

The Benefice Bulletin

10th August 2025 – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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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 10th August

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Holy Communion

St James', Barton

18:00 Evening Prayer

St Mary's, Dunstall

Wednesday 13th August

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 14th August

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 15th August

VJ Day

11:45 Act of Remembrance

Barton War Memorial

Readings and Prayers

for the Eighth Sunday of Trinity

Readings

Psalm 33

Old Testament Genesis 15.1-6

New Testament Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Gospel Luke 12.32-40

The Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fulness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen

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Genesis 15.1-6

15 After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”² But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.² This is what the ancients were commended for.³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12.32-40

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.³⁵ “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning,³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

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: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

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 Paul's in Burton and all those who minister and worship there.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Station Road, Meadow Rise and Holland Park in Barton, Forest Road and Yew Tree Fram in Dunstall and John Taylor Free School 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, Enid, Shirley, Phillipa.

Those who have died: Fay Davies, Valerie Dickson, Ali Gough, Josephine Waddell, Thea King, Trevor Walster, Jim Mohan. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- **Cake Makers we need you!** Could you help us out by baking (or buying) a cake for the Teddy Festival over the weekend of 30th and 31st August? We need lots of cake to feed the masses and all help will be greatly appreciated. Please do sign up at the back of church if you can help.
- **Volunteers** will also be needed to help out in the tea-tent and to steward in Church over the weekend. Please do sign up if you can spare an hour at what is one of the biggest church fundraisers of the year.
- If you have received an invitation to a **Summer Social**, please RSVP to Beth as soon as possible so that we can have accurate numbers for catering.
- **VJ80** – The end of WWII will be marked with an Act of Remembrance at Barton War Memorial on Friday 15th August, gathering at 11:45. If anyone would like a name of someone who served or was interred in the Far East remembered at this event, please let Rev Andy know.

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 11th August

13:30 Tea and Chat

St James' Church Hall

Tuesday 12th August

Wednesday 13th August

09:15 WoW Wednesday

St James', Barton

Thursday 14th August

09:15 WoW Thursday

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 15th August

11:45 Act of Remembrance – VJ80

Barton War Memorial

Saturday 16th August

10:00 Dunstall Saturday Coffee

Dunstall Church Hall

Sunday 17th August

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Lay Led Service

St James', Barton

15:00 Needwood Singers Summer Concert

St James' Church

19:00 Pub Church

The Shoulder, Barton

Future Dates

Monday 18th August

19:30 Tatenhill PCC

Barton Vicarage

Wednesday 20th August

12:45 Funeral of Thea King

Bretby Crematorium

Saturday 23rd August

15:00 Wedding of Katie and Martin

St James', Barton

Friday 29th August

19:00 Music Group Rehearsal

St James', Barton

30th & 31st August

Teddy Festival Weekend

Barton Village

Sunday 31st August

10:30 Benefice Service

St James', Barton

Hello all,

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also" It's a statement about priorities: about identity really! What do you put your heart and soul into: what is your ultimate concern, where is your treasure? I would imagine many of us would say our treasure is family or friends or even our faith, but many of us cling to those things out of an unhealthy fear of losing them; a selfishness born out of insecurity and fear! When Jesus calls us to be alert: on guard, it is very much, I believe, about being honest to ourselves. Are our motives for our priorities in life born out of love and trust (or out of some fear or anxiety), so when He comes into our lives, our lamps are lit, and we are truly ready to receive Him?



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +