

In our prayers this week...

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

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Sylvia Adlington, Avis Bullen, Deborah Cosgriff and John Holmes.

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.

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

Address.....

Email.....

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 6th September 2026- Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 13: 8 - end; Matthew 18: 15-20

Services this Sunday - Patronal Festival

Communion 10.30 St Mary's led by Revd Kevin Ashby

Choral Evensong 6.30pm St Mary's led by Canon Judith Wells and Archdeacon Richard Tretheway

Dates for your Diary

Fri 4th Sept	7.00pm Cheese & Wine (Muston)
Mon 7th Sept	7.00pm St Mary's PCC
Tues 8th Sept	7.00pm Village Meeting (Muston)
Weds 9th Sept	7.00pm Muston PCC
Sat 12th Sept	Ride and Stride
	7.30pm FOSM concert: Newark & Sherwood Concert Band
Sun 13th Sept	10.30 Harvest Festival at St Mary's led by Graham and Kathie Lyndsell
	10.30 Barkstone Harvest Festival
Tues 15th Sept	2.30pm Bereavement Group
Weds 16th Sept	2.00pm Sing for Joy
Sun 20th Sept	10.30 St Mary's Morning Worship led by Lisa Smith
	10.30 Muston Harvest Festival



This week's Worship and Reflection Matthew 18:15-20

This Sunday our churches around the country celebrate a new festival; Creation in Christ. From this year onwards, every 1st Sunday in September will be an opportunity to reflect on all that God has made. The set Bible readings will all mention an element of the natural world.

Although not included in today's readings, the story of creation (that can be found in Genesis chapter 1 and 2) is a story that reminds us that none of what we see has arrived by accident. From the sea to the sky and from day to night everything in nature has been orchestrated by God and we are the stewards of that which God has made.

Certain cultures have always respected the land and everything that lives and grows from it but others have not been so caring and have damaged the earth and all its beauty. Today we are reminded that each and everyone of us has a responsibility to look after God's creation.

Small acts of care become one big collective act of preservation. Simply putting out a dish of clean water in your garden supports many different insects and animals. Recycling as much as you can helps to prevent landfill damaging the environment. Not wasting water keeps our reservoirs from getting too low on water. So many things we can all do to help keep our world in good order.

So may today be a day of praise for the beauty around us and may it also be a day of asking for forgiveness for the damage humanity has done, and still does to the earth. Most of all let it be a day of hope for a better future and a restored world.

Revd Monica Judson

To Pray

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for the fourteenth 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.

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.

Muston Village Meeting

Muston PCC are organising a village meeting on Tues 8th Sept at 7.00pm in The Old School to encourage people living in the village to come together to talk about the challenges faced by the church and Old School buildings.

'AUTUMN REFLECTIONS'

A Quiet Day in Framland Deanery

Saturday 14th November 10am - 4pm at Dove Cottage Day Hospice, Station

£10 per person to include refreshments and buffet lunch.

Booking forms from Judith Wells: judithwells@hotmail.co.uk
01949842804

Harvest Festival donations

Gifts and produce are welcome at our Harvest Festival service on 13th Sept - please give generously and all donations will be passed on to Grantham Foodbank. (Non-perishable goods, please.)