

# The Benefice Bulletin

5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Easter 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 5<sup>th</sup> April - 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*

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

*St James', Barton*

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

*Tatenhill Village Hall*

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

#### Readings

Psalm 118

Old Testament Jeremiah 31.1-6

New Testament Acts 10.34-43

Gospel Matthew 28.1-10

#### The Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

#### Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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### **Jeremiah 31.1-6**

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. <sup>2</sup> Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup> the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup> Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. <sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

### **Acts 10.34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### **Matthew 28.1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

## 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:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

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

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

**Our Benefice:** We pray for those who live and work on Ashtree Road, Oak Road and Arden Road in Barton, Lichfield Road and Acacia Lane in Dunstall and Henhurst Hill and Henhurst Ridge 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...

- Rev Andy returns with **Easter Beer and Hymns** this Easter Sunday at Barton Turns Pub, starting at 19:30. Join him to sing the joy of the resurrection with a couple of drinks!
- 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.
- 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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> April

Benefice Office Closed  
Rev Andy Off

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Rev Andy Off

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

09:00 Holy Communion  
*St Michael's, Tatenhill*  
10:30 Second Sunday Service  
with farewell to Matthew and Richard  
*St James', Barton*  
12:30 Church Family Lunch  
*St James' Church Hall*  
18:00 Evening Prayer  
*St Mary's, Dunstall*

## Future Dates

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

19:00 Tutbury Band Concert  
(Summer Proms 1)

*St James', Barton*

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

17:00 Confirmation Course  
*St James', Barton*

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

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

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

17:00 Confirmation Course  
*St James', 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

11:45 Barton APCM  
*St James', Barton*  
17:00 Confirmation Course  
*St James', Barton*

Hello All,

Alleluia, He is Risen! I wonder what do those words mean for you?

For me the resurrection is vital, because without it I wouldn't have the freedom to do what I feel called to do or be the person I am called to be.

The victory over death and sin made manifest by Jesus' resurrection frees me to be vulnerable enough to love those who otherwise I wouldn't and frees me to be honest with myself about who I am in my own brokenness and sinfulness: to be humble enough to allow God's spirit to work on me to transform me into the person God meant me to be. The resurrection is everything really, without which I would be captive to my fear of sin and death. So, can you answer the question "what does the resurrection mean to you?".



He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +