

# The Benefice Bulletin

30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Advent Sunday

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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 30<sup>th</sup> November

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

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

15:30 Funeral of Ray George  
*Fradley Crematorium*

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

09:15 WoW Wednesday  
including Informal Worship at 10:00  
*St James', Barton*

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

09:15 WoW Thursday  
including Informal Worship at 10:00  
*Tatenhill Village Hall*

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

11:00 Funeral of Maryte Jagiello  
*St Mary's Church, Dunstall*

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

16:00 St Giles Light up a Life Service  
*St James', Barton*

### Readings and Prayers for Advent Sunday

#### Readings

Psalm	122
Old Testament	Isaiah 2.1-6
New Testament	Romans 13.11-End
Gospel	Matthew 24.36-44

#### The Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

#### Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Isaiah 2.1-6**

**2** The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. **2** In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. **3** Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. **4** He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. **5** O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! **6** For you have forsaken the ways of your people, O house of Jacob. Indeed they are full of diviners from the east and of soothsayers like the Philistines, and they clasp hands with foreigners.

## **Romans 13.11-End**

**11** Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; **12** the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; **13** let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. **14** Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## **Matthew 24.36-44**

**36** 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **37** For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. **38** For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, **39** and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. **40** Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. **41** Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. **42** Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. **43** But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. **44** Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

## 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 Anglican Church in Australia

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

**Our Deanery:** Along with our Deanery, we pray for our Nursing and Care Homes within the deanery.

**Our Benefice:** We pray for those who live and work on Cedar Road, Efflinch Lane and The Efflinch in Barton, The Dunstall Estate in Dunstall and Sweeney Drive and Anglesey Street 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, Brian

**Those who have died:** Brenda Backhouse, Brian Hall, Evan Bloxham, Jean Mosedale, Rae George, Christopher Craddock-Forrett, Ken Riddell. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

## In Benefice News...

- Please do join us for the **Benefice Communion Service** this Sunday at St Mary's Dunstall, starting at 10:00am as we mark Advent Sunday. Refreshments will be served following the service.
- **Tea and Carols** will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- St James' **Church Family Christmas Lunch** will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, following the service. Please sign up at the back of church if you wish to join us for Christmas Lunch.
- Our **Christingle Service** will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December. All are welcome to join us at this lovely service.
- **Volunteers** are needed to help decorate the St James' Christmas Tree and to make Christingles on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00am. Please let Ray, Beth or Jill know if you can help or just turn up!
- Rev Andy is back with **Beer and Carols** from next Friday evening. Do try and catch one of these wonderful evenings during December if you can. They really are an enjoyable evening!
- **Tatenhill Light Switch On** will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6pm. It would be lovely to see you there!

**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 1<sup>st</sup> December

- 13:30 Tea and Carols  
*St James' Church Hall*
- 13:30 Funeral of Ray George  
*Fradley Crematorium*
- 18:00 Advent Time and Space  
*St James', Barton*
- 19:00 Home Group  
*The Vicarage, Barton*

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

- 09:15 WoW Wednesday  
*St James', Barton*

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

- 09:15 WoW Thursday  
*Tatenhill Village Hall*

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

- 10:00 Bible Study Coffee Morning  
*16 Hardy Close, Barton*
- 11:00 Funeral of Maryte Jagiello  
*St Mary's, Dunstall*
- 18:00 Tatenhill Light Switch On  
*Tatenhill Village*
- 20:00 Beer and Carols  
*The Bowler*

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

- 10:00 Christingle Building Party  
and Tree Decorating  
*St James', Barton*
- 16:00 St Giles Light up a Life Service  
*St James', Barton*
- 20:00 Beer and Carols  
*Barton Turns*

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

- 09:00 Holy Communion  
*St Mary's, Dunstall*
- 10:30 Holy Communion  
*St James', Barton*
- 10:30 Holy Communion  
*St Michael's, Tatenhill*
- 17:00 Christingle Service  
*St James', Barton*

## Future Dates

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

- 18:00 Advent Time and Space  
*St James', Barton*

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

- 09:15 WoW Wednesday  
*St James', Barton*
- 11:00 Funeral of Ken Riddell  
*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- 09:15 WoW Tatenhill  
*Tatenhill Village Hall*
- 14:00 Rangemore PCC  
*All Saints, Rangemore*

14:00 Funeral of

- Chris Craddock-Forrett  
*St James', Barton*

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

- 20:00 Beer and Carols  
*The Horseshoe, Tatenhill*

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

- 18:00 Beer and Carols  
*Holland Sports Club*

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

- 12:30 St James' Church Family Lunch  
*St James' Church Hall*
- 17:00 Carols by Candlelight  
*St Mary's, Dunstall*

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- 18:00 Advent Time and Space  
*St James', Barton*

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

- 10:00 & 11:00 Thomas Russell Junior  
School Christmas Service  
*St James', Barton*

**Sorry, but there are no  
wise words this week,  
because just like the Inn  
at Christmas, we are too  
busy to fit them in! Back next week!**

