

In our prayers this week...

Please pray for all who are unwell including Andrew Barker, Deborah Cosgriff, Beryl Fentem, June Leek, Ruth Morris and Barbara Walsh.

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Richard Brown and Richard 'Allan' Palmer.

Please pray for all those that find themselves without a safe place to call home.

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 - lspencer631@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 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

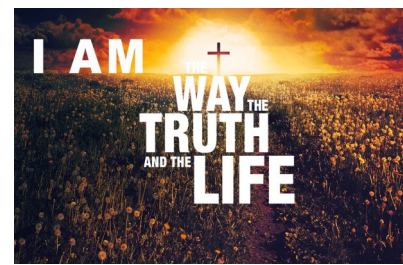
Are you new to St Mary's Church? Would you like to receive a copy of In Church Today on a regular basis? If so, please write your details here and hand this to the Welcomer by the door.

Name..... Phone.....
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I would like to receive a copy of In Church Today. Email Paper copy
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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Sunday 3rd May 2026- Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7:55-end, John 14: 1-14

Services this Sunday

Holy Communion 10.30 at St Mary's led by Revd Monica Judson

Dates for your Diary

Mon 4th May	Flower Festival St Mary's 12-4.00
Tues 5th May	Tea and Cakes 2.30pm for Christian Aid
Thurs 7th May	Funeral of Richard Brown 11.00
Sat 9th May	Kelly's Heroes 7.30pm
Sun 10th May	Morning Worship St Mary's and Barkestone 10.30
Tues 12th May	St John's APCM
Thurs 14th May	Ascension Day service 7.30pm led by Reverend Eddie Wynn



This week's Worship and Reflection

John 14: 1-14

We all need a place to call home. Sadly, there are many in this world that are not able to have a place that meets this need.

In every corner of every country there are adults and children that live on the streets, in refugee camps, in hostels and put-me-ups.

The disciples had given up their own homes to follow Jesus. Then the unthinkable happens; Jesus tells them he is going away.

It was a very uncertain and upsetting time for the disciples but they needn't have worried.

Jesus assures them that he is going to prepare a forever home for them and that one day He will return to take them there.

Each of us, through Jesus, is assured of a room in the house of God. Until it's time for us to live there we can be rooted in this world by holding Jesus dear in our hearts.

Homelessness is something we should all strive to eliminate but despite its prevalence in the world we can all find a secure place in Jesus. It is in this truth that we can all feel a sense of belonging and it is in this truth that gives us all a sense of identity and a place to call home.

Amen

Reverend Monica Judson

To Pray

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love
for the world and the wonders of
your risen life: give us compassion
and courage to risk ourselves
for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

*Collect for the fifth Sunday
of Easter*

Silver Wedding



John and Elizabeth would like to thank all those who joined them in the joyous celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Your company and participation made this a meaningful and memorable occasion.

The donations for Dove Cottage Day Hospice amounted to just over £200.

Flower Festival

St Mary's Church Flower Arrangers are hosting a Flower Festival to celebrate 'Welcoming Spring' on Monday 4 May from 12.noon – 4pm. Everyone is most welcome to come along to admire arrangements, sip hot and cold drinks and nibble cake. There will be stalls to browse and a raffle. If anyone would like to donate a

bunch of flowers to help bring beauty to the day please bring them to Church on Sunday 3 May Morning Worship ready to be on display on the following day.

For further details please contact Linda Simmons on 07958716765 or linda.simmons@mail.com

Kelly's Heroes

The next Friends of St Mary's concert will be the Irish band Kelly's Heroes on Saturday 9th May at 7.30pm (doors open at 6.30). Tickets cost £15 (£12 for members of FOSM) and are available from the church office, Linda Simmons on 07958716765. Licensed bar and nibbles.



Christian Aid Week

This year's Christian Aid week

starts on 10th May. The donations from Tea and Cakes next week on Tuesday 5th May will be given to Christian Aid.

Save the Date

The Friends of St Mary's Summer Village Fete will be held this year on Saturday 27th June from 12.00-4.00pm. This was a lovely community event last year so please encourage your friends to come. More details to follow.

St Mary's APCM

The Annual Parish Meeting at St Mary's will be held on Monday 18th May at 7.00pm.

Bereavement Support Group

Third Tuesday of the month 2.30pm, St Mary's Church.
Come and join us for support and shared experiences within a safe and welcoming group.