

The Benefice Bulletin

25th October 2026 – Last 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 25th October

09:00 Holy Communion

St Michael's, Tatenhill

10:30 Sung Eucharist with
baptism of Clemency

St James', Barton

Wednesday 28th October

09:15 WoW Wednesday

including informal worship at 10:00

St James', Barton

Thursday 29th October

09:15 WoW Thursday

including informal worship at 10:00

Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers

Readings for Last Sunday after Trinity

Psalm	1
Old Testament	Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18
New Testament	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8
Gospel	Matthew 22.34-End

Readings for Bible Sunday

Old Testament	Isaiah 46.3-4, 8-10
Gospel	John 15.1-17

The Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Isaiah 46.3-4,8-10

Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from your birth, carried from the womb;
⁴even to your old age I am he, even when you turn grey I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

⁸Remember this and consider, recall it to mind, you transgressors,
⁹remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me,¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My purpose shall stand, and I will fulfil my intention',

John 15.1-17

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become [many](#) my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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 Church of the province of Central Africa

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

Our Deanery: Along with our deanery, we pray for all the schools in our deanery and their staff and pupils.

Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on St James' Road, St Luke's Road and Church Lane in Barton, Lower Dunstall Farm and Fernhill Farm in Dunstall and Larches Avenue and Flint 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, 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 **Benefice Holy Communion** service on Sunday 29th October will be held at St Michael's, Tatenhill starting at 10:00am. A warm welcome is extended to you all.
- 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 Tuesday 27th at the latest please. For more information, please speak to Jill Rogers.
- **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.
- 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 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

09:15 WOW Wednesday
including informal worship at 10:00
St James', Barton

14:00 Interment of Ashes - Dorothy Smith
Barton Parish Cemetery

Thursday 29th October

09:15 WOW Thursday
including informal worship at 10:00
Tatenhill Village Hall

Friday 30th October

Saturday 31st October

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 Elliot
St Mary's, Dunstall

Future Dates

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

Wednesday 11th November

10:45 Act of Remembrance
Barton War Memorial

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,

Today is Bible Sunday, the day when we can reflect on what the Bible is and what impact it has upon us. For me it is THE source material for who Jesus is.

In today's Gospel reading we have one of the seven "I am" sayings of Jesus recorded in John's Gospel; I am the vine. If we are going to abide in Jesus and He abide in us, then more than a passing awareness of the Bible, its contents, structure, history and interpretation is vital and, as Jesus says, to our joy being complete.



Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +