

# The Benefice Bulletin

29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Palm 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 29<sup>th</sup> March

10:15 Palm Procession with  
The Dunstall Donkeys

*leaving from St James' Hall*

10:30 Benefice Holy Communion  
*St James', Barton*

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

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

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

09:15 WoW Thursday  
including informal worship at 10:00  
*Tatenhill Village Hall*  
10:30 Funeral of Sue Wood  
*Bretby Crematorium*

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

10:30 Good Friday Service  
with William Key Sermon  
*St James' Barton*

### Readings and Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### Readings

##### Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118

Gospel Matthew 21.1-11

##### Liturgy of the Passion

Psalm 31

Old Testament Isaiah 50.4-6

New Testament Philippians 2.5-11

Gospel Matthew 26.14-End of 27

#### The Collect

True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord the King, to the glory of God the Father.

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## **Psalm 118**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.' <sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.' <sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.' <sup>5</sup> Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. <sup>6</sup> With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me? <sup>7</sup> The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. <sup>8</sup> It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals. <sup>9</sup> It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. <sup>10</sup> All nations surrounded me; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! <sup>11</sup> They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! <sup>12</sup> They surrounded me like bee they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! <sup>13</sup> I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me. <sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. <sup>15</sup> There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; <sup>16</sup> the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord. <sup>18</sup> The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! <sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. <sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. <sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

## **Matthew 21.1-11**

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

## 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 of Melanasia

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

**Our Deanery:** Along with our deanery, we pray for other faith communities within our deanery.

**Our Benefice:** We pray for those who live and work on Captains Lane and Fullbrook Avenue in Barton, Dunstall Road in Dunstall and Staff and Pupils at John Taylor Free School 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, John G, Brian, Rosemarie, Jess, Cliff, Viv, Dorothy.

**Those who have died:** Jono Hornblow, Rebecca Harmon, Sue Wood. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

## In Benefice News...

- A **Benefice Palm Sunday Holy Communion** service will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, starting with the Palm Procession with the Dunstall Donkeys from St James' Hall at 10:15. All are welcome to join us.
- A **Benefice Agape Meal** will take place on Maundy Thursday evening at St James' in Barton. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of St James. Please sign up for catering purposes. If you would like to attend but cannot get to St James', please let Beth or Andy know.
- St James' **Church Family Easter Lunch** will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April following the service. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church - please sign up for catering purposes by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April.
- St James' will be hosting a **Summer Proms** season this year with a series of 6 concerts by both local and international artists. The first will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April with Tutbury Band. Tickets are £7.50 or you can purchase a Proms Passport for £50 for access to all concerts (saving £15). Ask Beth for more information, tickets or passports.
- **APCM Dates** are now set in all of our churches. These are yearly meetings where our churchwardens and PCC members are elected and we review the past year's activities. Reports will be available in all churches before the meetings. All church members on the electoral roll can attend the APCM. Please do come along.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> March

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

19:00 Lent & Confirmation Group  
*St James' Church, Barton*

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

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*St James', Barton*

12:00 Walk of Witness

*Our Lady's, Barton*

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Day

06:15 Sunrise Service  
*Battlestead Rise*

08:30 Service of Light  
with refreshments  
*St Mary's, Dunstall*

09:00 Easter Communion  
*St Mary's, Dunstall*

10:30 Easter Communion  
*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

10:30 Easter Communion  
*St James', Barton*

19:30 Easter Beer and Hymns  
*Barton Turns, Barton*

## Future Dates

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

19:00 Tutbury Band Concert  
(Summer Proms 1)  
*St James', Barton*

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

19:00 Tatenhill APCM  
*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

Hello All,



Today is Palm Sunday and the psalm for today is Psalm 118. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good, His loves endures for ever" is how the psalm starts and continues with other well known biblical phrases - "I will enter his gates with thanksgiving" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" to name but two. Along with the Palm Sunday crowd, the psalmist sees the coming of God among us as a good and loving thing even though the passion with which we are loved would mean such an horrific death. But only a God willing to come among us and suffer with us and for us is worthy of our praise and exultation. I hope you will join us on Thursday and Friday to experience the depth of His passion so we can together fully enter into His praise on Sunday!

Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +