 7pm

The Old School Main Street Muston NG13 0FB

Tickets £3

All proceeds to Church funds and Muston Village Charities.

Spring into Summer

Join us at the Old School Muston on Tuesday May 15th at 7.00pm for a fun evening with TV gardener John Stirland. Demonstrations, questions, plant swaps and refreshments.

Bishop's School of Prayer

There are still places to join the Bishop on his School of Prayer at Launde Abbey between 9th and 13th May, whether as a day visitor or residentially for the whole week. For details call Launde Abbey on 01572 717254 or email info@launde.org.uk

Meanwhile, on Saturday 2nd June, David will run a morning on leading intercessions which will also touch on why and how we pray. It will be a bit like the above, but without a Bishop and with a few more funnies.

Thy Kingdom Come

Once again we are looking forward to playing a part in this global wave of prayer which lasts from Ascension to Pentecost (10th to 20th May). So far we are planning an Ascension Day praise service, as well as offering free prayer resources for all to use. We may also reprise last year's suggestion of 'prayer miles,' praying as we go around our churches, villages and places of work and leisure. There will be a 24 hour wave of prayer for our Deanery based in Asfordby, starting at noon on Friday 18th May. Nearer the time we will be looking for volunteers to join us praying day and night!

A Blessing for the Season of Christ's Rising

May the God who shakes
heaven and earth,
Whom death could not contain,
Who lives to disturb and heal us,
Bless us with power to go forth
And proclaim the Gospel. Amen.

In Our Prayers & Thanksgiving This Week

Please pray for those who are unwell, particularly Derek & Sheila Collett, Derek Edwards, Karon Gudgeon, and Joan Kirk.

Pray for those grieving the loss of Eve Hamer and Malcolm Cross.

Looking Ahead

April

Mon 23	7.30pm	Bottesford PCC
Tues 24	7.30pm	Friends of St. Mary's Meeting
Mon 30th	7.30pm	St. John's Muston Annual Church Meeting

May

Wed 9	7.30pm	It's Not a Benefice Meeting...
Sat 12	9.00am onwards	Big Breakfast & Light Lunches for Christian Aid - St. Mary's, Bottesford
	10.00am-12.30pm	Barkestone Cafe
	7.30pm	Chorus Amici—Friends Concert at Bottesford
Sun 13		Christian Aid Week begins
Thurs 17	9.00am	Friends Outing to Lincoln
Sun 20	3.00pm - 5.00pm	Royal Wedding Tea at St. Mary's
Wed 23	noon	Earl of Rutland & Fleming Trust Thanksgiving Service

June

June 2	10.00am	'Dear God, Help Me... It's my Turn to Lead the Prayers.' Intercessions Training
Mon 4	7.30pm	Bottesford PCC
Sat 9	10.00-2.00pm	St. Mary's Summer Fair
	10.00am	Barkestone Café

Cover Picture: Take our word for it, it's Jenna Marriott with the Bishop of Southwell at Jenna's confirmation. Full size picture on the Diocese of Southwell website!

Services for 22nd April

8.30am	Holy Communion*	Bottesford
10.30am	All Age Worship: St. George's Day	Bottesford
10.30am	Holy Communion*	Plungar
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Barkestone
6.30pm	Sunday Praise	Bottesford Methodist Church

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