BENEFICE PROFILE

Benefice of
Barton-under-Needwood
with Dunstall and Tatenhill

Proclaiming God’s love in the heart of
the Staffordshire Countryside
The Benefice of Barton-under-Needwood with Dunstall and Tatenhill is situated in semi-rural Staffordshire within easy reach of Burton-on-Trent, Lichfield and Birmingham and has good access to the motorway network. The three churches are all within 10 minutes’ drive of each other.

The parishes of Barton and Dunstall have been a joint benefice since 1994 and Tatenhill joined the benefice in 2007. We currently share one benefice worship service every quarter and are open to developing the way in which we work together. We are supported by two churchwardens from each parish who provide strong leadership, together with three supportive PCCs who bring many gifts, skills and experiences to the life of the church.

Currently there are no additional clergy or lay ministers within the parishes of Barton or Dunstall to support ministry. However, Tatenhill has one service a month led by a Self-Supporting Minister from an adjacent parish. Each parish within the benefice has a team of enthusiastic volunteers to assist the incumbent in various aspects of ministry. Administrative support for day-to-day affairs is largely drawn from their PCCs and congregation.

As a benefice we acknowledge our challenges, which include:

- Reaching our communities and growing the congregation
- Maintaining our historic buildings
- Encouraging closer working between the three parishes
- Maintaining finances and developing stewardship

We are committed to facing these challenges with energy and enthusiasm, and we are a creative group of people who are open to considering new ideas and initiatives. We are also passionate about sharing God’s love with the whole community – not just those who worship in our buildings.

Surrounding villages have seen considerable growth in housing in the last few years and there are new developments of several hundred properties underway which falls within the boundaries of two of our parishes, and we look on this as a great opportunity to refresh and grow our church family.
WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We are seeking an enthusiastic Priest to be a visible Christian presence in the life of our local communities, to energise and encourage our churches and to lead us in addressing the Mission Themes of the Diocese:

- Discovering the Heart of God
- Growing Disciples
- Reaching New Generations
- Transforming Communities
- Practising Generosity

We welcome applications from spirit-filled candidates, confident in their ministry, who:

✓ **embrace** the diversity of our communities, share our commitment to inclusivity and make the church a home for all

✓ **communicate** well with people of all ages and walks of life, being outgoing and approachable

✓ **relate** well to people of all ages and are experienced in nurturing individuals in expressing their own gifts

✓ **preach** with a sensitivity and awareness of our communities that enables them to offer relevant guidance and teaching

✓ **encourage** others, having the skills to discern, support and develop potential worship leaders and Readers

✓ **welcome** the challenges and opportunities of our parishes and have the enthusiasm and imagination to help us build a future for the church in our communities.

✓ **nurture** the relationship with our local schools and the other Christian churches in the benefice
The vision, mission and ministry of the Diocese is focused around the three priority areas of discipleship, vocation and evangelism (DVE) - following in the footsteps of the first bishop of Lichfield, St Chad.

As a Benefice we are committed to the Diocesan mission purpose of growth and development in these areas, and we offer an assessment of our progress in the Mission Themes of the Diocese:

**Discovering the Heart of God**

We have a strong tradition of regular prayer across the benefice, using the Community of St Chad prayers on a daily basis in one or other of the churches across the benefice, and Dunstall and Tatenhill enjoy Sunday services of the Word. We have all participated in the 11-day Thy Kingdom Come prayer movement and a benefice-wide Lent course has previously been led at St. James’, Barton.

**Growing Disciples**

Owing to the low numbers of baptisms and confirmations at Dunstall and Tatenhill, most preparation courses have been led at Barton. We also use the Community of St. Chad Daily Prayer Cycle as part of daily prayer across the benefice – something we are keen to continue.

**Reaching New Generations**

Barton parish have successfully led www@StJames (a form of Messy Church) for a number of years which engaged with local children and families. During the interregnum this has not been possible, but it is hoped that the new incumbent will be interested in looking at this. The parish also have a family service, Worship Together, on the first Sunday of each month and there are established links with the primary school and secondary school which the PCC hope the new incumbent will develop.

Dunstall church is family-friendly and have recently installed a quiet area for children at the back of church. Tatenhill church has no children or young families in its regular congregation, although a new secondary school is within the parish boundary and the PCC see this as an opportunity for engagement and growth.

**Transforming Communities**

St. James’ is part of the Barton Churches Together and has a history of good ecumenical relations. Pastoral care is a priority for the community in this parish, and regular visits are made to the elderly residents of Barton Mews assisted living facility. Barton is also a Fairtrade parish. Both Barton and Dunstall parishes have good disabled access, and although Tatenhill church does not have an accessible entrance, the PCC and congregation are committed to inclusivity and have subscribed to the Inclusive Church Network.

**Practising Generosity**

As a benefice we are thoughtful in how we use the resources we have. All three parishes hold events throughout the year which benefit local charities and food banks, and we contribute to the Bishop’s Lent Appeal and the Children’s Society through the Christingle appeal.
The Bishop of Stafford with some of the confirmees from 2019.

Some children of the parish at the Barton Christmas Fayre

Harvest Supper at Barton church hall

Parishioners at Dunstall enjoying their annual Strawberry Tea

The Big Brekkie for Christian Aid Week

Children’s Worship in the vicarage garden during the Barton Festival

Lent Book Club at St James’ Barton
ST JAMES – BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD

A Brief History

St James is an early Tudor church built on a previous chapel of ease in the parish of Tatenhill in 1533. It is sited in the centre of the village in a conservation area. It was paid for by Barton’s most celebrated inhabitant John Taylor, who became Master of the Rolls to Henry VIII. The church was enlarged in 1860, when the balconies with extra seating were removed and the north and south aisles extended. It became a parish in its own right in 1881. In 1994 St James was linked with St Mary Dunstall and in 2007 the mother church of St Michael and All Angels was linked with St James and St Mary’s in the current benefice. Over the past ten years we have begun to work more closely together.

The Village

Situated on the western side of the National Forest, Barton under Needwood has approximately 5,200 residents. Most housing is owner-occupied but about 4% is social housing, including housing for the elderly. The social composition is mixed with many commuters. There are very few ethnic minorities residents.

All the Barton schools have been graded outstanding at their last Ofsted Inspections. The Thomas Russell Infants and Junior Schools occupy separate sites, The John Taylor High School is part of a multi-academy trust. Results are above the national average. This attracts many to live in Barton and its catchment area. The John Taylor Free School in Tatenhill opened in 2018 and has just two year groups at present.

The village offers:

- A Health Centre and family practice with sheltered housing and “Cottage Hospital”
- A library, run by volunteers
- A large village hall
- Shops including a small supermarket, a chemist, bookshop and a Post Office
- Indian restaurant, a café, six public houses and 3 takeaways.
- The Holland Sports Club is the home of a variety of sports clubs.
- Barton Bowls Club, run by volunteers, with two greens and the home of the British Legion
- Barton Marina, an attractive natural area with lakes, walks and shops, including a butcher and a delicatessen and café, a large restaurant and bar and a small two screen cinema and restaurant, all a short walk from the village.

Transport links include railway stations in Burton on Trent and Lichfield providing main line services. The bus service, based on the Burton - Lichfield - Birmingham corridor, is remarkably good. The A38 gives excellent communication links to Birmingham to the south and Derby and Nottingham to the north.
The church is the centre of the very popular weekend Barton Garden and Teddy Bear Festival. It is run by an enthusiastic team from the church and village. Families bring their teddies to enjoy the exciting rides. The refreshment tent in the church grounds is very popular. The Sunday morning service is for teddy bears and their owners. Money raised during the Barton Festival is donated to designated charities chosen annually. St James & the Bell Fund also receives a donation. The Children’s Society benefits from a Christingle Service on Advent Sunday as well as an annual concert held in the church. We also support Christian Aid, the Shoebox Appeal, our local YMCA with regular contributions to their food bank and the Bishop’s Lent Appeal. Over Christmas half of the collection has been donated jointly to Embrace Middle East, Burton YMCA and Christian Aid.

Two members of St James are office holders on the Barton Churches Together group which has three representatives from each of the three churches in Barton. Once a month the three churches run a kids’ club the Light Factory for 5-11 year olds in the Methodist Church. St James’ congregation attends the Covenant service at the Methodist Church on the Sunday after Epiphany and the Methodists have come to us to share our Christian Aid service in May. A fund raiser Quiz is held in St James Hall in January during the week of prayer for Christian Unity and there is a prayer walk on Good Friday with members of the three churches around the village. During Lent and in December we distribute joint Easter and Christmas cards around Barton, Dunstall and Tatenhill. We sing carols together one Saturday before Christmas in the centre of the village.

The vicar visited the Thomas Russell schools each half term to take an assembly. The Thomas Russell Junior School receives Real Advent Calendars from Barton Churches Together and both schools receive palm crosses for Palm Sunday. The Junior school comes to St James’ for their carol service and the infant school for a spring service. We have provided church experiences for key stage one and two children explaining different aspects of the church year and of church life. These have been led by the vicar and church members. Church members enjoyed a tea party at the Infant School’s Kindness Day. Year 7 pupils came to church this year and 205 of the 220 that attended chose to receive a Gideon New Testament. Thomas Russell Infants School Year 2 and Little Stars Nursery take part in the Pancake Race along Main Street. This annual event was started by St James’ congregation in the 1970s.

Work with the heritage lottery fund has encouraged people to come in to church by providing teaser boards at four of the entrances to the churchyard and the Viz-box inside the church provides a guide to aspects of the church, the church furniture and windows and about the bells. An Angel and Nature Trail has also been developed.

Our Sunday service is eucharist centred and the music is provided by a number of visiting organists as well as a pianist for our Worship Together Service which is held once a month. St James is a popular church for baptisms, weddings and funerals and we wish to explore ways to encourage those who attend these events to become part of our church family.
Occasional offices for 2019: **Baptisms** – 19, **Weddings** – 8, **Funerals** - 25

We have an eight-bell installation in the church tower. A new band of ringers which includes teenagers has been formed in the last four years. Practice takes place weekly and the bells ring before the Sunday service as well as for special occasions. Fundraising to replace the 18th century frame and 19th century fittings is well underway.

The **Barton Chime**, our benefice magazine is published 10 times a year and is delivered to over 700 homes. We can be found on Facebook and a new benefice website has been constructed. We regularly update our presence on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com).

### The year at Barton:

- **Valentine’s Service**
- **Palm Sunday**
- **Special Service**
- **Thy Kingdom Come**
- **Prayer Walk**
- **Good Friday & William Key Sermon**
- **Christian Aid**
- **Big Brekkie**
- **Barton Festival**
- **Church BBQ**
- **Historic Churches Ride & Stride**
- **Harvest Lunch**
- **Remembrance Services**
- **Christmas Fayre**
- **Christmas Party**
- **Christingle**
- **Crib Service**
- **Advent & Lent**
- **Book Club**
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### Areas for Development

St James’ is keen to address the following areas from the parish Mission Action Plan:

- Explore and develop new styles of worship to reach out to more people
- Encourage church members to explore a variety of lay ministry
- Develop the pastoral care provided for church members
- Further develop our ministry to children and families
- Continue to develop the churchyard making it a more welcoming and accessible place for the community
A Brief History

St. Mary’s was built and endowed by the Arkwright family descendants of Richard Arkwright the inventor of textile machinery. When the church was consecrated in 1853 the estate had already been sold to John Hardy of Dunstall Hall.

The Church is a Grade II* listed building which seats approximately 120 comfortably, the church is left open (unlocked) all year round for prayer and reflection. Dunstall being in the National Forest is a favourite area for ramblers many taking advantage of the quiet space the Church and Churchyard has to offer.

The Village

Dunstall is a small and attractive village with a handful of cottages two or three farms and lies just to the north of Barton under Needwood and 10 miles from Lichfield. The Parish is mainly comprised of the privately owned Dunstall Estate. St. Mary’s Church and Church Hall are the focal point together with the separately owned Dunstall Hall which includes the village Cricket Ground.

The village has only 50 dwellings with an adult population of 90. Few children live in the village. In addition to the houses in the immediate village the Parish includes some 50 houses geographically isolated from the village on the north bound side of the A38 trunk road. These houses have no direct vehicular access to the Church and parishioners in that area would have to circular journey of 6 or so miles through Tatenhill and return via Barton under Needwood. It is not surprising that despite regular mail drops and distribution of the parish Magazine those living in this part of our Parish do not usually visit their Parish Church. Our Parish share is calculated on a population of 215.

Facilities

Dunstall has a church hall which has recently been redecorated and has excellent facilities. It has seating and tables for approximately 70 and is used for parish events, harvest supper, annual strawberry tea, fundraising events, coffee mornings, concerts, Dunstall Parish Council hold their meetings and is the parish Polling station at elections. It is also available for private hire and is popular for Baptism celebrations and country style wedding receptions. Additionally, the church has a small Lady Chapel which seats 8, a small children’s area at the back of the church and a small vestry. There are no toilets in the church building, but there are good facilities in the church hall.

The Church building is sound and minor concerns were raised at the last quinquennial inspection, which are being attended to on a rolling programme. In 2017 the wooden floor in the north side of the nave together with the floor in the choir and the Lady Chapel had to be replaced due to rot at a cost of £30k, the cost being met from funds, events and generous donations. The floor on the south side of the nave had been replaced some years earlier whilst the extensive work was carried out services were successfully held in the church hall.
St Mary’s has a small regular congregation of between 12-16. It is made up of Dunstall residents, people from the other two parishes in the Benefice, wedding couples and their families preparing for their marriages. Recently we have lost key members of our congregation due to job relocation, retirement and bereavement however we have been able to replace Churchwardens and two PCC members with parishioners who are committed but inexperienced and St Mary’s has been able to function well, whilst also being able to innovate and improve.

In addition to our usual Sunday services (details in this document) midweek prayer is held at St. Mary’s, and we use the Community of St. Chad Prayer Book which is valued by the parish. We use Common Praise liturgy; vestments are worn by the Celebrant and we have two members of the congregation who are authorised to distribute at Communion. To ensure the smooth running of our services of Holy Communion, tasks such as preparation of the Altar, operating the music system, bell ringing and readings are shared by members of the congregation.

**Occasional offices for 2019:** Baptisms – 3, Weddings – 3, Funerals – 2

We have an organ used at weddings and special services when we endeavour to arrange an organist to play. For other services we have a modern music and sound system on which we play hymns from discs, the hymn book we use is Common Praise. The belfry has three bells and these are simply rung before each service and ringers can be arranged for weddings.

The Churchwardens and PCC are committed to sustaining the stable and harmonious church family which is at the heart of St. Mary’s congregation, and look forward to continuing to be outward facing and inclusive.

**The year at Dunstall:**

- Carols by Candlelight
- Valentine Service
- Strawberry Tea & Outdoor Service
- Concert & Flower Festival
- Village pop-up pub
- Harvest Thanksgiving
- Ride & Stride

**Areas for Development**

We are aware that greater participation in church life is limited at St. Mary’s due to twice monthly Sunday service, and initiatives at Benefice level would help those wanting more involvement. Likewise, we would welcome more Benefice participation at Evensong held on the second Sunday of each summer month.
A Brief History

St Michaels & All Angels, the parish church of Tatenhill, is an important and architecturally significant church. It was the mother church of the area and once held significant lands down the western side of the Trent through much of Barton and as far south as Wychnor. The church is Grade II* listed, as are the 19thC front railings along the roadside.

The exterior impression of the church is that of the late middle ages, the result of work carried out during the 15thC and 16thC. The three-bay chancel, although having some 13thC masonry, is largely of the 15thC, as is the west tower. This style is typical of the Tudor period, with 4 bays divided by 3-stage buttresses. One of the windows in the chancel has an inset rose design window glass believed to be much older than the window itself and which may date back to Tudor times. There is also evidence of medieval graffiti – aimed at keeping out the Devil and all his works – and above the 19thC pulpit is a small piece of medieval wall painting.

Inside, there is a treasure trove of 17th and 18th Century memorials and commemorative plaques. Much of the interior was refurbished in mid to late Victorian times with new pews, tiled floors and some wonderful memorial stained-glass windows dedicated to local people.

The Village

The village of Tatenhill is a small rural community approximately 3 miles from Burton on Trent. The present population is approximately 300. Whilst the village was once a thriving farming community, it is now mainly populated by retired people and those who wish to live in the country but work in the surrounding towns and cities.

The Parish extends beyond the village to suburban areas nearby on the outskirts of Burton upon Trent (represented by properties outside the village and adjoining the parishes of Shobnall and Anslow along Postern Road, Henhurst Hill and the Aviation Lane area). Whilst this adds a further 300 people to the parochial parish and a few residents of this area attend our church, the majority feel very little connection with St Michael & All Angels only attending for family Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

The village has a Village Hall and, whilst the hall is a separate organisation, many joint fundraising activities have been held with the monies raised being shared between Hall and Church. Events organised by the church are well supported by the inhabitants of the village. There is a public house in the village, but no shops or post office. Public transport into Burton on Trent is limited to a bus service twice a week. Like Dunstall and Barton, the village is convenient for the A38. The village is also a popular starting point for walkers in the area.
The church has a small vestry, limited storage area in the tower and no toilets. A few years ago, permission was granted to remove three pews from the rear of the church to create an area for hospitality, which is well utilised after services. The Village Hall is well-equipped and available for church functions.

**Services & Activities**

Details of weekday and Sunday services are located later in this document, but there are a number of special services and village activities which occur throughout the year, detailed below. The church holds very few occasional offices (**2019: Baptisms-0, Marriages-1, Funerals-1**). We use Common Worship liturgy and value services of the Word, as well as Eucharist-centred worship. Although the parish has historically been traditional in its worship style, we are open to new ideas.

Music for services is provided by an organist who is a member of the PCC. When there is no organist the church has hymn accompaniment CDs which are used effectively to enhance the worship.

**The year at Tatenhill:**

- Remembrance Service
- Christingle Service
- Nine Lessons & Carols
- Churchyard Working Party
- Village Craft Fair
- Harvest Festival
- Churchyard Working Party
- Maundy Thursday Communion
- Churchyard Working Party
- Summer Concert

**Areas for Development**

The congregation and PCC at St. Michael's are open to new ideas for improving worship and reaching the people of our community.

The Victorian roof is coming to the end of its life and is in need of significant work. The PCC took action in 2019 to prevent damage to the inside of the church whilst the external work is being contracted. It is hoped that the work will be completed in the Spring of 2020.

There are a large number of new houses being constructed towards the outskirts of the village, and together with a brand-new secondary school which opened in September 2018 the PCC are looking at these developments to be an opportunity for mission and growth.
Below is our current pattern of Sunday Services and Midweek Services. We are open to new ideas for improving worship across the benefice and look forward to discussing this with the new incumbent.

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* This service has been restricted to once monthly during the interregnum

Currently if there is a 5th Sunday of the month all three parishes combine to hold a Benefice service at one of the churches. We are happy to continue in this way and are also open to the possibilities of increasing our worship together.

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

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The Benefice choir singing for a Benefice service – Advent 2019.

Post-service fellowship following a Benefice service at St Michael's Tatenhill.

A special Carol Service for Thomas Russell School, St James Barton.

Children at St Mary Dunstall during the Crib Service.

First Holy Communion for the newly confirmed, held at St Mary Dunstall.

Christmas Eve Carol Service at St Michael Tatenhill.
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The parish of Barton has established links with Thomas Russell Infants' School, Thomas Russell Juniors' School and John Taylor High School – all located in the heart of the village. The PCC of St James' Barton wish to strengthen these links and create more opportunities to reach children and families within the parish.

There are no schools located in Dunstall. St Michael’s Tatenhill have identified an opportunity for mission and growth with the opening of the John Taylor Free School which falls within the parish boundary.

We are seeking a candidate with a demonstrable commitment to working with children and families.

Although details of music arrangements at each parish have been covered earlier in this document, it is important to note that we have several musicians who live and worship within the benefice who play piano, organ and other instruments.

There is a small Benefice singing group who have sung for Benefice services and other significant services throughout the year.

All three parishes welcome live music during worship and this is an area of ministry we wish to develop.

Administrative support at Dunstall and Tatenhill is provided by the churchwardens and PCC as necessary.

Barton PCC have recently begun to actively explore ways in which the incumbent and parish might be supported on a more regular basis, and in the interim have established a small team of volunteers from the PCC to address the various requirements.
Set in the heart of Barton under Needwood is The Vicarage, a traditional four bedroom detached home set on a generous south facing garden plot. Offering a wealth of accommodation throughout, this individual village home enjoys a pleasant outlook over St James’ Church and lies within convenient walking distance of the superb array of amenities Barton under Needwood has to offer.

The interiors comprise briefly porch, spacious reception hall, sitting room, dining room, study/family room, kitchen with pantry, utility room and cloakroom to the ground floor, with four double bedrooms and a family bathroom with separate WC and shower accessed off the spacious first floor landing. Outside, there is parking for a number of vehicles to a generous driveway and access to the garage, with mature rear gardens extending to a generous size. The rear garden enjoys a southerly aspect and a high degree of privacy to all sides.
The Parish

The Parish of St James is well catered to villagers of all ages with a variety of amenities spread about this thriving community. Centered around the character High Street are a Co-Op general store, Post Office, village hall, a number of shops, various country pubs and of course the ‘Outstanding rated John Taylor Specialist Science School. A little further afield but still within an easy stroll are the Thomas Russel Infants and Junior Schools, and the recently opened John Taylor Free School has also received excellent recent reports. Holland Sports Club (off Efflinch Lane) hosts a variety of sports clubs and teams as well as events and there are a number of children’s parks dotted about the lanes and cul de sacs.

The Location

A regular public bus route runs the village giving access to locations a little further afield. North from Barton under Needwood is the market town of Burton on Trent, home to a railway station, a library, a cinema, shopping centres and a number pubs and restaurants. Travelling south will bring you to the Cathedral City of Lichfield, home to the historic Cathedral, a bustling town centre and Beacon Park, a leisure space of around 70 acres made up of beautiful gardens, parks and open space. The central location of the village presents easy access to the International airports of Birmingham, East Midlands and Manchester and the commuter routes of the A38, A515, A50, M6 and M42 are all within an easy drive.
Enquiries & application form from the Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent

The Ven. Matthew Parker - 01782 663066
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All applicants should normally have 3 years’ experience in the Church of England or another Anglican church in the British Isles.

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