

# The Benefice Bulletin

21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 – Feast of Matthew the Apostle

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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 21<sup>st</sup> September

09:00 Holy Communion

*St Mary's, Dunstall*

10:30 Lay Led Service

*St James', Barton*

13:30 Baptism of Arabella

*St James', Barton*

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

09:15 WoW Wednesday

*including informal worship at 10:00*

*St James', Barton*

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

09:15 WoW Thursday

*including informal worship at 10:00*

*Tatenhill Village Hall*

## Readings and Prayers

### for the Feast of Matthew the Apostle

#### Readings

Psalm 119

Old Testament Proverbs 3.13-18

New Testament 2 Corinthians 4.1-6

Gospel Matthew 9.9-13

**The Collect** O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Post Communion Prayer** Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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### **Proverbs 3.13-18**

<sup>13</sup>Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding,  
<sup>14</sup>for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold.  
<sup>15</sup>She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. <sup>16</sup>Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. <sup>17</sup>Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.  
<sup>18</sup>She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

### **2 Corinthians 4.1-6**

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### **Matthew 9.9-13**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

*The Lectionary readings for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity are:*

<i>Psalm</i>	<i>113</i>
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Amos 8.4-7</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>1 Timothy 2.1-7</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Luke 16.1-13</i>

## 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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**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, Tutbury.

May God be with all those who minister, worship and live in the parish this week.

**Our Benefice:** We pray for those who live and work on Barton Gate, Forest Road and Scotch Hills Lane in Barton, Lichfield Road and Acacia Lane in Dunstall and Postern 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, Doreen, Chris, Enid, Shirley, Phillipa, Tim S, Daphne S, Viv B

**Those who have died:** John Brindle, John Patrick, Bob Edwards, Merlin Fozard, John Welch, Barrie Tims. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

## In Benefice News...

- **Harvest Beer and Hymns** will return this year on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at The Royal Oak starting at 8pm. Come along and join Rev Andy as he literally sings the harvest home.
- **Bible Study** returns this week at St James'. All are welcome as the group continues to explore areas of our faith.
- St James' will hold their **Church Family Bring and Share Lunch** on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church. Please do sign up and which item on the list you would like to contribute to the lunch.
- A church community is more than just a place of worship, it's family. **Pastoral Care** plays a crucial role in nurturing this family. By offering a listening ear and much more, a pastoral care team can help to create a safe and welcoming environment, inside and outside of the church walls where everyone feels valued and supported. Under Rev Andy's authority, Rev Liz and Matt are to form a Pastoral Care Team. If you would like to hear more about this, please pick up a leaflet from the back of church. If you would like a visit or a chat, or know someone who might, then please contact Rev Liz, Matt or the Benefice Office. Numbers can be found on the front of this bulletin.

**If you would like a home visit from the Ministry or Pastoral Visiting Team, please contact the Benefice Office on 01283 712359 to arrange a time.**

## Diary Dates for the Week Ahead

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

09:15 WoW Wednesday

*St James', Barton*

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

09:15 WoW Thursday

*Tatenhill Village Hall*

11:30 Funeral of Merlin Fozard

*St James', Barton*

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

10:00 Bible Study

*St James', Barton*

20:00 Harvest Beer and Hymns

*The Royal Oak, Barton*

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

09:00 Holy Communion

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

10:30 Sung Eucharist

*St James', Barton*

13:30 Baptism of Lily

*St James', Barton*

## Future Dates

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

10:30 Harvest Festival

*St James', Barton*

10:30 Harvest Festival

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

12:30 St James' Harvest

Bringing and Share Lunch

*St James' Church Hall*

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

13:30 Tea and Chat

*St James' Church Hall*

19:30 Tatenhill PCC

*Venue TBC*

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

18:00 A Night at the Musicals

*St James', Church*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

16:00 Songs of Praise and Pies

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

11:00 Interment of Ashes – Luke Hamilton

*St Mary's, Dunstall*

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

19:00 Pub Church

*The Shoulder, Barton*

Hello all,

On St Matthew's Day we remember that God calls ordinary, imperfect people - like Matthew the tax collector - to follow him. Jesus didn't wait for Matthew to sort out his past before inviting him; he simply said, "Follow me." That same inclusive call is for us too: we are loved as we are and invited to serve in many different ways - whether through prayer, hospitality, kindness, or simply being faithful in the everyday. God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called.



Yours in Christ, Matt