

# The Benefice Bulletin

24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Pentecost

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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 24<sup>th</sup> May

09:00 Lay Led Service with  
Communion by extension

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

10:30 Lay Led Service  
(no communion)

*St James', Barton*

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

09:15 WoW Wednesday  
including informal worship at 10:00

*St James', Barton*

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

09:15 WoW Thursday  
including informal worship at 10:00

*Tatenhill Village Hall*

### Readings and Prayers for Pentecost

#### Readings

Psalm	104
Old Testament	Numbers 11.24-30
New Testament	Acts 2.1-21
Gospel	John 20.19-23

#### The Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Acts 2.1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' <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>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## **John 20.19-23**

<sup>19</sup> 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.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

## 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 Episcopal Church in The Philippines

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

**Our Deanery:** Along with our deanery, we pray for growing together as a deanery, and for all mission and outreach that happens here.

**Our Benefice:** We pray for those who live and work on Barton Turn, Lichfield Road, Barton Marina and Lakeside in Barton, Dunstall Cross in Dunstall and Larches Avenue and Flint 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, Simon

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

## In Benefice News...

- Dunstall **Saturday Coffee** continues to go well. This is a wonderful opportunity to pop in and enjoy some yummy cake in the stunning scenery at St Mary's Church. The next Saturday coffee is Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May will be a joint **Benefice Holy Communion** at St Mary's, starting at 10:00. Rev Andy has not managed to get out of preaching for Trinity Sunday this year so come along and see his take on the Holy Trinity.
- The next **Churches Together Charity Lunch** will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 12noon at Our Lady's. All donations will go towards the work of Christian Aid. Please speak to Jill Rogers if you can help on the day or make soup or a cake.
- Thank you to all those who attended the **Spring Sounds** prom. It was a wonderful evening of music and entertainment. The next prom in the series is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June where we welcome local musician Corinne Marsh and accompanist Haruko Seki. Tickets are selling fast for both the June and July Prom, where we will welcome Reductio (organist), so don't miss out on your tickets. See Beth for more information.
- The meeting of the **Deanery Synod** on 16<sup>th</sup> June will be hosted by St Mary's, Dunstall. Whilst non-elected members cannot vote in matters, Synod is open to all parishioners, so do consider coming along.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

10:00 Charity Coffee Morning

*Our Lady's, Barton*

19:00 Churches Together Meeting

*Our Lady's, Barton*

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

*St James', Barton*

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

09:15 WOW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

*Tatenhill Village Hall*

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

12:00 Churches Together Charity Lunch

*Our Lady's, Barton*

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

10:00 Benefice Holy Communion

*St Mary's, Dunstall*

13:30 Baptism of Archer

*St James', Barton*

## Future Dates

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

19:00 Barton PCC

*St James', Barton*

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

11:30 Interment of Ashes - R Harmon

*St James', Barton*

14:00 Wedding of Lauren and George

*St James', Barton*

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

13:30 Baptism of Avery

*St James', Barton*

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

19:00 Tatenhill PCC

*The Vicarage, Barton*

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

10:30 Funeral of Stella Power

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

19:00 Deanery Synod

*St Mary's, Dunstall*

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

10:00 Saturday Coffee

*Dunstall Church Hall*

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

19:00 Corinne Marsh & Haruko Seki

Prom

*St James', Barton*

Hello All,

Pentecost arrives with dramatic images: wind, fire, noise, and disciples suddenly finding the courage to step beyond locked doors. Yet beneath all the spectacle lies a quieter question. What happens when fearful, uncertain people discover that God has not abandoned them after all? As the Spirit draws the disciples outward, they are no longer able to remain hidden or unchanged. But what does it mean to live as people led by the Spirit today? How do we remain open to God when the future feels uncertain? And what if Pentecost is less about certainty or spectacle, and more about learning to recognise the breath of God already at work among us?



Every blessing, Beth