

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Andrew Barker, Deborah Cosgriff, Jim Farley, Beryl Fentem, Michael Howett, Pamela Kearsley, Michael Kirkland, June Leek, Barbara Walsh and Julia West.

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Avis Bullen, Stewart Colledge and John Goodson.

Please pray for those dealing with illness, grief, poverty, conflict, or natural disasters around the world

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

Bottesford Community Hub and Charity Shop

Come and join us on a Wednesday and Saturday morning 9.30-12 noon for tea and cake, plus pick up a bargain. A very popular venue to meet friends old and new. Can you spare us a few hours once or twice a month? Come and join our friendly team of Volunteers. Contact Linda - ispencer631@gmail.com

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 third Tuesday of the month
	Sing for Joy 2.00 third Wednesday of the month
	Bereavement Group 2.30pm third Tuesday of the month
Thursdays	Choir Practice 7.30pm
Fridays	Coffee Morning Old School, Muston 10-12
Saturdays	Community Hub 9.30-12.0

Are you new to St Mary's Church? Would you like to receive a copy of In Church Today on a regular basis? If so, please write your details here and hand this to the Welcomer by the door.

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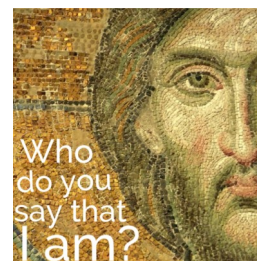
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I would like to receive a copy of In Church Today. Email

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I would like one of the ministry team to contact me.

(Please tick as appropriate)



- ♦ 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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in church today

Sunday 23rd August 2026- Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Psalm 138; Matthew 16: 13-20

Services this Sunday

Service of Morning Worship 10.30 St Mary's led by Chris Judson and Peter Brooks.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 24th Aug	Funeral of Avis Bullen 3.30pm
	FOSM meeting 7.00pm
Sun 30th Aug	Morning Worship 10.30
	St Mary's Paul Taylor and Tonya Pacey
Tues 1st Sept	Tea and cakes 2.30pm
Weds 2nd Sept	Holy Communion 9.15
Fri 4th Sept	Cheese and Wine (Muston) 7.00pm
Sun 6th Sept	Holy Communion 10.30 St Mary's led by Revd Monica
	Patronal Festival Choral Evensong 6.30pm led by Archdeacon Revd Richard Trewethy
Mon 7th Sept	St Mary's PCC 7.00pm
Tues 8th Sept	Village Meeting (Muston) 7.00pm



This week's Worship and Reflection Matthew 16:13-20

"I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven" said Jesus.

I've received some wonderful gifts in my time but none compare to the one Jesus is offering Peter.

To have access to a place that is perfect peace and unconditional love comes with responsibility; and that access is given to all that believe in Jesus being the Son of God.

If for just a moment we step back from the world and imagine that we are looking at it from outer space we would see the beauty of it all. The shape of the land in contrast to the deep blue oceans. Here is a world created to be paradise. Sadly as we zoom in closer we notice that although glimpses of paradise remain there is also brokenness. Not just in the land and seas but in people as well.

In our bible reading this week Jesus creates something new, something so radical that He sets it firmly in the bedrock of His disciple Peter. Peter is to build a new church; one that through Jesus means we all have access to a place that is paradise.

In turn Peter has passed the 'keys' to all believers. So next time you hear the jangling of your keys in your pocket or use them to unlock a door think of the 'key' that is Jesus and the amazing gift He has given you.

Revd Monica Judson

To Pray

*God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

*Collect for the twelfth Sunday
after Trinity*

Patronal Festival Evensong

Everyone is invited to join us for our Patronal Festival Choral Evensong on Sunday 6th September at 6.30pm.

It's the day when we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary to whom our church is dedicated. Her feast day is 15th August, but here in Bottesford we normally celebrate it on the first Sunday of September.

We are delighted to welcome Archdeacon Revd Richard Trewethy as our guest preacher and the service will be followed by refreshments provided by The Humble Cat caterers.

Muston Cheese and Wine

Muston PCC are hosting a cheese and wine evening on Friday 4th September from 7.00pm at The Old School. Great company, fine wine and delicious cheese. Tickets £15. Phone Donya on 07814107254 to book a place.

Newark and Sherwood Concert Band

The next Friends of St Mary's concert will be Lights, Brass, Action! An evening of music from the theatre stage and silver screen performed by the Newark and Sherwood Concert

Band. The concert will be held on Saturday 12th September at 7.30pm. Doors open from 6.30. Tickets are £15 (£12 for members) available from the church office and the usual outlets.

Ride and Stride

This year's Ride and Stride is on Saturday 12th September. Peter Brooks will once again be riding on behalf of St Mary's. If you would also like to take part, please see Pamela for a sponsor form.

Confirmation

This year's confirmation service will take place on Sunday 6th September at 10.30 at Hose Church. If you are interested in preparing for confirmation, please speak to a member of the ministry team. There is also a preparation course being run in Harby. Details are on the notice-board in the porch.

Muston Village Meeting

Muston PCC are organising a village meeting on Tues 8th Sept to encourage people living in the village to come together to talk about the challenges faced by the church and Old School buildings. This is a golden opportunity to share ideas and plan for the future protection of these historic buildings. 7.00pm at The Old School.

Temporary Church Administrator

While Pamela takes a little time off, Pippa Ryan will temporarily be acting as Church Administrator, aiming to be in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings as usual.