

The Benefice Bulletin

16th August 2026 – Eleventh 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 16th August

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Lay Led Service

St James', Barton

Wednesday 19th August

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 20th August

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm

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Old Testament

Isaiah 56.1,6-8

New Testament

Romans 11.1-2,29-32

Gospel

Matthew 15.21-28

The Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Isaiah 56.1,6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Romans 11.1-2,29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15.21-28

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 Church in Wales

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, Rangmore

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Captains Lane and Fullbrook Avenue in Barton, Home Farm and Sprinks Barn Farm in Dunstall and Tatenhill Lane and Tatenhill Common 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, Jenny

Those who have died: Tom Brooks, Phyllis Ford, Andrew Cure, Keith Lorriman. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- 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 are looking for volunteers to bake cakes, staff the tea tent, and steward in church over the weekend. Sign up sheets are available in St James Church or please speak to Andy, Beth or Anita.
- There is a lot happening over the next few weeks within our benefice. Make sure you check out the diary dates and keep up with the bulletin so that you don't miss anything!

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 17th August

19:00 Pub Church

The Shoulder, Barton

Tuesday 18th August

18:00 St James' Service Team

Summer Social

The Vicarage, Barton

Wednesday 19th August

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Wednesday 19th August

14:00 Dunstall PCC

Dunstall Church Hall

Thursday 20th August

09:15 WOW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 21st August

10:30 Funeral of Phyllis Ford

St James, Barton

14:00 Ashes Interment - Sandra Carlisle

St James', Barton

Saturday 22nd August

14:00 Wedding of Jo and Josh

St James', Barton

Sunday 23rd August

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Sung Eucharist

St James', Barton

15:00 Needwood Singers Concert

St James', Barton

Future Dates

Monday 24th August

19:30 Tatenhill PCC

The Vicarage, Barton

Tuesday 25th August

10:00 Charity Coffee Morning

Our Lady's, Barton

Wednesday 26th August

12:00 Wedding of Chloe and Richard

St Mary's, Dunstall

Friday 28th August

10:00 Bible Group

St James', Barton

Sunday 30th August

10:30 Benefice Holy Communion

St James', Barton

5th and 6th September

Barton Teddy Festival

Monday 7th September

19:00 Home Group

The Vicarage, Barton

Tuesday 8th September

19:00 Churches Together Meeting

Our Lady's, Barton

Saturday 12th September

Ride and Stride Day

All Churches

17:00 Hymns, Pimms and Proms

St James', Barton

Sunday 13th September

18:00 Harvest Festival followed

by Yorkshire Supper

St Mary's, Dunstall

Hello All,

What happens when you are proved wrong? Do you accept it and change your view with humility? Do you refuse to change? Do you make everyone believe that this was always your view and that you were never wrong? In our Gospel reading today we see Jesus apparently proved wrong and changing his mind about his own mission. It seems that this encounter with the Canaanite woman causes Jesus to understand that the Good News he brings isn't just for the Children of Israel but for the whole of Humanity. What humility!! If what Jesus believed about himself was only held provisionally what does that say about our own beliefs and how we can change?

Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +

