

The Benefice Bulletin

12th July 2026 – Sixth 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 12th July

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Second Sunday Service

St James', Barton

18:00 Evening Prayer

St Mary's, Dunstall

Wednesday 15th July

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 16th July

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm

65

Old Testament

Isaiah 55.10-13

New Testament

Romans 8.1-11

Gospel

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

The Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Romans 8.1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁸'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

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 Werburgh's, Hanbury

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Park Road, Park Close and Fallowfield Drive in Barton, Lichfield Road and Acacia Lane in Dunstall and Central Main Street 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, Nicholas Hill. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- 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 13th July

13:30 Tea and Chat

St James' Church Hall, Barton

Tuesday 14th July

Wednesday 15th July

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 16th July

09:15 WOW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 17th July

19:00 Reductio Organ Prom

St James', Barton

Saturday 18th July

Sunday 19th July

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Lay Led Service

St James', Barton

Future Dates

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

Tuesday 28th July

09:30 Barton QI Inspection

St James', Barton

Saturday 1st August

17:00 Community BBQ

Rangemore Community Gardens

Friday 7th August

12:15 Funeral of Nicholas Hill

Bretby Crematorium

Hello All,

Have you ever noticed how two people can hear exactly the same thing, yet respond in completely different ways? One person is inspired, while another simply shrugs and moves on. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. The seed is the same in every case; it's the condition of the soil that makes the difference.

It's easy to assume that Jesus is talking about other people, but perhaps He is inviting us to look at our own hearts. There are times when we can become distracted by the busyness of life, weighed down by worries, or simply closed to what God might be saying to us. The good news is that God never gives up sowing the seed of His love. He is endlessly patient.



Every blessing, Beth