

The Benefice Bulletin

5th July 2026 – Fifth 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 28th 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

Wednesday 1st July

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 2nd July

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm

45

Old Testament

Zechariah 9.9-12

New Testament

Romans 7.15-25

Gospel

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-End

The Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Zechariah 9.9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Romans 7.15-25

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-End

¹⁶ "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: ¹⁷ "We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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 Anglican Church of South America

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

Our Deanery: Along with our deanery, we pray for the parish of All Saints: Burton

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Sich Lane, Bar Lane and Woodhouses in Barton, Dunstall Road in Dunstall and Main Street South 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, Brian, Jess, Simon, Jane, Robert, Monica, Non

Those who have died: Gerald Alger, Kenneth Lunt, Tom Brooks. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- **Tatenhill Quiz Night** will take place on Friday 3rd July. With teams of up to 6, it is set to be a great night! Arrive 19:00 for a prompt 19:30 start. Tickets available from Candy on 07882 804799 or candykirkland123@gmail.com
- Our friends at **Burton YMCA Foodbank** have specific need at the moment for toiletries as they are seeing an increasing number of clients needing assistance in this way. All donations can be dropped at any of our churches and will be taken through to the YMCA. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.
- The **St James Prom Season** is well underway and has already raised nearly £1000 towards church funds. The next prom, where we will welcome **Reductio** for an organ recital with a difference is on Friday 17th July and tickets are selling fast. Don't delay in getting your tickets to avoid disappointment!
- The **Teddy Festival Weekend** is fast approaching and we will soon be looking for volunteers to bake cakes, staff the tea tent, help out with other tasks around church or even help with the festival team themselves. Watch this space for more information and sign up sheets coming soon!
- **St James' Church Family BBQ** will be held on Sunday 25th July following the service. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church.
- Andy is helping to arrange a fundraising **Community BBQ** for All Saints, Rangemore on Saturday 1st August from 5pm. Tickets are £10 and it's BYOB. Please do support if you can.
- The Annual **Ride and Stride** event will take place on Saturday 12th September. More information to follow nearer the time.

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 6th July

19:00 Home Group

The Vicarage, Barton

Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 8th July

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 9th July

09:15 WOW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 10th July

Saturday 11th July

Sunday 12th July

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michae's, Tatenhill

10:30 Second Sunday Service

St James', Barton

18:00 Evening Prayer

St Mary's, Dunstall

Future Dates

Monday 13th July

13:30 Tea and Chat

St James' Church Hall, Barton

Friday 17th July

19:00 Reductio Organ Prom

St James', Barton

Tuesday 21st July

19:00 Barton PCC

St James', Barton

Thursday 23rd July

11:00 Funeral of Tom Brooks

St James', Barton

Friday 24th July

12:00 Wedding of Heather and Gavin

St Mary's, Dunstall

Saturday 25th July

13:00 Baptism of Ronnie

St James', Barton

Sunday 26th July

12:00 St James' Church Family BBQ

The Vicarage, Barton

Hello All,

Are you worried about what others think about you? How do you manage other's expectations of you? In today's Gospel Jesus was clearly bothered about the rumours that had been flying around about him and his disciples - He was a bit of a party animal by all accounts! Well perhaps not, but that was the rumour. The expectations of others can be a burden on us; we can easily get worried about what other people think. But knowing that I would never come up to people's expectations and that I will from time to time let people down used to be a real burden for me, if it wasn't for Jesus and his call to lay such burdens on Him. You see, while I do try to keep to my own values in life, Jesus, is the only judge I really need to worry about; I know He loves me no matter how much I let Him down or fail to meet others' expectations.

Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +

