

The Benefice Bulletin

26th July 2026 – Eighth 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 26th July

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Sung Eucharist

St James', Barton

Wednesday 29th July

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 30th July

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm 119

Old Testament 1 Kings 3.5-12

New Testament Romans 8.26-End

Gospel Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

The Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

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Romans 8.26-End

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'
⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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 Tanzania

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

Our Deanery: Along with our deanery, we pray for the retired clergy who continue to support ministry without our deanery.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Brookside Road, Westmead Road and Radhurst Rise in Barton, Dunstall Lane in Dunstall and Branston Leas 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, Jess, Simon, Jane, Robert, Monica, Non, Rosemarie, Jude, Phillipa

Those who have died: Tom Brooks, Nicholas Hill, Mary Taylor. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- Our friends at All Saints, Rangemore are hosting a **Community BBQ** on Saturday 1st August. Tickets are £10 and it is set to be a lovely evening. Please let Beth or Andy know if you would like to attend.
- The St James' and Chime **Summer Social** invitations have been shared. Please do RSVP to Beth if you hope to attend for catering purposes.
- The **Tatenhill Community Picnic** will take place on Sunday 16th August. Pop along with your picnic and drinks for what will be a wonderful afternoon. Starting from 14:00 at the Girls Guides Fields, Branston Road, Tatenhill.
- The Needwood Singers will be hosting their **Summer Concert** at St James' on Sunday 23rd August starting at 3pm. See the advertising posters around the village for more information.
- The **August Benefice Service** will be held at St James', Barton and officiated by Canon Stewart Jones. All are welcome.
- 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!
- If anybody could donate a **Raffle Prize** for the St James' Fundraising raffle for the Eve Charity at the Teddy Festival, please see Anita McKinlay.

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 27th July

Tuesday 28th July

09:30 Barton QI Inspection

St James', Barton

Wednesday 29th July

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 30th July

Friday 31st July

Saturday 1st August

17:00 Community BBQ

Rangemore Community Gardens

Sunday 2nd August

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Barton

10:30 Holy Communion

St James', Barton

10:30 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

Future Dates

Tuesday 4th August

19:00 Chime Team Summer Social

The Vicarage, Barton

Friday 7th August

12:15 Funeral of Nicholas Hill

Bretby Crematorium

Monday 10th August

19:00 Deanery Synod

Venue TBC

Saturday 15th August

12:00 Blessing of Bev and Elise

St Michael's, Tatenhill

16:00 Wedding of Rhys and Courteny

St James, Barton

Sunday 16th August

13:30 Vow Renewal of Richard & Hayley

St James', Barton

14:00 Tatenhill Community BBQ

Girl Guides Fields, Branston Road

Tuesday 18th August

18:00 St James' Service Team

Summer Social

The Vicarage, Barton

Wednesday 19th August

14:00 Dunstall PCC

Dunstall Church Hall

Hello All,

We have some "Quick Fire" parables this morning! Is it that Jesus is searching for just the right analogy for the Kingdom of Heaven" or perhaps he is, frustratingly, trying to hammer home to the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like! "Do you understand these things?" He implores! Sometimes you can tell when you either haven't been heard or understood by a listener and that can be so very frustrating! It is rare to persuade someone to change their view of the world, but parables work by getting under the skin and working on us overtime. Indeed, just like a mustard seed!!



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +