

The Benefice Bulletin

26th October 2025 – Bible Sunday

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 26th October

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Sung Eucharist

St James', Barton

19:00 Pub Church

The Shoulder, Barton

Tuesday 28th October

11:00 Funeral of Gordon Millington

St James', Barton

Wednesday 29th October

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

13:00 Funeral of Keith Beaumont

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Thursday 30th October

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Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for Bible Sunday

Readings

Psalm	119
Old Testament	Isaiah 45.22-End
New Testament	Romans 15.1-6
Gospel	Luke 4.16-24

The Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

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Isaiah 45.22-End

²² Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. ²³ By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.' ²⁴ Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. ²⁵ In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

Romans 15.1-6

15 We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. **2** Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. **3** For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' **4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. **5** May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, **6** so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 4.16-24

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17** and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21** Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' **22** All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' **23** He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' **24** And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.'

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 retired clergy in our deanery.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Wales Lane, Collinson Road and The Green in Barton, Home Farm and Sprinks Barn Farm in Dunstall and Cuckoo Cage Lane and Callingwood Lane 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, John G

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...

- **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.
- The **Barton Churches Together Charity Lunch** will be held on Friday 31st October at Our Lady's, Wales Lane. All are welcome to attend this fundraising light lunch.

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 27th October

Tuesday 28th October

11:00 Funeral of Gordon Millington

St James', Barton

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13:00 Funeral of Keith Beaumont

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Thursday 30th October

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Tatenhill Village Hall

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

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Holy Communion

St James', Barton

10:30 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

18:00 Remembered in Love

St James', Barton

Future Dates

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

Sunday 9th November

Remembrance Sunday

Monday 10th November

13:30 Tea and Chat

St James' Church Hall

19:00 Barton PCC Meeting

St James', Barton

Tuesday 11th November

10:45 Act of Remembrance

Barton War Memorial

Thursday 13th November

19:00 Deanery Synod

Venue TBC

Friday 14th November

10:30 Funeral of Brenda Backhouse

St James', Barton

Hello All,

Today is Bible Sunday and I wonder, how do you view scripture? Is it the divinely inspired and inerrant word of God or is it something else? In our Gospel reading we see Jesus, God's living word, applying an 800 year old text to his current context. This is shocking to his hearers and moves them to violence.

Whatever the Bible is, it has power: power to both caress us and collide with us. These texts should be taken seriously and used very carefully, remembering that the Bible is a library of books, letters, poems, songs, prophesies and wisdom written by many different authors over around 2000 years for many different reasons and in many varied contexts and I love that!

Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +

