

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 changes of heart and solutions for the ongoing intractable conflicts around the world.

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=MmpXYotzWUhmZlhrYkpHVTVBVlZBdzog>

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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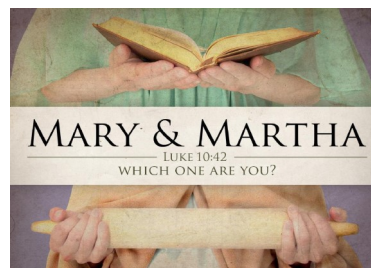
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- ♦ St. Peter and St. Paul's Barkestone ♦ St. Mary the Virgin Bottesford
- ♦ St. John the Baptist's Muston ♦ St. Peter's Redmile ♦ St. Helen's Plungar

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(followed by the church name.)

Sunday 20th July 2025- Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 1: 15-28, Luke 10: 38-42

Services this Sunday

Morning Worship at St. Mary's 10.30 led by Mike Chaldecott, Morning Worship at Muston 10.30 led by Peter and Krista Daniel

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th July Muston PCC Bingo Night 7.30 at the Old School

Sunday 27th July Morning Worship at St Mary's led by Graham and Kathie Lyndsell followed by Parishes Picnic

Tuesday 5th August Tea and Cakes 2.30



This Week's Worship and Reflection

Luke 10 v 38-42: Mary or Martha?

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Two weeks prior to my recent ordination at Leicester cathedral, which many of you kindly attended, I had informed Pam that up to 60 guests would be coming to our home for food and drinks after the service. She spent those 2 weeks cleaning the house and preparing the bedrooms, tidying, organising a gazebo, tables, chairs, glasses, plates, cutlery, food, cheese, wine, bunting, table-cloths, cakes, so she was fairly busy!

A bit Like Martha in our reading in Luke's gospel, whilst Mary sat at Jesus' feet.

Are you a Mary or a Martha?

This week, can we all try to be a bit more like Mary and Martha?

Maybe choose a moment each day to be still with Jesus—read a short Bible verse, say a prayer, or just sit in silence.

And when we're helping out—doing the dishes, making food, running errands—can we do it with joy and love, like Martha, but without grumbling?

You see, Jesus doesn't want us worn out and worried.
He wants our hearts, our attention, our love.

Mike Chaldecott

To Pray

Almighty God,
send down upon your church
the riches of your spirit,
and kindle in all who minister
the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen

*Collect for the fifth 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
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.

Sunday Supplement

Trinity Journey No5 Zoom
Time: Jul 20, 2025 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9267932410?pwd=Wng4OXQobFMwT3ZNSUh0aU9JcVAzd09&omn=81597938936>

Meeting ID: 926 793 2410

Passcode: 098305

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. If you would like a sponsor form, please see Pamela in the church office.

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.