

The Benefice Bulletin

13th July 2025 – Fourth 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 13th July

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Second Sunday Service

with Baptism of Posie

St James', Barton

18:00 Evening Prayer

St Mary's, Dunstall

Wednesday 16th July

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 17th July

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 18th July

13:00 Rangemore Leavers Service

All Saints Church, Rangemore

Readings and Prayers for the Fourth Sunday of Trinity

Readings

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| Psalm | 25 |
| Old Testament | Deuteronomy 30.9-14 |
| New Testament | Colossians 1.1-14 |
| Gospel | Luke 10.25-37 |

The Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Colossians 1.1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **4** for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, **5** because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel **6** that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. **7** This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, **8** and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. **9** For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **10** so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. **11** May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully **12** giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. **13** He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10.25-37

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' **26** He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' **27** He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' **28** And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' **30** Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." **36** Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' **37** He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

For your prayers

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 North India

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

Our Deanery: Along with our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Holy Angels in Hoar Cross and all those who minister and worship there.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Cedar Road, Efflinch Lane and The Efflinch in Barton, Dunstall Cross in Dunstall and Hayfield Drive and Sanderson Close 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 Houlst, Cedric Dewberry, Brian Lanchester, Fay Davies, Valerie Dickson, Ali Gough. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- The **Churches Together Charity Lunch** will take place on Friday 11th July starting at 12noon at Our Lady's Catholic Church on Wales Lane. The lunch will be raising money for Christian Aid, with all donations going to the charity. All are welcome to join us for this light lunch.
- A **Quiz Night**, organised by The Lions, will be held on Friday 11th July at Tatenhill Village Hall, raising funds for St Michael's Church and the Hall. It is set to be a great night, so get a team together and join the fun starting at 7:00pm. Tickets from Geoff on 07816 915191.
- The next **Dunstall Saturday Coffee** will take place on Saturday 19th July, starting at 10:00am. These are lovely mornings so please do pop along and support the church
- **Knitters Assemble!** Your skills are needed for not 1, but 2 secret missions. We need teddy bears and Joseph's knitting. If you are able to help, please pop into the vicarage or church for knitting patterns or see Anita McKinlay, Jacqui Scroggs or Beth.
- St James' **Church BBQ** will take place on Sunday 27th July at 12:30pm. Please sign up at the back of church to confirm numbers. There is also a list of salads etc if you would like to contribute.

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 14th July

14:00 Tea and Chat

St James' Church Hall

19:00 Barton PCC

St James' Church, Barton

Tuesday 15th July

Wednesday 16th July

09:15 WoW Wednesday

St James', Barton

Thursday 17th July

09:15 WoW Thursday

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 18th July

13:00 Rangemore Y6 Leavers Service

All Saints, Rangemore

Saturday 19th July

10:00 Dunstall Saturday Coffee

Dunstall Church Hall

14:00 Rangemore Strawberry Tea

Rangemore Community Garden

Sunday 20th July

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Lay Led Service

St James', Barton

Future Dates

Sunday 27th July

13:30 Baptism of Hugo

St James', Barton

19:00 Pub Church

The Shoulder, Barton

Tuesday 29th July

11:00 Funeral of Ali Gough

St James', Barton

Sunday 3rd August

13:00 Dunstall Cricket Lunch

Dunstall Cricket Club

Tuesday 5th August

19:00 Chime Summer Garden Party

The Vicarage, Barton

Saturday 16th August

10:00 Dunstall Saturday Coffee

Dunstall Church Hall

Sunday 17th August

15:00 Needwood Singers Summer Concert

St James' Church

19:00 Pub Church

The Shoulder, Barton

Sunday 27th July

12:30 St James' Church BBQ

St James' Church Hall

30th & 31st August

Teddy Festival Weekend

Barton

Hello all,

Today's Gospel reading leaves us all with a profound question. Who is our neighbour? I think, in our context today, we have reduced the idea of neighbour not just in terms of proximity but also in terms of lifestyle, common interest and in a myriad of other ways too. Jesus was explicit in the story of the Good Samaritan: we don't get to choose our neighbours, says Jesus, our neighbours are actually the one's we would rather not choose! This means it is a tough thing; not an easy thing and probably means that if you are finding it easy, you're getting it wrong! So, who will you encounter this week who you would naturally think "I wouldn't want them living next door?" – that is the neighbour Jesus wants you to engage with and serve! I hope it goes well for you – I find praying helps!!



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +