

The Benefice Bulletin

27th September 2026 – Harvest Festival

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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 27th September

09:00 Harvest Festival

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Harvest Festival

St James', Barton

Wednesday 30th September

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 1st October

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Harvest Festival

Readings

Psalm

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Old Testament

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

New Testament

2 Corinthians 9.6-End

Gospel

John 6.25-35

The Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant with in us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

John 6.25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶ Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸ Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹ Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰ So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³² Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴ They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' ³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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 of Bangladesh

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

Our Deanery: Along with our deanery, we pray for our local MP's.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Needwood Park, Short Lane and Holland Sports Club in Barton, St Mary's Church and Church Cottages in Dunstall and Coppice Road and Hillcrest 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, Non, Rosemarie, Phillipa, Jenny, Jean,

Those who have died: Margaret Finch, Dorothy Smith, Simon Kinson. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- **Rev Andy is on holiday** from Wednesday 30th September and will be back in the office on Thursday 15th October. During this time, please contact Beth or the Churchwardens.
- There will be **no Home Group** in October due to Rev Andy being on holiday. Watch this space for details of the next meeting.
- The next **Afternoon Tea** will be held on Monday 12th October at St James Hall. Tickets are available from Anita and are priced at £7.
- **Chalk and Cheese with Friday Voices** will take place on Friday 16th October, starting at 19:30 in church before moving to the Village Hall for the 2nd half. It is always a wonderful evening. Tickets priced at £15 available from Phil on 01283 538983 or by emailing stmtatenhill@gmail.com.
- The annual **Remembered in Love** service will take place on Monday 2nd November at St James', starting at 7pm. All those who we have conducted funerals for in the last year will be remembered, however if you would like a name adding to the list, then please let Beth know.

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 28th September

Tuesday 29th September

12:45 Funeral of Margaret Finch

St Peter's, Yoxall

Wednesday 30th September

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 1st October

09:15 WOW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 2nd October

Saturday 3rd October

Sunday 4th October

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Holy Communion

St James', Barton

10:30 Lay Led Service

St Michael's, Tatenhill

Future Dates

Monday 12th October

13:30 Afternoon Tea

St James' Church Hall

Friday 16th October

19:30 Chalk and Cheese

with Friday Voices

St Michael's, Tatenhill

Sunday 18th October

10:30 Holy Communion including

thanksgiving for 80 years of Barton RBL

St James', Barton

Friday 23rd October

11:00 Memorial Service for Mary Taylor

St James', Barton

Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Sunday

09:00 Holy Communion with

Act of Remembrance

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:45 Act of Remembrance

Barton War Memorial

11:15 Service of Remembrance

St James', Barton

16:00 Evening Prayer on

Remembrance Sunday

St Mary's, Dunstall

Hello All,

This week we celebrate Harvest, a time to pause and give thanks for the food we have, the people who grow it, and all the things that make our daily lives possible. But perhaps Harvest asks us to look beyond simply saying "thank you".

The readings remind us that what we receive is not simply for ourselves, but something to be shared. And Jesus invites us to think about another kind of hunger too – the things we need that cannot be bought or stored away.

I'll be exploring this a little more in Sunday's sermon, but for now, perhaps it's worth asking ourselves: what are we most thankful for, and how might we turn what we have received into a blessing for someone else?

Every blessing, Beth

