



in church today

- ♦ St. Peter and St. Paul's Barkstone ♦ 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: 8th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Holy Communion*	Bottesford
10.30am	Morning Worship	Bottesford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Redmile
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Bottesford
		Methodist
6.30pm	Evensong*	Plungar

Today's Readings

2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

This Week at a Glance

Monday 9th		
7.30pm	Plungar PCC	Plungar
Tuesday 10th		
9.00am	Holy Communion	Bottesford
10.00am	Little Angels	Bottesford
7.30pm	Vale of Belvoir Writing Group	Bottesford
Wednesday 11th		
2.00pm	Bottesford Primary School End of term Service	Bottesford
7.30pm	Bell Ringing	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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Fairtrade Coffee Morning

Join us on Saturday 21st July at St. Mary's between 10.00am and noon for our latest Fairtrade Coffee Morning. Delicious cakes, free refills of fair trade coffee and tea all available. If you can help set up, serve or supply a cake please let Glenda Gibson know on Glendagibson@live.com or by calling 01949 845106.

Doughnut Forsake us...

The runaway success of our tea & cake afternoons (see picture below) leaves us needing volunteers to help bake, serve and set up. If you could help on an occasional basis (every couple of months), please speak to Judith Wells, whose details are on the front page. Next tea & cakes will be on Tuesday 24th July at 2.30pm.



Great Escape

The Vale of Belvoir Writing Group returns to St. Mary's this Tuesday at 7.30pm, when the topic for pieces of writing will be 'escape'. Come and join us for a friendly, supportive and enjoyable evening.

Old School—New Approach?

Muston PCC are planning a new way of harnessing and co-ordinating enthusiasm for the use of the Old School, bringing together existing users and supporters to make a real go of a fabulous village facility. If you'd like to be part of a group that makes this happen, please talk to David Payne.

Holidays with a Difference

With the Summer holidays nearly upon us, leaders and volunteers up and down the country are preparing to host Christian holidays and camps for children and young people. Please pray for the enduring impact of these weeks and those attending them, and remember our own Jo Payne, cooking for fifty on the Leiston Venture from 28th July!

Sounds Promising

With the faculty for the St. Mary's sound system granted, we hope that Keystone Sound will be able to begin installation in the autumn. The system will be put in on a six month free trial, during which it will be assessed and tested. We have already received some very generous contributions to the cost of this improvement, and will be appealing for donations to cover the remainder of the cost once the system has been installed and you can hear the difference it makes!

Friends of the Gambia

St. Mary's Church Council has given £200 to the Friends of the Gambia to pay for five cataract operations in rural areas, transforming the lives of individuals and their families.

Bible Readers Press On

Well done to those who have taken on our challenge of reading the whole Bible in 2018. Don't despair if you're a few days adrift like the Vicar! It's been encouraging to hear the things that people have been learning and discovering as they read through. There have been joys and challenges, and we look forward to sharing more on Bible Sunday in October.

Last Bit of the Deanery Jigsaw

The licensing of Rev Sarah Wright as House for Duty Priest in the Benefices of The Burrough Hill Parishes and the South Croxton Group, means that our Deanery's full complement of clergy has now been achieved. Many people prayed that this day would come, and we are grateful to God for his calling and provision. In the meantime, work is continuing to provide greater support to local churches in areas of finance, buildings, safeguarding and administration. We'll keep you posted.

Blessed Insurance

To mark its 130th anniversary Ecclesiastical Insurance is offering £130 to the church of your choice for each house/contents insurance bought by a member of the congregation. Just go to www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 and nominate your church. You don't have to accept the quote, but you will have to take out a policy to claim the £130.

Last Little Angels for Now

Tuesday's Little Angels at St. Mary's will be the last before the Summer break.

Graffiti & Gargoyles

Join Joyce Slater on Saturday 28th July at 2.00pm for a discovery walk around St Mary's illustrating the results of a new survey of graffiti in St Mary's, revealing the life and faith of local people as well as evidence of some surprising visitors too. For details of this, and other events at St. Mary's and around Bottesford which form part of the Festival of Archaeology 2018 go to the Bottesford Living History website, or see posters around the village.

Giving Freely, Giving Well

A few weeks ago, David mentioned the new Parish Giving scheme, a simple and easy way to give regularly to the life and work of your own church. We are planning an official 'launch' of the scheme, but some of you have already asked for details, which we are delighted to supply. Please speak to David, or, for members of St. Mary's, to Kath Marriott our planned giving guru and Bob Lockey our Treasurer.

A Celtic Prayer by David Adam

A prayer to use in a moment of quiet before the service begins...

You Lord are in this place;
your presence fills it;
your presence is peace.

You Lord are in my life;
your presence fills it;
your presence is peace.

You Lord are in my heart;
your presence fills it;
your presence is peace.

Amen.

In Our Prayers & Thanksgiving This Week

Please pray for those who are unwell, particularly Jean Blow, Sheila Coe, Derek & Sheila Collett, Derek Edwards, Joan Kirk and Martin Searson.

Pray for those grieving the loss of Pete Harding

Looking Ahead

July

Sat 21	10.00am	Fair Trade Coffee Morning
	2.00pm	Village History Walk—Bottesford (ending in St. Mary's 3.00pm)
Mon 23	7.30pm	Bottesford PCC
Tues 24	2.30pm	Tea and Cake—St. Mary's
Fri 27	7.00pm	Medieval Carvings in Leicestershire & Rutland—St. Mary's
Sat 28	2.00pm	Graffiti and Gargoyles—a discovery walk at St. Mary's.

August

Sun 5	1.00pm	Wedding at St. Mary's
Sat 11	2.00pm	Wedding at St. Mary's
Sat 18	2.00pm	Wedding at St. Mary's
Tues 28	7.30pm	Friends of St. Mary's Meeting

September

Sat 8	11.00am	Wedding at Bottesford
	3.00pm	Wedding at Barkestone
	10.00am - 6.00pm	Ride and Stride
Mon 10	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bottesford Meeting
Tues 11	7.30pm	Muston PCC
Wed 12	7.30pm	It's Not a Benefice Meeting...
Sat 15	7.30pm	South Notts Choir—Friends Concert at St. Mary's
Sat 15		Muston Harvest Supper
Mon 17	7.30pm	Bottesford PCC
Sat 22	10.00am— 12.30pm	Barkestone Café
Thurs 27	7.30pm	Deanery Meeting at Wymondham: What's New in Mission and Outreach?
Sun 30	12.00pm	Harvest Lunch at St. Mary's (after service)

Services for July 15th

8.30am	Holy Communion*	Muston
10.30am	Holy Communion	Bottesford
10.30am	Morning Worship	Barkestone

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

*Denotes service from Book of Common Prayer