

The Benefice Bulletin

16th November 2025 – Second Sunday before Advent

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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 16th November

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Lay Led Service

St James', Barton

19:00 Pub Church

The Shoulder, Barton

Wednesday 19th November

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including Informal Worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 20th November

09:15 WoW Thursday

including Informal Worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Second Sunday before Advent

Readings

Psalm 98

Old Testament Malachi 4.1-2

New Testament 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Gospel Luke 21.5-19

The Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

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Malachi 4.1-2

4 See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21.5-19

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down." ⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?" ⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." ¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. ¹² "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

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, disaster, terrorism, and humanitarian crisis.

The Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Anglican Province of Alexandria

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

Our Deanery: Along with our Deanery, we pray for All Saints, Rangemore

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Ashtree Road, Oak Road and Arden Road in Barton, Forest Road and Yew Tree Farm in Dunstall and Hillside Road and Greenways 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.

Those who are not well: Mike S, Heather S, Lesley S-D, Doreen, Chris, Enid, Shirley, Phillipa, Tim S, Stephen, Sara, John G, Peter

Those who have died: Kay Hickinbottom, Brenda Backhouse, Brian Hall, Joe Laud, Gordon Millington, Mary Walsh, Evan Bloxham, Jean Mosedale, Rae George. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- **Tatenhill** will be holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 15th November between 14:00 and 16:00. All are welcome to pop along for some festive fun and gift buying.
- The last **Pub Church** will take place on Sunday 16th November at 7pm in The Shoulder. Please do come along and join us!
- The next **Tatenhill Quiz** will take place on **Saturday 22nd November**, 19:00 for a 19:30 start. Tickets are £5 in advance or £8 on the door and can be purchased from The Horseshoe Pub or candykirkland123@gmail.com.
- The **Bible Study** group will be holding a social coffee and cake from 10:00 on Friday 28th November. Pop along to 16 Hardy Close where a warm welcome awaits.
- **Tea and Carols** will take place on Monday 1st December from 13:30 in the Church Hall. If you have any spare bottles for raffle prizes, please do drop them to Anita in Church. All are welcome to start the Christmas season with us.
- **Christmas has been loaded!** Please see the Advent and Christmas planner in this bulletin, The Chime and on noticeboards for all the services and events coming up over the festive season.
- St James' **Church Family Christmas Lunch** will be held on Sunday 14th December, following the service. Please sign up at the back of church if you wish to join us for Christmas 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 17th November

Tuesday 18th November

19:00 Churches Together Meeting
Our Lady's, Barton

Wednesday 19th November

09:15 WoW Wednesday
St James', Barton

Thursday 20th November

09:15 WoW Thursday
Tatenhill Village Hall
13:00 Funeral of Jean Mosedale
Bretby Crematorium

Friday 21st November

Saturday 22nd November

19:00 Quiz Night
Tatenhill Village Hall

Sunday 23rd November

09:00 Holy Communion
St Michael's, Tatenhill
10:30 Sung Eucharist
St James', Barton

Future Dates

Monday 24th November

11:00 Funeral of Evan Bloxham
St James', Barton

Friday 28th November

10:00 Bible Study Coffee Morning
16 Hardy Close, Barton

Saturday 29th November

16:00 Barton Light Switch On
Main Street, Barton

Sunday 30th November

10:00 Benefice Holy Communion
St Mary's, Dunstall

Monday 1st December

13:30 Tea and Carols
St James' Church Hall
18:00 Advent Time and Space
St James', Barton

19:00 Home Group

The Vicarage, Barton

Friday 5th December

18:00 Tatenhill Light Switch On
Tatenhill Village

20:00 Beer and Carols

The Bowler

Saturday 6th December

15:00 St Giles Light up a Life Service
St James', Barton

20:00 Beer and Carols

Barton Turns

Hello All,

It's a fine line between sensitively talking about your faith to others and been accused of being a "Bible Basher" and coming across as self-righteous and judgemental! I think we all know this, but the problem is we then fear taking the risk and don't bother. We then end up justifying our silence by excusing ourselves: ignorance, tolerance, lack of gifting being frequent "reasons"! In our Bible readings today, Paul recognises this problem and warns us against this "idleness" and Jesus recognises our fears – saying that we will be persecuted when we stand up for Him but that He will give us the words to say. So, trust Jesus, tell people your story; talk about your faith and "win life"!



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +