

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 an end to the famine in Gaza.

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

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.

Name..... Phone.....

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

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

Paper copy

(Please tick as appropriate)



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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Sunday 27th July 2025- Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 2:6-19, Luke 11: 1-13

Services this Sunday

Morning Worship at St. Mary's 10.30 led by Graham and Kathie Lyndsell followed by a Parishes Picnic

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 3rd August Service of Holy Communion with Baptism led by Rev'd Monica Judson

Tuesday 5th August Tea and Cakes 2.30

Monday 18th Aug St Mary's PCC 7.00pm

Wed 20th Aug Sing for Joy 2.00pm

Monday 25th Aug Tower Tours 10.00-4.00



This Week's Worship and Reflection

Colossians 2 v6-19 Luke 11 v1-13

We pray together the Lord's Prayer at every service along with countless other believers around the world and in many, many different languages. The recent ordination service at Leicester was the same, of course, but for one marked difference. We were asked to pray the familiar words in our preferred language. Led by an ordinand praying in Slovakian, there was a babble of sound rising and falling with the cadences of the familiar words in a recognisable rhythm. Pater Noster, Notre Pere, Our Father, Baba Yetu and so on.

I started to wonder how prayers are received in heaven. Do they, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear a cacophony? Do they hear the millions of individual voices? I don't know, not having been called home to glory yet. I do know though a bit of what the Bible tells us about prayer. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. In Luke 11 we read that they had seen Him praying and, just like us, needed to learn how to pray as He did. To be regularly in communication with our heavenly Father, to listen as much as to speak. What about the times when a situation is so difficult, so emotional, so traumatic that we can't find words at all? In Romans 8 v 26 it says that when we do not know what we ought to pray for the Holy Spirit intercedes for us through wordless groans. We do not always have to have the right words.

To return to my unanswerable question, how are our prayers received in heaven, will they be understood? I believe in an omniscient heavenly Father who knows everything, so why should our prayers not be understood and indeed answered? Are our prayers acceptable to Him? Undoubtedly. In Revelation 5 v 8 and 8 v 3 our prayers are described as incense, offered round the throne of God, acceptable and pleasing to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Kathie Lyndsell

To Pray

Creator God,
you made us in your image:
may we discern you in all that
we see, and serve you in all that
we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

*Collect for the sixth Sunday after
Trinity*

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.

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

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.

ongoing projects we have at St Mary's.

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 lspencer631@gmail.com Shop open Wednesday and Saturday 9.30 to 12 noon, all welcome.

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.

Tea and Cakes

Our next tea and cakes will be held on Tuesday 5th August from 2.30pm. All welcome.