

The Benefice Bulletin

7th September 2025 – Twelfth 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 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

Wednesday 10th September

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 11th September

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 12th September

10:00 Interment of Ashes – John Patrick

Barton Parish Cemetery

11:30 Funeral of Bob Edwards

St James', Barton

Readings and Prayers

for the Twelfth Sunday of Trinity

Readings

Psalm	1
Old Testament	Deuteronomy 30.15-End
New Testament	Philemon 1-21
Gospel	Luke 14.25-33

The Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14.25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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 Chad's, Burton. 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 Main Street, St James' Close and Bell Lane in Barton, Dunstall Hall and Cricket Club in Dunstall and Main Street North 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...

- A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in anyway over the **Teddy Festival** weekend. Whether you stewarded in church, volunteered at the Tea Tent or the Teddy Tombola, baked a cake, knitted...we couldn't have done it without you. Over £2500 was raised for church funds and £670 was raised on the Teddy Tombola which will be split between Holland Sports Club and Kids Village!
- **St Mary's, Dunstall** invite you to Harvest Festival on Sunday 14th September starting at 18:00 followed by a pie and cheese supper in the Church Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.
- **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.
- Please see future diary date for information about **Harvest Festivals** within our churches
- **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 for an hour or two, please contact Jill Rogers for more information.

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 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

Wednesday 10th September

09:15 WoW Wednesday
St James', Barton

Thursday 11th September

09:15 WoW Thursday
Tatenhill Village Hall
10:00 Visiting Ringers – Full Peal
St James', Barton

Friday 12th September

10:00 Interment of Ashes – John Patrick
Barton Parish Cemetery

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

13:00 Baptism of Lucas
St James', Barton
18:00 Harvest Festival
followed by pie and cheese supper
St Mary's, Dunstall

Future Dates

Sunday 21st September

13:30 Baptism of Arabella
St James', Barton

Thursday 25th September

11:30 Funeral of Merlin Fozard
St James', Barton

Friday 26th September

20:00 Harvest Beer and Hymns
The Royal Oak, Barton

Sunday 28th September

13:30 Baptism of Lily
St James', Barton

Sunday 5th October

10:30 Harvest Festival
St James', Barton

10:30 Harvest Festival
St Michael's, Tatenhill

12:30 Harvest Bring and Share Lunch
St James' Church Hall

Monday 13th October

13:30 Tea and Chat
St James' Church Hall

19:30 Tatenhill PCC
Venue TBC

Saturday 18th October

18:00 A Night at the Musicals
St James', Church

Sunday 19th October

16:00 Songs of Praise and Pies
St Michael's, Tatenhill

Hello all,

Firstly, thank you for all the hard work in the benefice to make the Teddy Festival such a brilliant event this year. Hard work is part of being a disciple of Jesus. In today's Gospel reading we see Jesus explaining to his disciples the likely cost of following him. We might have to give up those whom we love, we might have to give away cherished possessions, we might have to admit when we are wrong, we might have to forgive those who have hurt us, we might have to accept that people think and do things differently from us and be OK with that!! In fact, if you do not find following Jesus a costly thing, requiring hard work and showing up when you'd rather not with grace, then perhaps you should reflect upon who you are really following?



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +