

The Benefice Bulletin

19th October 2025 – Eighteenth 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 19th October

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Lay Led Service

St James', Barton

16:00 Songs of Praise and Pies

St Michael's, Tatenhill

Wednesday 22nd October

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 23rd October

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm	121
Old Testament	Genesis 32.22-31
New Testament	2 Timothy 3.14-4.5
Gospel	Luke 18.1-8

The Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen

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Genesis 32.22-31

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. **4** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: **2** proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. **3** For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, **4** and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. **5** As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18.1-8

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. **2** He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. **3** In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." **4** For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, **5** yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" **6** And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. **7** And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? **8** I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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 are conflicts, poverty, drought and humanitarian crisis. We pray for Archbishop Sarah as she prepares to take on the role of Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church

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

Our Deanery: Along with our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Stretton: St Mary's and all those who minister and worship there.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Brookside Road, Westmead Road and Radhurst Rise in Barton, Dunstall Cross in Dunstall and Tatenhill Lane and Tatenhill Common 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, Rev Liz, Stephen, Sara.

Those who have died: Barrie Tims, Kay Hickinbottom, Keith Beaumont, Brenda Backhouse, Brian Hall, Joe Laud, Gordon Millington, Mary Walsh. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- A warm welcome is extended to you all to **Songs of Praise and Pies** at St Michael's, Tatenhill on Sunday 19th October at 16:00. Come along, pick your favourite hymn and enjoy your favourite pie!
- **PUB CHURCH** returns on Sunday 26th October at The Shoulder in Barton, starting at 19:00. A warm welcome is extended to you all to this informal service including prayers and pints (other drink options available).
- The **Remembered in Love** service will take place on Sunday 2nd November at 18:00 All those who we have conducted funerals for in the last 12 months will be remembered at this service. If you would like the name of a loved one remembered at this service, please let Beth know.
- The **St James Autumn Fair** will take place on Saturday 1st November – all are welcome to get early Christmas gifts and enjoy the Vicar's legendary Bacon Rolls.
- Jill Rogers is once again running the **Shoebox Appeal** this year. Shoeboxes should be delivered by the end of October to St James' Church. For more information please either pick up a leaflet in church, see our socials, or contact Jill Rogers.

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 20th October

09:00 JTHS Y7 Welcome Service

St James', Barton

13:30 St James' Social Team Meeting

St James', Barton

Tuesday 21st October

11:00 Interment of Ashes - Luke Hamilton

St Mary's, Dunstall

13:15 Funeral of Kay Hickinbottom

St James', Barton

Wednesday 22nd October

09:15 WoW Wednesday

St James', Barton

Thursday 23rd October

09:15 WoW Thursday

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 24th October

10:00 Bible Study

St James', Barton

Saturday 25th October

Sunday 26th October

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Sung Eucharist

St James', Barton

19:00 Pub Church

The Shoulder, Barton

Future Dates

Wednesday 29th October

13:00 Funeral of Keith Beaumont

St James', Barton

Friday 31st October

12:00 Churches Together Charity Lunch

Our Lady's, Wales Lane, Barton

15:00 Interment of Ashes - P Cottrill

Barton Parish Cemetery

Saturday 1st November

10:00 Autumn Craft Fair

St James' Church Hall

Sunday 2nd November

18:00 Remembered in Love

St James', Barton

Monday 3rd November

19:00 Churches Together Meeting

Our Lady's, Wales Lane

Wednesday 5th November

14:00 Dunstall PCC

Dunstall Church Hall

Thursday 6th November

11:15 Funeral of Joe Laud

Bretby Crematorium

Friday 7th November

11:00 Interment of Ashes - K Hickinbottom

Barton Parish Cemetery

12:15 Funeral of Brian Hall

St James', Barton

Hello all,

Last week we reflected on recognising God's grace in our everyday lives, and today we are invited to consider how we live faithfully in that grace. Life is often full of challenges, delays, and moments of doubt, yet God's love continues to sustain us. True faith is shown not just in moments of joy, but in steady perseverance—through prayer, service, and trust. As we go about our week, may we remain rooted in God's grace, letting it guide our actions, strengthen our hearts, and deepen our hope.



Every blessing, Matt