

# The Benefice Bulletin

7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – First Sunday after Trinity

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 7<sup>th</sup> June

09:00 Holy Communion

*St Mary's, Dunstall*

10:30 Holy Communion

*St James', Barton*

10:30 Lay Led Service

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

13:30 Baptism of Avery

*St James', Barton*

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

*St James', Barton*

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

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

*Tatenhill Village Hall*

### Readings and Prayers for the First Sunday after Trinity

#### Readings

Psalm

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Old Testament

Hosea 5.15-6.6

New Testament

Romans 4.13-End

Gospel

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

#### The Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Romans 4.14-End**

<sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness' <sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification

## **Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' <sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread throughout that district.

## 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 Scottish Episcopal Church

**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 St James' Road, St Luke's Road and Church Lane in Barton, Dunstall Hill in Dunstall and Monk Road and Abbot 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, Simon, Jane, Robert

**Those who have died:** Stella Power, Anthony Markey, Gerald Alger, Kenneth Lunt. 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.
- The next **Summer Prom** at Barton will welcome Corinne Marsh and Haruko Seki on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. With music including Gabriel's Oboe from the film The Mission, Sous Le Ciel de Paris, Rachmaninoff Vocalise, Ashokan Farewell and Tico Tico, it is set to be a wonderful evening. Tickets are available online or from Beth at The Vicarage or in church.
- 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. The speaker at the June Synod will be focusing on Eco-Church and green issues, and how we can support God's Kingdom and creation.

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

13:30 Tea and Chat

*St James' Church Hall*

19:00 Tatenhill PCC

*The Vicarage, Barton*

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

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

*St James', Barton*

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

09:15 WOW Thursday  
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*Tatenhill Village Hall*

10:30 Funeral of Stella Power

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

10:00 Churchyard Working Party

*St James', Barton*

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

09:00 Holy Communion

*St Michael's, Tatenhill*

10:30 Second Sunday Service

*St James', Barton*

13:30 Baptism of Martha

*St Mary's, Dunstall*

18:00 Evening Prayer

*St Mary's, Dunstall*

## Future Dates

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

19:00 Pub Church

*The Shoulder, Barton*

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

19:00 Deanery Synod

*St Mary's, Dunstall*

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

14:00 Dunstall PCC

*Dunstall Church Hall*

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

13:45 Funeral of Kenneth Lunt

*Bretby Crematorium*

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

10:00 Saturday Coffee

*Dunstall Church Hall*

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

11:15 Funeral of Gerald Algar

*Bretby Crematorium*

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

19:00 Corinne Marsh & Haruko Seki

Prom

*St James', Barton*

Hello All,

Today's gospel reading has 2 stories in 1. Are these stories of faith or stories of desperation? Jesus responds with compassion to those he encounters; those who just want Jesus for what he can do for them in their despair. This is less about faith and more about a last chance when all other options have been exhausted and all hope is gone! These stories show us that repentance is not about judgement, or sin or confessions but about simply turning to Christ and; how God, in His love for us, redeems the seemingly unredeemable!



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +