



in church today

This Way Up?
Risen, ascended, glorified...

- ♦ St. Peter and St. Paul's Barketstone ♦ 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: 6th May 6th Sunday of Easter

8.30am Holy Communion*

Muston

10.30am Holy Communion

Bottesford

6.30pm Evensong*

Bottesford

Today's Readings

Acts 10:44-48 & John 15:9-17

This Week at a Glance

Tuesday 8th

9.00am Holy Communion

Bottesford

10.00am Little Angels

Bottesford

6.30pm Open the Book Meeting

Bottesford

Wednesday 9th

7.30pm Church Reps Meeting

The Vicarage

Thursday 10th

7.30pm Ascension Day Praise

Bottesford

Friday 11th

11.15am Funeral of Rodney Musson

Bottesford

2.00pm Setting up for Christian Aid Big

Bottesford

Breakfast & Light Lunches

Saturday 12th

9.00am - Big Breakfast & Light Lunches

Bottesford

2.00pm for Christian Aid

10.00am - Barketstone Café

Barketstone

12.30pm

7.30pm Choros Amici 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

Ascension Day

This Thursday we are marking Ascension Day with a special service of praise at St. Mary's, starting at 7.30pm. Our guest speaker will be David Palmer, a Pioneer Minister from the Market Harborough area, and someone who specialises in working mainly with older people. - we hope you will come on this significant day in the Christian year.

Good Friday Come & Sing

The Good Friday Come and Sing organised by the Cranmer Singers and hosted by St. Mary's has raised an astonishing £1,400 for the Tearfund Central African Appeal. Well done to all involved.

Redmile Service Change

Next Sunday's service at Redmile will now be Morning Worship rather than Holy Communion. There is a Communion service in Bottesford at 8.30am.

No Lincoln Trip

The Friends' outing to Lincoln on May 17th has been cancelled—sorry for any disappointment caused.

Grass Cutting

More volunteers are urgently needed to help keep on top of the grass cutting at St. Mary's. If you can help with just an hour or two, please contact John Topps on 844076. Equipment can be provided. We would also welcome someone to help tend the eight war graves by the main gate. Please speak to John or David Payne if this might be you or someone you know.

Christian Aid Week

This year we are supporting and celebrating Christian Aid Week with two major fun and fundraising events at St Mary's 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 - wear a hat!

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 for volunteers to pledge time or cakes, and Judith Wells and Jane Willcock will be happy to give you more details.

In addition, Mary Griffiths of Christian Aid will be speaking in St Mary's at 10.30am next Sunday, and Bottesford Methodist Church have a Christian Aid speaker at their Friendship Group on Thursday 24th May at 2.30pm, as well as a Bring & Buy Stall.

People of the Book

The new lectern Bible for St. Mary's is currently being inscribed, and we hope to dedicate it in the next few weeks. Look out too for the appearance of more 'pew Bibles, all part of our commitment to encouraging people to engage with God's Word. And keep going all you Bible-in-a-Year readers!

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

SPRING INTO SUMMER



John Stirland BBC Radio Nottingham
and 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.

Join us at the Old School Muston next 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 Prayer for Ascension Time

Ascended Christ, we worship you;
Christ, present with us now,
we ask for your Spirit
to make us brave in following your way.
Reign as King in our hearts,
and, in the foolishness of the divine love,
Make us wiser than the ambitions
and power-games of the world. Amen.

In Our Prayers & Thanksgiving This Week

Please pray for those who are unwell, particularly Derek & Sheila Collett, Derek Edwards, Pim Mabbitt, Sheila Emerson and Joan Kirk.

Pray for those grieving for Rodney Musson & Barbara Boyle.

Looking Ahead

May

Tues 15	7.00pm	Spring into Summer—Old School, Muston
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 at St. Mary's
Mon 4	7.30pm	Bottesford PCC
Sat 9	10.00am - 2.00pm	St. Mary's Summer Fair, Easthorpe, Bottesford
	10.00am	Barkestone Café
	11.00am - 4.00pm	Diocesan Rural Day at Brooksby College
Mon 11	7.30pm	Barkestone PCC
Wed 13	7.30pm	Deanery Meeting: What's New in the Diocese?
Tues 19	7.30pm	Friends of St. Mary's Meeting
Sat 30	7.30pm	Friends Concert: A4 Brass Quartet

July

Fri 6 to Mon 9	All Day	Friends of St. Mary's Art Exhibition in St. Mary's
Sat 7	6.00pm	Barkestone Barbeque
Wed 11	2.00pm	Bottesford Primary School Service
Mon 23	7.30pm	Bottesford PCC

Cover Picture: Ascension Day is on Thursday. What does the ascension of Jesus really mean to you?

Services for 13th May

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

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

*Denotes service from Book of Common Prayer