

The Benefice Bulletin

6th September 2026 – Fourteenth 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 6th September

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

Wednesday 9th September

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 10th September

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm 119

Old Testament Ezekiel 33.7-11

New Testament Romans 13.8-End

Gospel Matthew 18.15-20

The Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to us to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Ezekiel 33.7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' ¹¹ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Romans 13.8-End

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18.15-20

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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/Anglican Province of Alexandria

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 Aidan's in Shobnall.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Cedar Road, Efflinch Lane and The Efflinch in Barton, Forst Road and Yew Tree Farm in Dunstall and Henhurst Hill and Henhurst Ridge 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. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News...

- **Hymns, Pimm's 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. The Harvest Festival Service will take place on Sunday 27th September at 9:30am.
- **Dunstall Harvest Festival** will take place on Sunday 13th September at 6:00pm followed by a Yorkshire Supper of apple pie and cheese in the Church Hall. All are welcome.
- **St James' Harvest Festival** will take place on Sunday 27th September followed by a church family lunch. A sign up sheet is available at the back of church.
- **Food donations** at all three Harvest Festivals will be donated to Burton YMCA Foodbank and the Burton Soup Kitchen.

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 7th September

19:00 Home Group

The Vicarage, Barton

Tuesday 8th September

19:00 Churches Together Meeting

Our Lady's, Barton

Wednesday 9th September

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

19:00 Deanery Synod

St Saviour's, Branston

Thursday 10th September

09:15 WOW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 11th September

Saturday 12th September

Ride and Stride Day

All Churches

17:00 Hymns, Pimm's and Proms

St James', Barton

Sunday 13th September

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Second Sunday Service

St James', Barton

18:00 Harvest Festival followed

by Yorkshire Supper

St Mary's, Dunstall

Future Dates

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

Saturday 19th September

14:00 Wedding of James and Cheryl

St James', Barton

Friday 25th September

10:00 Bible Group

St James', Barton

Saturday 26th September

13:30 Vow Renewal of Richard and Hayley

St James', Barton

19:00 Bring and Share Harvest Supper

Tatenhill Village Hall

Sunday 27th September

09:00 Harvest Festival

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Harvest Festival

St James', Barton

Hello All,

I'm back from a bearilliant scooter rally last weekend, in time and raring to go for the Tedtastic Teddy Festival in Barton this weekend. This morning Jesus assures his disciples of His presence when just 2 or 3 gather in His name. Gathering whether at a Scooter Rally, a Teddy Festival or just a few people being present with one another is so important. That sense of belonging and acceptance: that not being an "...Island, entire unto ourselves" (John Donne) is what makes us truly human. Whenever, we celebrate or mourn, or dance or weep together: whenever we "bear" with one another, Jesus is there in the middle of that. As we say in Scootering "Keep the Faith"!



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +