

# The Benefice Bulletin

19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Second Sunday after Easter

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 19<sup>th</sup> April

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

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

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

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

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*Tatenhill Village Hall*

### Readings and Prayers for the Second Sunday after Easter

#### Readings

Psalm 118  
Old Testament Zephaniah 3.14-end  
New Testament Acts 2.14,36-41  
Gospel Luke 24.13-35

#### The Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen

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## **Acts 2.14,36-41**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## **Luke 24.13-35**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup> He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## 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 Myanmar (Burma)

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

**Our Deanery:** Along with our deanery, we pray for the parish of Stretton, St Mary and all those who live, worship and minister there.

**Our Benefice:** We pray for those who live and work on Cedar Road, Efflinch Lane and The Efflinch in Barton, Dunstall Lane in Dunstall and Sanderson Close and Hillside Farm 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, Rev Liz

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

## In Benefice News...

- Sadly, **Tutbury Band** have had to cancel the concert on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Keep your eyes open for more Proms news soon.
- **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.
- Rev Andy will be running another **Confirmation Course** on Sunday evenings for those who may wish to be confirmed and missed the Lent course.
- Please note that there will be no **Home Group** in April. Home Group will return on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- **Christian Aid Week** runs from 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May this year, and we will once again be marking this week with the **Big Brekkie** on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Who doesn't love a bacon or sausage sarnie before church! Join us from 10am as we raise funds for the work of Christian Aid.
- **Pub Church** returns in May but is moving to a Monday evening. Join us in The Shoulder from 7pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May where Rev Andy will once again lead us all in informal worship in the pub!

**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 20<sup>th</sup> April**

19:00 Tatenhill APCM

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

*St James', Barton*

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

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*Tatenhill Village Hall*

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

10:00 Bible Group

*St James', Barton*

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

09:00 Holy Communion

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

10:30 Sung Eucharist

*St James', Barton*

17:00 Confirmation Course

*St James', Barton*

## Future Dates

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

10:00 Charity Coffee Morning

*Our Lady's, Barton*

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

19:00 Dunstall APCM

*Dunstall Church Hall*

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

17:00 Confirmation Course

*St James', Barton*

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

13:30 Wedding of Kerry and Mark

*St James', Barton*

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

13:00 Wedding of Keifer and Michelle

*St James', Barton*

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

10:00 Big Brekkie

*St James', Barton*

11:45 Barton APCM

*St James', Barton*

17:00 Confirmation Course

*St James', Barton*

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

13:30 Wedding of Sam and Toni

*St James', Barton*

Hello All,

Alleluia, He is Risen!

Have you ever had a moment when faith has just "clicked" when things seemed to fall into place and previous doubts and questions just seem to vanish? I think this is what we see take place in today's gospel reading with the story of Jesus meeting two disciples on the road to Emmaus. I love the response " were not our hearts burning within us...". The impact of meeting with the Risen Christ, isn't always just spiritual or intellectual, there can be both emotional and physical changes to us as well! A change not acknowledged at the time but only after all had fallen into places at the breaking of the bread! It's these sorts of stories we should be sharing with one another!

He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +