

In our prayers this week...

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

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Graham Bennett, Vera Musson, Khamis Fathi Shuhaibar and James Widdowson.

Please pray that all people around the world need to be recognised, valued and loved.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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
Bellingring 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.

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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

in church today

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 (followed by the church name.)

Sunday 5th April 2026- Easter Day

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43, Matthew 28: 1-10

Services this Sunday

Sunrise Service 6.30am Belvoir Castle
 Holy Communion 10.30 St Mary's led by Reverend Monica Judson

Dates for your Diary

- Thur 2nd April Maundy Thursday Service 7.30pm St Mary's
- Fri 3rd April Walk of Witness 10.00 from the Methodist Chapel
Wild Worship 10.00 St Mary's
Service 2.00pm St Mary's
Come and Sing Faure's Requiem 7.30pm
- Sat 4th April Forest Church Easter Trail Service of Light 8.30pm
- Tues 7th April Tea and Cakes 2.30pm
- Sun 12th April Morning Worship led by Laura Taylor and Kathie Lyndsell



This week's Worship and Reflection

I think it is apt that Easter should fall in the calendar year just as nature seems to be bringing new life into the world.

Easter time is rooted in new life. For many Christians the period of Lent, the season of reflection before Easter Day, is a time when we seek to be honest about humanity's flaws. To admit that despite our good intentions we often fall at the first hurdle. We reflect on our wrongs knowing, whatever our discoveries, that we are unconditionally loved by our Creator God.

So deep a love that even when God's Son, Jesus, was put to death; death itself could not extinguish that love. The breath of love that brought Jesus back to life is the very breath that pours hope into the world.

Easter Day is a celebration of life over death. It is a new beginning for all of us.

In a world that is broken we can find a new way of living and a fresh start with Jesus. Let this new way start here with us, let us embrace the love that transforms and changes every life. Let us shout from every corner 'Alleluia He is risen... He is risen indeed!!'.

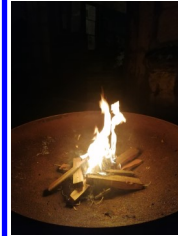
Reverend Monica Judson

To Pray

God of glory, by the raising of your son you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your church with faith and hope for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Collect for Easter Day



Service of Light

You are invited to this atmospheric service on Holy Saturday at 8.30pm. The new Paschal Candle is lit from the fire outside and

brought into the darkened church to represent the light of Christ.

Easter wreath-making at St Mary's



Wild Worship for Easter

Free session for families on Good Friday 10-11.30. Explore the Easter story, make Easter gardens and enjoy hot cross buns and chocolate eggs. Please contact the church office to book a place.

Bereavement Support Group

Third Tuesday of the month, starting on 21st April 2.30pm, St Mary's Church.

Come and join us for support and shared experiences within a safe and welcoming group.

Refreshments provided. Further details from Judith Wells 01949 842804

Come and Sing

The Cranmer Company of Singers will once again be hosting a charity Come and Sing at St Mary's on Good Friday. This year we will be singing Faure's Requiem. Registration for singers begins at 4.00pm or come and listen to the performance at 7.30. The event is in aid of the Gaza and Middle East appeal through Tearfund.

Windmill Forest Church Easter Trail

This will be held on Saturday 4th April 11.00-2.00. If anyone is available to help or to make a cake, please let Pamela in the office know.

Easter Day Sunrise Service

There will be a service of Holy Communion on the north terrace of Belvoir Castle at 6.30am on Easter Day led by Reverend Eddie Wynn. Refreshments will be available to purchase afterwards at the café. Please let the church office know if you are planning to attend.

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.