

The Benefice Bulletin

31st August 2025 – Eleventh 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 31st August

10:30 Teddy Bear Service
inc Holy Communion
St James', Barton

Wednesday 3rd September

09:15 WoW Wednesday
including informal worship at 10:00
St James', Barton

Thursday 4th September

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

Friday 5th September

11:00 Funeral of John Patrick
St James', Barton

Readings and Prayers

for the Eleventh Sunday of Trinity

Readings

Psalm 112
Old Testament Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18
New Testament Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16
Gospel Luke 4. 1, 7-14

The Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Lectionary readings for the Eleventh Sunday of Trinity can be found on the front page of the bulletin.

Please find below the reading for the 10:30am Benefice Service

John 6. 1-14

The feeding of the five thousand

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

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. We pray for all those starting school, returning to new classes and to all teachers and staff as they return to our schools this week.

The Anglican Communion: The Church of South India (United)

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

Our Deanery: Along with our Deanery, we pray for Churchwardens and those in leadership roles within our churches. May God be with them all as they support our churches and clergy in the weeks ahead.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on St James' Road, St Luke's Road and Church Lane in Barton, St Mary's Church and Church Cottages in Dunstall and Central Main Street 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: Mike S, Heather S, Lesley S-D, Doreen, Chris, Enid, Shirley, Phillipa, Tim S, Daphne S, Viv B

Those who have died: Ali Gough, Josephine Waddell, Thea King, John Brindle, John Patrick, Bob Edwards, Merlin Fozard, John Welch. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- **Ride and Stride** will once again take place on September 13th. If you would like to ride, stride or drive between churches, or steward in church, please contact Jill Rogers for more information.
- **Home Group** will not be running in September due to busy diaries and holidays. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.
- **Visiting Ringers** from Nottingham, Derby and Lincoln will be visiting St James' on Thursday 11th September to ring a full peal, which takes around 3 hours. We look forward to hearing them ring!
- **Harvest Beer and Hymns** will return this year on Friday, 26th September at The Royal Oak starting at 8pm. Come along and join Rev Andy as he literally sings the harvest home.
- **Harvest Festivals** will be celebrated once again in our churches this year. All donations of food are welcome and will be donated to the YMCA Foodbank or Burton Soup Kitchen. Harvest Festivals will be held on Sunday 14th September at St Mary's, and Sunday 5th October at St James' and St Michael's.

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 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Wednesday 3rd September

09:15 WoW Wednesday

St James', Barton

14:00 Dunstall PCC

Dunstall Church Hall

Thursday 4th September

09:15 WoW Thursday

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 5th September

11:00 Funeral of John Patrick

St James', Barton

Saturday 6th September

Sunday 7th September

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

Future Dates

Monday 8th September

14:00 Afternoon Tea

St James' Church Hall

19:00 Barton PCC

St James', Barton

Tuesday 9th September

19:00 Deanery Synod

Rolleston

Thursday 11th September

10:00 Visiting Ringers – Full Peal

St James', Barton

Friday 12th September

11:30 Funeral of Bob Edwards

St James', Barton

Saturday 13th September

Historic Churches Ride and Stride

11:30 Interment of Ashes – John Brindle

Barton Parish Cemetery

Sunday 14th September

18:00 Harvest Festival

followed by Pie and Cheese Supper

St Mary's, Dunstall

Friday 26th September

20:00 Harvest Beer and Hymns

The Royal Oak, Barton

Hello all,

" If you go down to Church today....." Welcome to our special service for the Teddy Festival. I hope you are enjoying the weekend and that you find something that surprises you! Jesus' Disciples, in our Bible story this morning, certainly had a big Surprise! Something that seemed impossible was made possible by the kindness and generosity of a young boy, a wonderful picnic was had by all, and a sign was given as to the wonderful and unconditional grace and love of God! Which is always a big Surprise to us all!!



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +