

## 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 for all those bereaved by the flash floods in Texas.

## 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=MmpXYotzWUhmZlhrYkpHVTBVYlZBdz09>  
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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# 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.)

**Sunday 13th July 2025-** Fourth Sunday after Trinity

**Readings:** Colossians 1: 1-14, Luke 10: 25-37

## Services this Sunday

Morning Worship at St. Mary's 10.30 led by Lisa Smith, Morning Worship at Barkestone 10.30 led by Mike Chaldecott

## Dates for your Diary

Wed 16th July Sing for Joy 2.00

Sunday 20th July Morning Worship at St Mary's led by Mike Chaldecott 10.30  
Holy Communion at St John's, Muston led by Reverend Monica Judson 10.30

Sunday 27th July Parishes Picnic at St Mary's following the Sunday service



## This Week's Worship and Reflection



**“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Luke 10:25b**

The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) is such a familiar story, isn't it? We all know it so well. We have acted it out in youth groups, and

we have taught it, or heard it taught, at various stages throughout our lives. It's a story that seems to have a very simple meaning – that we should love our neighbour, no matter who that is. We should love all people, even those who are different from us, and even those that we don't like.

But the truth is that this is a story with layers of meaning, as many of Jesus' parables are. Which is why we still read it, and talk about it, and preach about it today.

It's fascinating to me that in answer to a religious expert who thinks that he knows what to do to obtain eternal life, Jesus tells the story of a man who can do absolutely nothing to save himself. A man lying in a ditch who is completely helpless. He can't do anything to save himself. In fact, he ends up relying not on a priest or a Levite, but on an outsider, a Samaritan, to save him.

All of us today are in fact that person in the ditch. Captive to sin. In need of mercy. And Jesus is the one who alone can help us. This story turns out to be as much about being open to God's mercy, as it is about helping a neighbour in need. A story about the grace and mercy of our loving God, and about all the ways that we are called to extend that love to others. But before we can extend it, we need to receive it, from the neighbour who stops to help us. And thanks be to God that our neighbour is none other than Jesus himself.

*Lisa Smith*

### To Pray

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our  
wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with  
your will, that we may find all  
things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

*Collect for the fourth Sunday after  
Trinity*

### Do you have any building or Health and Safety expertise?

St Mary's PCC are looking for  
someone with the relevant experience to oversee health and safety in the church. If you know someone who could spare a few hours to give to the church, please contact Pamela in the office. We are also looking for a buildings officer to manage the ongoing projects we have at St Mary's.

### Parishes Picnic

Following the success of last year's picnic, we are organising another picnic after the service at St Mary's on Sunday 27th July. Refreshments will be served but please bring your own picnic.

### 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 [lspercer631@gmail.com](mailto:lspercer631@gmail.com)  
Shop open Wednesday and Saturday 9.30 to 12 noon, all welcome.

### Sunday Supplement

Every other Sunday evening at 5pm - live worship by Zoom: fresh, interactive and spontaneous. Meet up with people you know from around our churches or make their acquaintance for the first time.

### Confirmation

Are you interested in being confirmed or want to find out more about what this means? If so, please speak to Lisa Smith. The Reverend John Barr, our Area Dean, has organised with Bishop Saju a confirmation Service on 26th October.

### 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.

### Emergency Alert

Following the first test in April 2023, the government will be again testing this nationwide emergency alert system on Sunday 7th September at 3.00pm. Mobile phones will vibrate and emit a loud siren for 10 seconds even if they are set to silent.