

# The Benefice Bulletin

24<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – Tenth 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 24<sup>th</sup> August

09:00 Holy Communion

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

10:30 Sung Eucharist

*St James', Barton*

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

09:15 WoW Wednesday

*including informal worship at 10:00*

*St James', Barton*

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August

09:15 WoW Thursday

*including informal worship at 10:00*

*Tatenhill Village Hall*

## Readings and Prayers

### for the Tenth Sunday of Trinity

#### Readings

Psalm 103

Old Testament Isaiah 1.4-10

New Testament Hebrews 12.18-End

Gospel Luke 13.10-17

#### The Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## **Isaiah 1.4-10**

Ah, sinful nation, people laden with iniquity, offspring who do evil, children who deal corruptly, who have forsaken the Lord, who have despised the Holy One of Israel, who are utterly estranged! <sup>5</sup> Why do you seek further beatings? Why do you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. <sup>6</sup> From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and bleeding wounds; they have not been drained, or bound up, or softened with oil. <sup>7</sup> Your country lies desolate, your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence aliens devour your land; it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners. <sup>8</sup> And daughter Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a shelter in a cucumber field, like a besieged city. <sup>9</sup> If the Lord of hosts had not left us a few survivors, we would have been like Sodom, and become like Gomorrah. <sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

## **Hebrews 12.18-End**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' <sup>27</sup> This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

**Luke 13.10-17** <sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## 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 the Province of South-East Asia

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

**Our Deanery:** Along with our Deanery, we pray for all schools in our deanery. May God be with the staff and pupils as they prepare to return to school in September.

**Our Benefice:** We pray for those who live and work on Barton Lodge, Palmer Close, Dunstall Road and Small Meadows in Barton, Dunstall Estate in Dunstall and Branston 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:** Mike S, Heather S, Lesley S-D, Merlin F, Doreen, Chris, Barbara W, Enid, Shirley, Phillipa, Tim S, Daphne S, Viv B

**Those who have died:** Fay Davies, Valerie Dickson, Ali Gough, Josephine Waddell, Thea King, John Brindle, John Patrick, Bob Edwards. 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 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 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.
- **Ride and Stride** will once again take place on September 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> September to ring a full peal, which takes around 3 hours. We look forward to hearing them ring!

**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 25<sup>th</sup> August

Bank Holiday Monday  
Benefice Office Closed

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

09:15 WoW Wednesday  
*St James', Barton*

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August

09:15 WoW Thursday  
*Tatenhill Village Hall*

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

10:00 Bible Study  
*St James', Barton*  
19:00 Music Group Rehearsal  
*St James', Barton*

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Teddy Festival Weekend

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Teddy Festival Weekend  
10:30 Benefice Holy Communion and  
Teddy Bear Service  
*St James', Barton*

## Future Dates

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

14:00 Dunstall PCC  
*Dunstall Church Hall*

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

14:00 Afternoon Tea  
*St James' Church Hall*  
19:00 Barton PCC  
*St James', Barton*

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

19:00 Deanery Synod  
*Rolleston*

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September

10:00 Visiting Ringers – Full Peal  
*St James', Barton*

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Historic Churches Ride and Stride  
11:30 Interment of Ashes – John Brindle  
*Barton Parish Cemetery*

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

18:00 Harvest Festival  
followed by Pie and Cheese Supper  
*St Mary's, Dunstall*

Hello all,

In this story from Luke's gospel, which is so much more than about someone who is healed, Jesus reveals God's heart of compassion, reminding us that healing and being made well in body, mind and spirit are essential parts of His kingdom. Jesus challenges us to act with mercy, to look beyond rules when they conflict with compassion, and to stand up against any form of oppression. Rules are needed for our society, without them we descend into anarchy, (if you were at Pub Church last week you'll know all about this topic!) but the rules shouldn't exclude or prevent us being compassionate. Like the woman, we are invited to experience His healing (which didn't follow the rules of the day) and, in turn, to show His compassion in a world that desperately needs it. Let us be grateful, let us be merciful, and let us show the healing love of Jesus in all we do. Amen



Yours in Christ, Rev Liz +