

The Benefice Bulletin

12th April 2026 – First Sunday after Easter

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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 12th April

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Second Sunday Service

St James', Barton

18:00 Evening Prayer

St Mary's, Dunstall

Wednesday 15th April

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 16th April

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the First Sunday after Easter

Readings

Psalm 16

Old Testament Exodus 14.10-end, 15.20-21

New Testament Acts 2.14,22-32

Gospel John 20.19-End

The Collect

Risen Christ, from whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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Acts 2.14,22-32

¹⁴ 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. ²² You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." ²⁹ Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

John 20.19-End

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

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

Our Deanery: Along with our deanery, we pray for the parish of Hanbury, St Werburgh's and all those who live, worship and minister there.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Beech Road, Holly Road and Willow Road in Barton, Lower Dunstall Farm and Fernhill Farm in Dunstall and Sweeney Drive and Hayfield Drive 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 huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in anyway over Easter. It was a wonderful time of celebration in all our churches. Thank you all.
- This week, we say farewell to **Matthew and Richard** as they leave us to worship in the Diocese of St Asaph in Wales. We thank them for their service and ministry in the Benefice and wish them both well for their future in Wales.
- Sadly, **Tutbury Band** have had to cancel the concert on 18th 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, 11th 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 13th April

Tuesday 14th April

Wednesday 15th April

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

Thursday 16th April

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

Friday 17th April

Saturday 18th April

Sunday 19th April

09:00 Holy Communion
St Mary's, Dunstall
10:30 Lay Led Service
St James', Barton
17:00 Confirmation Course
St James', Barton

Future Dates

Monday 20th April

19:00 Tatenhill APCM
St Michael's, Tatenhill

Sunday 26th April

17:00 Confirmation Course
St James', Barton

Wednesday 29th April

19:00 Dunstall APCM
Dunstall Church Hall

Sunday 3rd May

17:00 Confirmation Course
St James', Barton

Friday 8th May

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

Saturday 9th May

13:00 Wedding of Keifer and Michelle
St James', Barton

Sunday 10th May

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

Saturday 16th May

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

Sunday 17th May

18:00 Confirmation Service
with the Bishop of Stafford
St James', Barton

Hello All,

Alleluia Christ is Risen! I hope you all had a brilliant Easter?

Today we join the disciples in the upper room, wondering what it was all about; wondering what might happen next! I suspect a surprise appearance by the risen Jesus was the last thing they expected and it's no wonder that absent Thomas finds it impossible to accept! But note this is healthy scepticism not a resistant cynicism. We may hear of Jesus turning up in peoples' lives in ways we are sceptical about, but that is fine! Doubt is OK, it leaves room for faith and love and trust which are not required by certainty! "Blessed are those who have not seen yet still believe" says Jesus!

He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +

