

The Benefice Bulletin

9th August 2026 – Tenth 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 9th August

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Second Sunday Service

St James', Barton

14:00 Baptism of Kaine, Olivia
and Eoghan

St Michael's, Tatenhill

18:00 Evening Prayer

St Mary's, Dunstall

Wednesday 12th August

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 13th August

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm

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Old Testament

1 Kings 19.9-18

New Testament

Romans 10.5-15

Gospel

Matthew 14.22-33

The Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Romans 10.5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Matthew 14.22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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 Episcopal Church

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 Modwen, Burton.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Dogshead Lane, Bar Lane and Green Lane in Barton, Dunstall Cross in Dunstall and The Woodlands and Dunstall Road 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, Nicholas Hill, Mary Taylor, 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.

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 10th August

19:00 Deanery Synod
Venue TBC

Tuesday 11th August

Wednesday 12th August

09:15 WOW Wednesday
including informal worship at 10:00
St James', Barton

Thursday 13th August

09:15 WOW Thursday
including informal worship at 10:00
Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 14th August

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

09:00 Holy Communion
St Mary's, Dunstall
10:30 Lay Led Service
St James', Barton
13:30 Vow Renewal of Richard & Hayley
St James', Barton
14:00 Tatenhill Community BBQ
Girl Guides Fields, Branston Road

Future Dates

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

14:00 Dunstall PCC
Dunstall Church 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

15:00 Needwood Singers Concert
St James', Barton

Monday 24th August

19:30 Tatenhill PCC
The Vicarage, Barton

Wednesday 26th August

12:00 Wedding of Chloe and Richard
St Mary's, Dunstall

Hello All,

Last week, with the story about the feeding of the 5000, I suggested that the meaning of this story was about Jesus liberating us from the fear of lack or loss inherent in the human condition! This week we get another story which is about the same thing really! Yes, we can see Jesus & Peter walking on the water as an act or "step" of faith or about power over creation! But more impressively, I think, is how the fear in the disciples and in Peter in particular, is driven away by the presence of Jesus and how this enables Peter to do extraordinary things, even if that's just for a few moments before the fear takes over again! So perhaps faith is just the absence of fear which comes from being present with Jesus? And because Peter acted from such faith, he did not regret his actions! Which in turn might tell us something about guilt? If we act from that place of peace and joy: that place of faith and fearlessness made possible by the presence of Jesus in our lives, might that cause us never to regret our actions?



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +