

The Benefice Bulletin

18th October 2026 – Twentieth 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 18th October

09:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Dunstall

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

St James', Barton

Wednesday 21st October

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 22nd October

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm	96
Old Testament	Isaiah 45.1-7
New Testament	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10
Gospel	Matthew 22.15-22

The Collect

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives, that we may see your
goodness in the land of the living, and
looking on your beauty may be changed
into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son, the light
unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver
the world from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of
our understanding that we may know the
way of life and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. N

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Isaiah 45.1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22.15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 of Canada

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 Mary's, Rolleston

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Barton Lodge, Palmer Close, Dunstall Road and Small Meadows in Barton, Lichfield Road and Acacia Lane in Dunstall and Falcon Avenue and Spitfire 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: 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.
- 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.
- **Thank you drinks** for those who helped with the **Teddy Festival** will take place at The Vicarage on Friday 23rd October starting at 6pm. Anyone who helped in anyway is more than welcome to join the celebration.
- **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 or pop to Byrkley Park on Sunday! Draw will take place on 21st November at the Christmas Fair.
- 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!

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 19th October

Tuesday 20th October

Wednesday 21st October

09:15 WOW Wednesday
including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

14:00 Dunstall PCC

Dunstall Church Hall

Thursday 22nd October

09:15 WOW Thursday
including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village 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

Saturday 24th October

Sunday 25th October

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Sung Eucharist
including Baptism of Clemency
St James', Barton

Future Dates

Monday 26th October

13:00 Funeral of Dennis Liddington
St Mary's, Dunstall

14:00 Funeral of Peter Skane-Davis
St James', Barton

Tuesday 27th October

19:30 Tatenhill PCC

The Vicarage, 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

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

Hello All,

Firstly, we welcome Rev Andy back from his holidays!

This week, in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is asked a tricky question about whether it is right to pay taxes to Caesar. His questioners are trying to catch him out, but Jesus responds with words that make us think about what we give to God and what we give to the world around us.

Jesus reminds us that faith is not just about rules or obligations, but about how we can live our lives and where our hearts truly belong. We all have responsibilities and commitments, but how do we make sure that God remains at the centre of all that we do?

So perhaps this week it's worth asking: What am I giving to God in my everyday life, and how can I reflect his love in the choices I make?



Every blessing, Beth