

# The Benefice Bulletin

26<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 26<sup>th</sup> April

09:00 Holy Communion

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

10:30 Sung Eucharist

*St James', Barton*

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

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

*St James', Barton*

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

*Tatenhill Village Hall*

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

#### Readings

Psalm	23
Old Testament	Genesis 7
New Testament	Acts 2.42-End
Gospel	John 10.1-10

#### The Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Acts 2.42-End**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## **John 10.1-10**

10 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

## 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 Nigeria

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

**Our Deanery:** Along with our deanery, we pray for our retired clergy and their ministry.

**Our Benefice:** We pray for those who live and work on Mill Lane, Mill Crescent, Hardy Close and Sandiway in Barton, Malt House Row in Dunstall and Coppice Road and Hill Crest Road 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, Rev Liz, Simon, Georgia

**Those who have died:** Dorothy Jenkins, Claire Johnson-Phillips. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

## In Benefice News...

- **Wendy (Beth's Mum)** wishes to **thank everyone** for their cards, gifts and well wishes for her recent birthday. Your kindness and generosity was very much appreciated.
- 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 followed by a joint service with the Methodist Church! Join us from 10am as we raise funds for the work of Christian Aid.
- If you want to find out why Rev Andy "don't like Monday's", head to **Pub Church** on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm at The Shoulder. A relaxed and informal service over a drink!
- A **Coffee Morning** in aid of St Giles Hospice will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Our Lady's from 10:00am. All are welcome.
- **The Chime** team are currently looking for a new volunteers to help deliver the magazine once a month. If you could spare a couple of hours, please speak to Jill Rogers for more information.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

10:00 Charity Coffee Morning  
*Our Lady's, Barton*

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

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

19:00 Dunstall APCM

*Dunstall Church Hall*

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

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

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

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 Confirmation Course  
*St James', Barton*

## Future Dates

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

13:30 Wedding of Kerry and Mark  
*St James', Barton*

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

10:00 Churchyard Working Party  
*St James', Barton*

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*

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

11:30 Funeral of Claire Johnson-Phillips  
*Bretby Crematorium*

18:00 Confirmation Service Rehearsal  
*St James', Barton*

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

13:00 Funeral of Dorothy Jenkins  
*St James', Barton*

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

13:30 Wedding of Sam and Toni  
*St James', Barton*

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

19:00 Barton Spring Sounds Prom  
*St James', Barton*

Hello All,

Alleluia He is risen!

When you read the description of the early church in our reading from Acts this morning, how do you react? Is it a description of a Christian utopia for you: a taste of the kingdom of Heaven, or is it something which sounds totally horrendous? And be honest! OK, it may not be necessary in our context and in these times to live like this to be an authentic Christian community, but perhaps the love, trust and lack of fear which enabled these early Christians to live the way they did, might be something we can learn from?

He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +