

# The Benefice Bulletin

15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Sunday next before Lent

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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 15<sup>th</sup> February

09:00 Holy Communion  
*St Mary's, Dunstall*  
10:30 Lay Led Service  
*St James', Barton*

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

13:30 Funeral of Foster Rogers  
*St James', Barton*

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

09:15 WoW Wednesday  
including informal worship at 10:00  
*St James', Barton*

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February

09:15 WoW Thursday  
including informal worship at 10:00  
*Tatenhill Village Hall*

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

14:30 Funeral of Michael Storr  
*St James', Barton*

### Readings and Prayers for the Sunday next before Lent

#### Readings

Psalm	2
Old Testament	Exodus 24.12-End
New Testament	2 Peter 1.16-End
Gospel	Matthew 17.1-9

#### The Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## **Exodus 24.12-End**

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## **2 Peter 1.16-End**

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## **Matthew 17.1-9**

**17** Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. **2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. **3** Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4** Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' **5** While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' **8** And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. **9** As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

## 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 Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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

**Our Deanery:** Along with our deanery, we pray for all the parish of All Saints, Newborough and all who minister and worship there.

**Our Benefice:** We pray for those who live and work on Sich Lane, Bar Lane and Woodhouses in Barton, Dunstall Cross 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.

**Those who are not well:** Heather S, Lesley S-D, Shirley, Phillipa, Tim S, Sara, John G, Brian, Rosemarie, Jess, Cliff, Rebecca, Viv.

**Those who have died:** Frank Clarke, Geoffrey Wright, Foster Rogers, Carol Billings, Mike Storr, Monica Chamberlain. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

## In Benefice News...

- Rev Andy will be running a joint **Lent Group and Confirmation Class** this year on each Monday during Lent. The sessions will look at the foundations of our faith and the Eucharist. The sessions will run at 19:00 starting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at St James' Church. All are welcome to join.
- If you are interested in being **confirmed**, then please speak to Rev Andy for more information. The confirmation class will run jointly with the Lent Group on Monday evenings at 7:00pm.
- There will be **no Home Group** in March due to the Lent Course running. Please do feel free to join the Lent Group that week instead.
- **St James PCC** - please note the change of date of the next meeting from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February to **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.
- **Pub Church** returns on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, starting at 7pm at The Shoulder. All are welcome to this relaxed and informal service where, with no surprise, Rev Andy will be putting a theological spiral on the 6 Nations!
- **Visiting Ringers** will be visiting St James on 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February. We hope you enjoy listening to the bells being rung.
- Rev Andy will also be putting on a **Children's Confirmation Class** on Sunday evenings (dates tbc). If you know a young person who may be interested, please speak to Rev Andy.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

13:30 Funeral of Foster Rogers

*St James', Barton*

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

*St James', Barton*

19:00 Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

with imposition of Ashes

*St James', Barton*

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

09:15 WOW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

*Tatenhill Village Hall*

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

14:30 Funeral of Michael Storr

*St James', Barton*

17:00 Music Group

*St James', Barton*

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

09:00 Holy Communion

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

10:30 Sung Eucharist

*St James', Barton*

19:00 Pub Church

*The Shoulder, Barton*

## Future Dates

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

11:00 Barton Pancake Races

*Main Street, Barton*

11:30 Funeral of Monica Chamberlain

*Fradley Crematorium*

18:00 Lent Time and Space

*St James', Barton*

19:00 Lent & Confirmation Group

*St James' Church, Barton*

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

10:00 Charity Coffee Morning

*Our Lady's Hall, Barton*

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

14:30 Funeral of Carol Billings

*Bretby Crematorium*

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

10:00 Bible Group

*16 Hardy Close, Barton*

17:00 Music Group

*St James', Barton*

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

19:00 Barton PCC

*St James', Barton*

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

18:00 Light Factory

*Barton Methodist Church*

Hello All,

This Sunday brings together two very different conversations about love: the dazzling mystery of the Transfiguration and the familiar language of Valentine's Day. On the mountain, Jesus is revealed as God's beloved; not because of what he has done, but simply because of who he is. That moment invites us to reconsider what love really means in a world that often treats it as something to be earned or performed. As we follow Jesus back down the mountain, we reflect on a love that listens, remains faithful when the light fades and carries hope into ordinary, uncertain lives. What might change if we truly believed we are loved – and learned to love others the same way?



Every blessing, Beth