

The Benefice Bulletin

4th October 2026 – Eighteenth 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 4th October

09:00 Harvest Festival

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Harvest Festival

St James', Barton

Wednesday 7th October

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 8th October

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Psalm

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Old Testament

Isaiah 5.1-7

New Testament

Philippians 3.4-14

Gospel

Matthew 21.33-End

The Collect

God, our judge and Saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the moment of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at the table where your reign with all your saints for ever.

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Philippians 3.4-14

⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21.33-End

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' ⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls. ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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 Saviour's, Branston.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Station Road, Meadow Rise, Holland Park in Barton, Dunstall Hall and Cricket Club in Dunstall and Greenways Road and Rookery Drive 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, Judge Paul Coates. 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.
- 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 5th October

Tuesday 6th October

Wednesday 7th October

09:15 WOW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 8th October

09:15 WOW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 9th October

Saturday 10th October

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

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

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,

With Rev Andy away this week, we look forward to welcoming Rev Preb Robin Trotter and Canon Stewart Jones to lead our services.

This week Jesus tells the story of some tenants who have been entrusted with a vineyard, but gradually begin to forget that it isn't really theirs. It's a story that might make us pause and think about the things we have been entrusted with too - our families, our homes, our relationships, our time, our gifts and all the good things God has given us. How easily we can begin to think of them simply as "ours", rather than gifts to be received, cared for and shared.

At the heart of the story is Jesus, God's Son, who comes among us and invites us to see things differently. So perhaps this week it's worth asking: What has God entrusted to me, and how might I use it to bless someone else?

Every blessing, Beth

