

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Andrew Barker, Deborah Cosgriff, June Leek, Ivy McElroy, Margaret Metcalfe, Mike Saunders, Tim Wakefield and Barbara Walsh.

Please pray that when people come to peace talks, they come with real intention, not just words.

Please pray for all those receiving exam results in the coming weeks.

Bottesford Hub and Charity Shop

Would you like to join our friendly team of volunteers? Please contact Pamela in the Church Office or Linda by email ispencer631@gmail.com
Shop open Wednesday and Saturday 9.30 to 12 noon, all welcome.

Grantham Foodbank

Many thanks to all who contribute regularly to the foodbank trolley at St Mary's or the box in Queen Street and to Mike and Di Barker for delivering the produce to Grantham. The summer holiday weeks can be particularly difficult for families who are struggling financially so please give generously.

Thursday Prayers

An invitation to 15 minutes of peace and quiet at our prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 9.00pm on Zoom <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89035344573?pwd=MmpXYotzWUhmZlhrYkpHVtBVYlZBdzog>

Meeting ID: 890 3534 4573 Passcode: 870177

Monthly Services in the East Vale at 10.30am

2nd Sunday St Peter & St Paul Barkestone

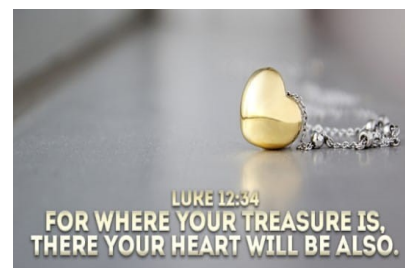
3rd Sunday St John's Muston

Regular Events

Tuesdays	Little Angels 9.30-12pm (term time)
Wednesdays	Morning Prayer 9.00am
	Community Hub 9.30-12.00
	Bellringing 7.30pm
	Sing for Joy 2.00 third Wednesday of the month
Thursdays	Choir Practice 7.30pm
Fridays	Coffee Morning Old School, Muston 10-12
Saturdays	Community Hub 9.30-12.0

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♦ St. John the Baptist's Muston ♦ St. Peter's Redmile ♦ St. Helen's Plungar

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in church today

Sunday 10th August 2025- Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16, Luke 12: 32-40

Services this Sunday

Morning Worship at St. Mary's 10.30 led by Lisa Smith, Morning Worship with Baptism at Barkestone 10.30 led by Reverend Monica Judson.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 17th Aug	Morning Worship at St Mary's 10.30 led by Tonya Pacey and Pamela Kearsley, Holy Communion at Muston 10.30 led by Reverend Monica Judson
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Monday 18th Aug	St Mary's PCC 7.00pm
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Wed 20th August	Sing for Joy 2.00pm
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Monday 25th Aug	Tower Tours 10.00-4.00
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Tuesday 26th Aug	FOSM Meeting 7.00pm
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This Week's Worship and Reflection



The NICENE CREED

Poem: Nicaea 1700 by Rev Laura Darrall

This year of 2025 is the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, our declaration of faith said weekly by millions of Christians... you and me. This week I invite you to reflect on what YOU believe.

What do you believe?

As we stand in our pews or rows of chairs, and recite the Nicene creed, I wonder, what do you believe?

As we sit in a meeting about whether we should use pews or rows of chairs, I wonder, what do you believe?

As we put out the tables and make the coffee, and put out the rota for making the coffee and put out the rota for putting out the tables, what do you believe?

As we sit with a stranger who was looking for quiet, as we hand them a candle to light and remember, as we clear up the crumbs from a mum's giddy toddler, what do you believe?

As we stretch out our hands to share Peace and for bread, as we lift up our voices and bow down our heads, as we love one another just like Jesus said - what do you believe?

Do you believe in the Father who flung stars into space, whose benevolent image can be found in your face, who traced lines of eternity into every embrace, do you believe?

Do you believe in the Son, the second person of the trinity, the three in one, the one who would come and renew us all with a promise to be with us until the Kingdom will dawn - do you believe?

Do you believe in the Spirit? The giver of life? The teacher of Love and the queller of strife, who pours out its gifts at our baptismal start, and makes us one faith, one body, one heart. Do you believe?

Do you believe in the church? The vessel for God's mission, who is called to stay humble and accept the commission to be beacons of hope and children of light until that day comes when we resurrect and reunite with the one who made us. Do you believe?

We stand with the Saints, and join with their praise, in our pews and our chairs all our voices we raise, to proclaim our faith, our Creed, our Way
On this 1700th anniversary we say: We believe.

Lisa Smith

To Pray

Lord God,
your son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from
pride, when we are needy save us
from despair, that we may trust
in you alone; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

Collect for the eighth Sunday after Trinity

Wild Worship Produce Swap and Plant Sale

Saturday 13th September, 10-12 in St Mary's. Grown more of something than you can use? Let's bring and share God's wonderful bounty, meet other growers and have a brew! Pim will have plants for sale too.

JetRide

Also on 13th September, we will once again be welcoming the cyclists from the Jon Egging Trust which supports vulnerable young people. If you could spare an hour to help serve refreshments or make a cake, please contact Pamela in the office.

Harvest Supper

Save the date. We are planning the return of the Harvest Supper at St Mary's to be held on Saturday 11th October from 6.30pm. More details to follow.

Barkestone Barbecue

You are invited to Barkestone Church Barbecue which will be held on Saturday 6th September from 4.30-8.00pm at The Monar, Plungar Lane, Barkestone.

Samaritan's Purse

It's time to start collecting items for your shoebox as these will be available for collection within the next month.

Churchyard tidy

We are organising our annual clear up of the churchyard on Saturday 27th September from 10.00am. If you could spare an hour or two to help tidy up the churchyard, we would be most grateful.

Tower Tours

On Bank Holiday Monday 25th August, from 10.00-4.00, John Topps and the bellringers will be organising tours up St Mary's tower which give a bird's eye view of Bottesford. Refreshments will also be available in church.

Ride and Stride 2025

This year's Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday September 13th. You can cycle, walk, ride a horse or drive a mobility scooter around local churches to raise money for your church. Please see Pamela for a sponsor form.

Peter's Steeplechase Challenge

As Peter Brooks is unable to do the Ride and Stride this year, he will be cycling on 6th September to raise money for the spire repairs at St Mary's and would be grateful for your sponsorship.

Confirmation

Being Confirmed is an invitation to stand up before God, your family, friends and the Church to affirm for yourself the promises of faith made on your behalf at your baptism. If you'd like to explore what this means for you, please contact Lisa Smith on 07415144640 for a conversation. Confirmation preparation sessions are Tuesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th Sept, 7-8pm in Church. Please pray for all those preparing for Confirmation.