

In our prayers this week...

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

Please pray for those grieving the loss of Sally Hillcoat, Mu Martin and Mike Saunders.

Please pray for a change of heart and a desire for peace in our world leaders.

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 lpencer631@gmail.com
Shop open Wednesday and Saturday 9.30 to 12 noon, all welcome.

Confirmation

Being Confirmed is an invitation to stand up before God, your family, friends and the Church to affirm for yourself the promises of faith made on your behalf at your baptism. If you'd like to explore what this means for you, please contact Lisa Smith on 07415144640 for a conversation. Confirmation preparation sessions are Tuesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th Sept, 7-8pm in Church. Please pray for all those preparing for Confirmation.

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

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.....

Address.....



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



- ♦ 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 7th September 2025- Twelfth

Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philemon 1:1-21, Luke 14: 25-33

Services this Sunday

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

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9th Sept	St John's PCC 7.00pm Confirmation Class St Mary's 7.00pm
Saturday 13th Sept	Plant and Produce Sale 10.00-12.00 St Mary's Ride and Stride JetRide Charity Cycle
Sunday 14th Sept	Morning Worship at St Mary's 10.30 led by Lisa Smith, Morning Worship at Barkestone 10.30
Monday 15th Sept	Funeral of Mike Saunders 12.00 St Mary's Churches Together 7.00pm
Wed 17th Sept	Sing for Joy 2.00pm
Saturday 20th Sept	Friends Concert for VJ Day InVoice Singing Group 7.30



This Week's Reading

Philemon 1:1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker also to Apphia our sister
and Archippus our fellow soldier and to the church that meets in your
home:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear
about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I
pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening
your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of
Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you,
brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you
ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none
other than Paul, an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—that
I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in
chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful
both to you and to me.

I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. I would have liked
to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I
am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without
your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would
be voluntary. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little
while was that you might have him back forever no longer as a slave, but
better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer
to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome
me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to
me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to
mention that you owe me your very self. I do wish, brother, that I may
have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in
Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will
do even more than I ask.

To Pray

God of constant mercy,
who sent your son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow
though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect for the twelfth Sunday after Trinity

FOSM Concert for VJ Day

The next Friends of St Mary's concert
will be a tribute to the 80th anniversary
of VJ Day on Saturday 20th September
at 7.30pm. InVoice Singing
Group will be performing wartime
songs plus readings from soldiers'
letters. Tickets are priced £15 (£12 for
members) available from the church
office or Linda Simmons.

Wild Worship Produce Swap

Saturday 13th September, 10-12 in St
Mary's. Grown more of something
than you can use? Let's bring and
share God's wonderful bounty, meet
other growers and have a brew! Pim
will have plants for sale too.

JetRide

Also on 13th September, we will once
again be welcoming the cyclists from
the Jon Egging Trust which supports
vulnerable young people. If you
could spare an hour to help serve
refreshments or make a cake, please
contact Pamela in the office.

An Evening on Bereavement Care

Framland Deanery invite you to an
evening on bereavement care at St
Mary's on Monday 6th October at
7.30pm. This will be led by Reverend
Canon Louise Corke and members of
the deanery. Refreshments will be
served from 7.00pm and all are welcome
to attend.

Harvest Supper

Save the date. We are planning the
return of the Harvest Supper at St
Mary's to be held on Saturday 11th
October from 6.30pm. More details
to follow.

Save the date

This year's Christmas Wreath Making
Workshop will be held on Saturday
6th December from 9.00-12.00.

Barkestone Barbecue

You are invited to Barkestone Church
Barbecue which will be held on Saturday
6th September from 4.30-
8.00pm at The Manor, Plungar Lane,
Barkestone. Tickets are priced £7.00
for adults, £5.00 for children. Cash
only entry including food.

Under 4s are free. There will be a bar
and live music from Synkro plus a
raffle.

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.

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. Please see Pamela for a
sponsor form.

Peter's Steeplechase Challenge

As Peter Brooks is unable to do the
Ride and Stride this year, he will be
cycling on 6th September to raise
money for the spire repairs at St
Mary's and would be grateful for
your sponsorship.