The Benefice Bulletin

15th November 2026 – Second Sunday before Advent

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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 15th November
09:00 Holy Communion
St Mary's, Dunstall
10:30 Holy Communion
St James', Barton
13:30 Baptism of Arthur
St Michael's, Tatenhill

Wednesday 18th November
09:15 WoW Wednesday
including informal worship at 10:00
St James', Barton

Thursday 19th November
09:15 WoW Thursday
including informal worship at 10:00
Tatenhill Village Hall

Readings and Prayers for Second Sunday before Advent

Readings

Psalm	90
Old Testament	Zephaniah 1.7, 12-End
New Testament	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Gospel	Matthew 25.14-30

The Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour

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1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not
need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the
day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, 'There is peace
and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains
come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, beloved,
are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all
children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
[6] So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;
[7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
[8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of
faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us
not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who
died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
[11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are
doing.

Matthew 25.14-30

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; **15** to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to
each according to his ability. Then he went away. **16** The one who had received
the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more
talents. **17** In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more
talents. **18** But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in
the ground and hid his master's money. **19** After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts with them. **20** Then the one who had received
the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you
handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." **21** His master
said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy
in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master." **22** And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master,
you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." **23** His
master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master." **24** Then the one who had received the one talent also came
forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you
did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; **25** so I was afraid, and
I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." **26** But his
master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I
did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? **27** Then you ought to have
invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received
what was my own with interest. **28** So take the talent from him, and give it to the
one with the ten talents. **29** For to all those who have, more will be given, and they
will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have
will be taken away. **30** As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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 Chile
Our Diocese: We pray for Bishops Sarah and Matthew and Archdeacon Megan.
Our Deanery: Along with our deanery, we pray for the parish of All Saints, Newborough. May God be with them in the week ahead.
Our Benefice: We pray for those who live and work on Barton Gate, Forest Road and Scotch Hills Lane in Barton, Dunstall Cross in Dunstall and Barley Road and Roman 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, Robert, Rebecca, John, Suzanne
Those who have died: Judge Paul Coates, Peter Skane-Davis, Jennifer Baker. We pray for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

In Benefice News…

- **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.
- **St Michael's Tatenhill** will be holding their **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 21st November in the Village Hall starting at 14:00. With craft stalls, bric-a-brac and refreshments, it is set to be a wonderful afternoon.
- 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.
- Please see the **Advent and Christmas Planner** included with this bulletin for all services and events this December. There is something for everyone, so please do come along and join us throughout the festive season.

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 16th November
Tuesday 17th November
19:00 Barton PCC
St James', Barton
Wednesday 18th November
09:15 WOW Wednesday
including informal worship at 10:00
St James', Barton
Thursday 19th November
09:15 WOW Thursday
including informal worship at 10:00
Tatenhill Village Hall
Friday 20th November
Saturday 21st November
14:00 Tatenhill Christmas Fair
Tatenhill Village Hall
Sunday 22nd November
09:00 Holy Communion
St Michael's, Tatenhill
10:30 Sung Eucharist
St James', Barton
13:30 Baptism of Harry
St James', Barton

Future Dates

Tuesday 24th November
14:00 Dunstall PCC
Dunstall Church Hall
Friday 27th November
10:00 Bible Group
The Vicarage, Barton
11:00 Funeral of Jennifer Baker
St James', Barton
Sunday 29th November
10:00 Benefice Holy Communion
St Michael's, Tatenhill
17:00 Barton Light Switch On
Main Street, Barton
Monday 30th November
18:00 Advent Time and Space
St James', Barton
Saturday 5th December
20:00 Beer and Carols
The Middle Bell, Barton
Sunday 6th December
17:00 Christingle Service
St James', Barton
19:30 Beer and Carols
The Two Pigs, Barton

Hello All,



Today's Gospel reading is the parable of the Talents, It is also Safeguarding Sunday. Like the servants in the parable we have all been entrusted with so much we are to care for: our gifts and abilities; our bodies and our health, our opportunities and material resources; our relationships and indeed our very existence. We are the stewards of all these things, whether we have much or little, whether as a result of hard work or good fortune. How well do we care for these aspects of our own lives and for those of others we encounter?

Will God say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant"?

Yours in Christ, Rev Andy +