

The Benefice Bulletin

10th May 2026 – Fifth 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 10th May

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:00 Big Brekkie

10:30 Second Sunday Service
joined by Methodist Church

St James', Barton

18:00 Evening Prayer

St Mary's, Dunstall

Wednesday 13th May

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 14th May

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Easter

Readings

Psalm

66

Old Testament

Genesis 8.20-9.17

New Testament

Acts 17.22-31

Gospel

John 14.15-21

The Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life; may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Clergy	Revd Andy Simpson	☎01283 712359	✉ vicar.bundtbenefice@outlook.com
	Revd Liz Chamberlain	☎07917 077014	✉ lizchamberlainuk@yahoo.co.uk
Coordinator	Beth Flashman	☎07464 835189	✉ coordinator.bundtbenefice@outlook.com
Churchwardens:			
St James'	Ray Holder	☎01283 327814	✉ rayholder2006@gmail.com
St Mary's	Angela Moffat	☎01283 713735	✉ rangelamoffat@icloud.com
St Michael's	Phil & Emma Coleman	☎01283 538983	✉ stmtatenhill@gmail.com

Acts 17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." ²⁹ Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

John 14.15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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 Pakistan (United)

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

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

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Needwood Park, Short Lane and Holland Sports Club in Barton, Home Farm Sprinks Barn in Dunstall and Sandyford Avenue and Lancaster Avenue 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...

- The **St James' APCM** will take place after the service on Sunday 10th May
- The May **Barton Prom "Spring Sounds"** will be held on Tuesday 19th May, starting at 7:00pm and will feature local artists and soloists. Refreshments and a raffle on the evening, along with donations for entry will be split between the Midlands Air Ambulance and St James' Church. Full prom dates are included with this bulletin.
- **Christian Aid Week** runs from 10th - 16th May this year, and we will once again be marking this week with the **Big Brekkie** on Sunday 10th May.
- **Saturday Coffee** will be held at Dunstall on Saturday 16th June, starting at 10:00am. Pop along for coffee and cake in the lovely (hopefully) warm weather!
- If you want to find out why Rev Andy "don't like Monday's", head to **Pub Church** on Monday 18th May, 7pm at The Shoulder. A relaxed and informal service over a drink!
- **The Chime** team are currently looking for new volunteers to help deliver the magazine. If you could spare a couple of hours ten times a year, please speak to Jill Rogers for more information.
- **Rev Liz** will be licensed as Incumbent of Hanbury with Draycott, Newborough and Rangemore on 20th May at St Werburgh', Hanbury starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome to the service. Please pray for Liz and Ray as they move into this new Ministry.

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 11th May

19:00 Home Group
The Vicarage, Barton

Tuesday 12th May

11:30 Funeral of Claire Johnson-Phillips
Bretby Crematorium

18:00 Confirmation Service Rehearsal
St James', Barton

Wednesday 13th May

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

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

Thursday 14th May

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

Friday 15th May

Saturday 16th May

10:00 Saturday Coffee
St Mary's, Dunstall

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

Sunday 17th May

09:00 Holy Communion
St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Lay Led Service

18:00 Confirmation Service
St James', Barton

Future Dates

Monday 18th May

19:00 Pub Church
The Shoulder, Barton

Tuesday 19th May

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

Wednesday 20th May

19:00 Licensing of Rev Liz
St Werburgh's, Hanbury

Sunday 31st May

10:00 Benefice Holy Communion
St Mary's, Dunstall

13:30 Baptism of Archer
St James', Barton

Saturday 6th June

11:30 Interment of Ashes - R Harmon
St James', Barton

14:00 Wedding of Lauren and George
St James', Barton

Monday 8th June

19:00 Tatenhill PCC
The Vicarage, Barton

Wednesday 17th June

14:00 Dunstall PCC
Dunstall Church Hall



Hello All,

Alleluia He is Risen!

Today's Gospel reading has Jesus promising the Holy Spirit to enable his followers to abide in God. In the Acts reading Paul states how in God "... we live and move and have our being". How does living in God's Spirit affect us? Surely, we must be changed: transformed by God's spirit and I am sure we are, but we are not changed "beyond all recognition": we are still us. As St Paul says God "made the world and everything in it" So God made us who we are; our personality our character. So when He calls us, He calls us in all our brokenness and pain and sinfulness; not some idealised version of ourselves. This means we can be honest about ourselves before God and should mean we can honest about ourselves before others - we are all in the same boat after all!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +