

The Benefice Bulletin

20th July 2025 – Fifth 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 20th July

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Lay Led Service

St James', Barton

Wednesday 23rd July

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 24th July

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Trinity

Readings

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| Psalm | 15 |
| Old Testament | Genesis 18.1-10 |
| New Testament | Colossians 1.15-28 |
| Gospel | Luke 10.38-End |

The Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Colossians 1.15-28

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10.38-End

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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 including the Middle East, Ukraine and Northern Ireland.

The Anglican Communion: The Church of Pakistan (United)

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

Our Deanery: Along with our Deanery, we pray for the parish of St Mary's in Stretton and all those who minister and worship there.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Mill Lane, Mill Crescent, Hardy Close and Sandiway in Barton, Home Farm Sprinks Barn in Dunstall and Hillside Road and Greenways Road 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, Shirley I

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

In Benefice News...

- 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
- 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 have received an invitation to a **Summer Social**, then please RSVP to Beth so that we can have accurate numbers for catering. Thanks in advance.
- **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.
- **Pub Church** returns on Sunday 27th July, 7:00pm at The Shoulder in Barton. They are great evenings of informal church – it would be wonderful to see you there.
- You may have seen around the village that Jase Rollins is running a **120 Mile "All in Challenge"** around Barton on 23-25 July in aid of Holland Sports New Club House. Please do give him a shout if you see him in his bright orange t-shirt and donate to the clubhouse fund if you are able.

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 21st July

Tuesday 22nd July

Wednesday 23rd July

09:15 WoW Wednesday

St James', Barton

Thursday 24th July

09:15 WoW Thursday

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 25th July

Saturday 26th July

13:00 Wedding of Harry and Claire

St Mary's, Dunstall

Sunday 27th July

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Sung Eucharist

St James', Barton

13:30 Baptism of Hugo

St James', Barton

19:00 Pub Church

The Shoulder of Mutton

Future Dates

Tuesday 29th July

11:00 Funeral of Ali Gough

St James', Barton

19:00 Churches Together Meeting

Our Lady's, Barton

Saturday 2nd August

16:00 Wedding of Simon and Janice

St Michael's, Tatenhill

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,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we meet Mary and Martha—two sisters responding very differently to the presence of Jesus. While Martha is distracted by preparations, Mary chooses simply to sit and listen. Jesus gently reminds us that, amidst our many tasks and worries, sometimes the most faithful response is to stop and be present. Stillness, it turns out, is not laziness—it's devotion. So as the week begins, can we find just a few quiet moments to sit at Jesus' feet? Whether it's a short prayer, a walk in silence, or a pause before the day begins, those moments are precious—and Jesus tells us they "will not be taken away."



Every blessing, Matt