The Benefice Bulletin

29th June 2025 – Second Sunday after Trinity The Vicarage, Church Lane, Barton under Needwood DE13 8HU

Please take this bulletin home with you



Here for the first time? Relax. Please make yourself at home and please sit where you feel comfortable. Those who greeted you, our wardens, or the clergy will answer any practical questions that you may have. Posture notes on the service sheet and verbal instructions are intended for those who can comfortably follow them. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us.

Services this week

Sunday 29th June 10:00 Benefice Holy Communion St Michael's, Tatenhill

Wednesday 2nd July 09:15 WOW Wednesday including informal worship at 10:00 St James', Barton

Thursday 3rd July 09:15 WoW Thursday including informal worship at 10:00 Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 4th July 13:30 Funeral of Fay Davies St James', Barton

Readings and Prayers for the Second Sunday of Trinity

Readings

Psalm	16	
Old Testament	1 Kings 19.5-16, 19-End	
New Testament	Galatians 5.1,13-25	
Gospel	Luke 9.51-End	

The Collect

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Galatians 5.1,13-25

1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Luke 9.51-End

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?'^{[55} But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶² Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' **The World:** We pray for His Majesty King Charles and Queen Camilla, and the wider Royal Family. We pray for all areas of the world where there is conflict, poverty, drought and humanitarian crisis.

The Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Myanmar

Our Diocese: We pray for Bishops Michael and Matthew and Archdeacon Megan.

Our Deanery: Along with our Deanery, we pray for industry, business and commerce with our deanery.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Ashtree Road, Oak Road and Arden Road in Barton, Dunstall Lane in Dunstall and Cuckoo Cage Lane and Callingwood Lane in Tatenhill. May God be with all those who live and work in these places as they go about their daily lives this week. We also pray for our link Parish in Abbeystrewery and all they do this week.

Those who are not well: Bob E, Mike S, Heather S, Lesley S-D, Merlin F, Doreen, Chris, Barbara W, Trevor, Enid

Those who have died: Margaret Hoult, Cedric Dewberry, Brian Lanchester, Fay Davies, Valerie Dickson. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- Tatenhill Open Gardens & Flower Festival will take place on Sunday 29th June 2025 between 1 and 5pm. Gardens will be open to view, and parking, plant sales and stalls will be at Tatenhill Memorial Hall.
- The 5th Sunday service in June will be held at 10:00am on Sunday 29th June 2025 at St Michael's, Tatenhill. All are welcome to join us.
- **Bible Study** will be held at St James' on Friday 27th June at 10:00. Join this friendly group as they continue to explore Luke's Gospel.
- Home Group will take place on Monday 30th June rather than Monday 7th July. All are welcome to The Vicarage for a 7:00pm start.
- Knitters Assemble! Your skills are needed for not 1, but 2 secret missions. We need teddy bears and Joseph's knitting. If you can help, please pop into the vicarage or church for knitting patterns or see Anita McKinlay, Jacqui Scroggs or Beth.
- Light Factory, the Barton Churches Together Kids Club, will meet on Friday 4th July at Barton Methodist Church starting at 6:30pm. Pop along and enjoy an evening of craft, stories and maybe some food.

If you would like a home visit from the Ministry Team, then please contact the Benefice Office on 01283 712359 to arrange a time.

Diary Dates for the Week Ahead

Monday 30th June 19:00 Home Group The Vicarage, Barton Tuesday 1st July Wednesday 2nd July 09:15 WoW Wednesday St James'. Barton 14:00 Dunstall PCC Dunstall Church Hall Thursday 3rd July 09:15 WoW Thursday Tatenhill Village Hall Friday 4th July 13:30 Funeral of Fay Davies St James', Barton 18:00 Light Factory Kids Club Barton Methodist Church Saturday 5th July Sunday 6th July 09:00 Holy Communion St Mary's, Dunstall 10:30 Holy Communion St James', Barton 10:30 Holy Communion St Michael's, Tatenhill 12:30 BCP Holy Communion St James', Barton 13:30 Baptism of Romeo St James', Barton

Future Dates

Monday 7th July 18:30 Rangemore PCC All Saints, Rangemore Thursday 10th July 14:00 Funeral of Valerie Dickson St Michael's. Tatenhill Friday 11th July 12:00 Churches Together Charity Lunch Our Lady's Church Hall 19:00 Tatenhill Quiz Night Tatenhill Village Hall Sunday 13th July 10:30 Baptism of Posie St James', Barton Monday 14th July 14:00 Tea and Chat St James' Church Hall 19:00 Barton PCC St James' Church, Barton Friday 18th July 13:00 Rangemore Leavers Service All Saints Church, Rangemore Saturday 19th July 10:00 Dunstall Saturday Coffee Dunstall Church Hall 14:00 Rangemore Strawberry Tea Rangemore Community Garden Sunday 27th July 13:30 Baptism of Hugo St James', Barton 19:00 Pub Church The Shoulder, Barton

Hello all,

"So, if the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed" says Jesus according to John's Gospel (John 8:36), but I'm not sure how many people actually take on board the full extent of this statement. Our readings today illustrate this perfectly. In Luke we see a series of character, enslaved to their feelings and social and cultural norms and in the letter to the Galatians, again Paul calls people to freedom, and describes what freedom motivated by love looks like.... it looks like the fruits of the spirit.

Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +