

The Benefice Bulletin

30th August 2026 – Thirteenth 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 30th August

10:30 Benefice Holy Communion
St James', Barton

Wednesday 2nd September

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

Thursday 3rd September

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

Readings and Prayers for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm	26
Old Testament	Jeremiah 15.15-21
New Testament	Romans 12.9-End
Gospel	Matthew 16.21-End

The Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength and rest on
you in weakness, now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children
with the true manna, the living bread from
heaven: let this holy food sustain us
through our earthly pilgrimage until we
come to that place where hunger and
thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

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Romans 12.9-End

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16.21-End

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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 the Province of the West Indies

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

Our Deanery: Along with our deanery, we pray for ministry to our nursing and care homes.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Beech Road, Willow Road and Holly Road in Barton, Dunstall Cross in Dunstall and the Staff and Pupils at John Taylor Free School 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 **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.
- **Hymns, Pimms and Proms** will close the Barton Proms season on Saturday 12th September starting at 17:00. Set on the church lawn, bring your chairs, blankets and picnics, there will be a cash bar available, and settle in for an evening at the Last Night of the Proms.
- **Ride and Stride** will take place on Saturday 12th September. For more information, sponsorship forms or to sponsor our riders, please contact Jill Rogers.
- St Michael's Tatenhill will be hosting a **Bring and Share Harvest Supper** on Saturday 26th September from 7pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to join as we celebrate the Harvest together.

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 31st August

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 3rd September

09:15 WOW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 4th September

Saturday 5th September

Barton Teddy Festival

Sunday 6th September

Barton Teddy Festival

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Teddy Bear Service

St James', Barton

10:30 Lay Led Service

St Michael's, Tatenhill

Future Dates

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

Monday 14th September

13:30 Tea and Chat

St James' Church Hall

Tuesday 15th September

19:00 Barton PCC

St James', Barton

Wednesday 16th September

14:00 Wedding of Nick and Teresa

St Mary's, Dunstall

Hello All,

We welcome Canon Stewart Jones to lead our benefice service this morning while I am away on the Isle of Wight Scooter Rally.

If you heard me preach last week, you will have heard how I like to embrace jeopardy, as taking risks is important if we are to live our lives to the full, and live and love self sacrificially. Today Jesus talks about the jeopardy of following him by the need for all of us to "take up **our** cross" if we are not to "lose **our** souls". May we all embrace this jeopardy in our lives! I hope to bring back some tales of soul and life enhancing jeopardy from the Isle of Wight, for those willing to listen!



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +