

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Andrew Barker, Deborah Cosgriff, June Leek, Ivy McElroy, Margaret Metcalfe, Ruth Morris and Barbara Walsh.

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Marion Cole, David Dunlop and Tim Wakefield.

Please pray for the people of the Caribbean affected by Hurricane Melissa.

Community Connect

Melton Borough Council are holding a monthly drop-in for support, advice and guidance on the first Monday of every month from 10.00-12.00 at the Parish Rooms, Bottesford. No appointment needed, just drop in.

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 9.30-12.00

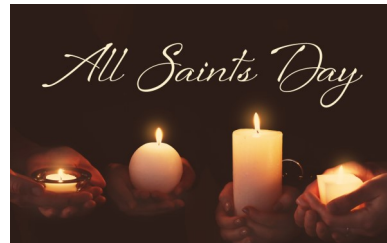
Are you new to St Mary's Church? Would you like to receive a copy of In Church Today on a regular basis? If so, please write your details here and hand this to the Welcomer by the door.

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. (Please tick as appropriate)



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



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 2nd November 2025- All Saints

Readings: Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6: 20-31

Services this Sunday

Service of Holy Communion at St Mary's 10.30 led by Reverend Monica Judson

Service of Memories St Mary's 3.00pm led by Lisa Smith

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4th November	Tea and Cakes 2.30
Wed 5th November	Holy Communion 9.15 St Mary's

Sunday 9th November
8.30am St Mary's Holy Communion
10.30 Remembrance Service St Mary's
10.45 Plungar war memorial service

Tuesday 11th November	Memorial Service for David Dunlop Barkestone 11.15
Friday 14th November	Funeral of Peter Murphy 10.00

Monday 17th November	St Mary's PCC 7.00
Wed 19th November	Sing for Joy 2.00pm
Saturday 29th November	Christmas Fair St Mary's 10-2.00



This week's Reading

Luke 6:20-31

Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Advent Group

Lisa is running an Advent group called Advent: Scripture and Song at her house on Monday evenings in December (1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd) 7-8.30pm. All resources provided. Let Lisa or Pamela know if you'd like to come via the Church Office 01949 842859.

To Pray

*God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints inspire us to follow
their example with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Collect for All Saints Day



Scott and Olivia following their confirmation Service at Melton.

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 - lspencer631@gmail.com

Membership Secretary

The Friends of St Mary's are looking for someone to take on the role of membership secretary. This will involve keeping an up to date list of members and issuing reminders when subscriptions are due. If you can help, please see Linda Simmons or Pamela in the church office.

Monthly Communion

Reverend Monica will be starting a

monthly Communion service on the first Wednesday of the month, commencing Wednesday 5th November at 9.15am. All welcome.

St Mary's Christmas Fair

Plans are already afoot for this year's Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November from 10.00-2.00. If you have any ideas for stalls or would like to volunteer to help, we'd love to hear from you. We are starting to collect donations of books, bottles, tombola items and raffle prizes. Please speak to Pamela in the office if you can help.

Service of Memories

Our annual service of memories, where we give thanks for the lives of those we love and remember, will be held this year on Sunday 2nd November at 3.00pm. If you would like a relative or friend remembered at this service, please contact Pamela in the church office.

Operation Christmas Child

Please fill and return them by this Sunday, 2nd November.

Beware of Scams

You may recall a report in the last newsletter about the donation of a grand piano to St Mary's. Unfortunately this was an elaborate scam designed to elicit payment for delivery up front. A reminder to us all to be cautious online.

Advent Calendars

If you would like to sponsor a Fairtrade Advent Calendar for the Grantham Foodbank, priced £5, please speak to Kathie Lyndsell as soon as possible. The calendars also contain the Nativity story.