

The Benefice Bulletin

11th October 2026 – Nineteenth 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 11th October

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Second Sunday Service

St James', Barton

18:00 Evening Prayer

St Mary's, Dunstall

Wednesday 14th October

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 15th October

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm	23
Old Testament	Isaiah 25.1-9
New Testament	Philippians 4.1-9
Gospel	Matthew 22.1-14

The Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Philippians 4.1-9

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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 Anglican Church in Burundi

Our Diocese: We pray for Bishops Sarah and Matthew and Archdeacon Megan.

Our Deanery: Along with our deanery, we pray for the parish of St Werburgh's, Hanbury

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Barton Turn, Lichfield Road, Barton Marina and The Lakeside in Barton, Dunstall Road in Dunstall and Sandyford Avenue and Lancaster Avenue 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: 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...

- **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.
- **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.
- St James' will once again be running the **T4U Shoebox Appeal**. Boxes, or items to go into boxes should be delivered to St James' Church by the end of October. For more information, please speak to Jill Rogers.

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 12th October

13:30 Afternoon Tea

St James' Church Hall

Tuesday 13th October

Wednesday 14th October

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 15th October

09:15 WOW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 16th October

19:30 Chalk and Cheese

with Friday Voices

St Michael's, Tatenhill

Saturday 17th October

Sunday 18th October

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

10:30 Holy Communion including
thanksgiving for 80 years of Barton RBL

St James', Barton

Future Dates

Wednesday 21st October

14:00 Dunstall PCC

Dunstall Church Hall

Friday 23rd October

10:00 Interment of Ashes – Mary Taylor

St Mary's, Dunstall

11:00 Memorial Service for Mary Taylor

St James', Barton

16:30 Funeral of Simon Kinson

Fradley Crematorium

Monday 26th October

13:00 Funeral of Dennis Liddington

St Mary's, Dunstall

14:00 Funeral of Peter Skane-Davis

St James', Barton

Wednesday 28th October

14:00 Interment of Ashes – Dorothy Smith

Barton Parish Cemetery

Monday 2nd November

19:00 Remembered in Love

St James', Barton

Hello All,

With Rev Andy away this week, we look forward to welcoming Rev Preb Robin Trotter at Tatenhill whilst I will be leading the service at Barton.



This week Jesus tells the story of a king who invites people to a wedding feast for his son. The invitations go out, but many of the guests make excuses and choose not to come. It's a story that might make us pause and think about the invitations God gives us too. How often are we so busy with other things that we miss the opportunities to stop, listen and join in with what God is doing?

The wedding feast is a picture of God's generous welcome – there is room for everyone. But accepting that invitation also calls us to let God's love shape the way we live and treat others.

So perhaps this week it's worth asking: Where is God inviting me to join in, and am I ready to say yes?

Every blessing, Beth