

The Benefice Bulletin

19th July 2026 – Seventh 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 19th July

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Lay Led Service

St James', Barton

Wednesday 22nd July

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 23rd July

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Tatenhill Village Hall

11:00 Funeral of Tom Brooks

St James', Barton

Readings and Prayers for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm

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Old Testament

Isaiah 44.6-8

New Testament

Romans 8.12-25

Gospel

Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

The Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Romans 8.12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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 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 Mary's, Stretton

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Thornhill Close, Saffron Close and The Alders in Barton, Lower Dunstall Farm and Fernhill Farm in Dunstall and Main Street North 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

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

In Benefice News...

- 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 26th July following the service. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church. Please sign up by Sunday 19th July for catering purposes.
- 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. Dry food items are of course still welcome. 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.

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 20th July

Tuesday 21st July

19:00 Barton PCC

St James', Barton

Wednesday 22nd July

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 23rd July

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Tatenhill Village Hall

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

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Sung Eucharist

St James', Barton

12:30 St James' Church Family BBQ

Barton Vicarage Garden

Future Dates

Tuesday 28th July

09:30 Barton QI Inspection

St James', Barton

Saturday 1st August

17:00 Community BBQ

Rangemore Community Gardens

Tuesday 4th August

19:00 Chime Team Summer Social

The Vicarage, Barton

Friday 7th August

12:15 Funeral of Nicholas Hill

Bretby Crematorium

Saturday 15th August

12:00 Blessing and 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

Tuesday 18th August

18:00 St James' Service Team

Summer Social

The Vicarage, Barton

Saturday 22nd August

14:00 Wedding of Jo and Josh

St James', Barton

Hello All,

Have you ever found yourself making your mind up about someone before you really know them? It's something we all do. We quickly sort people into neat categories, deciding who's in the right and who's in the wrong. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds. When the servants want to pull up the weeds immediately, the landowner tells them to wait. Perhaps Jesus is reminding us that judgement belongs to God, not to us. In our reading from Romans, Paul speaks of a world that is still growing towards God's future, where all creation waits in hope. If God hasn't finished His work in us yet, perhaps He hasn't finished with those around us either. Maybe this week we're invited to be a little slower to judge, a little quicker to show grace, and a little more trusting that God is at work in ways we cannot always see.



Every blessing, Beth