The Benefice Bulletin

1st November 2026 – All Saints Day

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 1st November
09:00 Holy Communion
St Mary's, Dunstall
10:30 Holy Communion
St Michael's, Tatenhill
10:30 Lay Led Service
St James', Barton
13:30 Baptism of
Elliott and Mya
St Mary's, Dunstall

Wednesday 4th November
09:15 WoW Wednesday
including informal worship at 10:00
St James', Barton

Thursday 5th November
09:15 WoW Thursday
including informal worship at 10:00
Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for All Saints Day

Readings

Psalm	34
Old Testament	Revelation 7.9-End
New Testament	1 John 3.1-3
Gospel	Matthew 5.1-12

The Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Revelation 7.9-End

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" 13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" 14 I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water. ''And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

1 John 3.1-3

3 **1** See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. **3** And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1-12

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
Our Diocese: We pray for Bishops Sarah and Matthew and Archdeacon Megan.
Our Deanery: Along with our deanery, we pray for the parish of Holy Trinity, Anslow. May God be with them in the week ahead.
Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Main Street, St James' Close and Bell Lane in Barton, Dunstall Lane in Dunstall and Staff and Pupils at Branston Locks 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, Non, Rosemarie, Phillipa, Jenny, Jean, Robert, Rebecca
Those who have died: Dennis Liddington, Dorothy Smith, Simon Kinson, Judge Paul Coates, Peter Skane-Davis. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News…

- 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.
- The **November Home Group** will take place on TUESDAY 3rd November at 19:00 at The Vicarage.
- **St Michael's Tatenhill** are holding a Prize Draw as part of their church fundraising. Tickets are priced at £1 each with prizes including 4 tickets to a Men's England match at Wembley, National Adventure Farm tickets, dinner for 2 and many more. Contact Phil to purchase your tickets. The draw will take place on 21st November at the Christmas Fair.
- The **Church Family Christmas Lunch** at St James' will take place on Sunday 13th December. A sign up sheet is available at the back of church to put your name down and select your menu choices.
- As the colder months come, the **Food Bank** relies on our generous donations as demand for their services increases. Please do donate if you can. Donations of dried and tinned food, toiletries, and Christmas treats at this time of the year make a massive difference.

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 2nd November
19:00 Remembered in Love
St James', Barton
Tuesday 3rd November
19:00 Home Group
The Vicarage
Wednesday 4th November
09:15 WOW Wednesday
including informal worship at 10:00
St James', Barton
Thursday 5th November
09:15 WOW Thursday
including informal worship at 10:00
Tatenhill Village Hall
Friday 6th November
Saturday 7th November
Sunday 8th November
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

Future Dates

Monday 9th November
19:30 Tatenhill PCC
Barton Vicarage
Wednesday 11th November
10:45 Act of Remembrance
Barton War Memorial
Thursday 12th November
19:00 Deanery Synod
St James', Barton
Sunday 15th November
13:30 Baptism of Arthur
St Michael's, Tatenhill
Monday 17th November
19:00 Barton PCC
St James', Barton
Saturday 21st November
14:00 Tatenhill Christmas Fair
Tatenhill Village Hall
Sunday 22nd November
13:30 Baptism of Harry
St James', Barton

Hello All,



The first stop on our "Remembrance Season" journey is today : All Saints Day. The day we remember those of the past who formed us in our faith.

Whether beatified by the Church or not, Jesus in his sermon on the mount outlines what qualities true saints have and calls them Blessed. Tomorrow is All Souls day, when we remember all those who love yet see no longer. May this season be a time of reflection, thankfulness and, indeed, imitation!

Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +