

Saturday 1st

Pray for the worship and witness of St. Luke's and St. Thomas'. Pray for the guidance and support of the Holy Spirit in the face of the challenges that face the Church today. Pray for our ordained and licensed ministers and for the two congregations. Give thanks for the joys of being part of a worshipping community.

Sunday 2nd Cancer Survivors Day

On National Cancer Survivors Day pray for the events held in hundreds of communities nationwide, and around the world, to rejoice with those who have survived cancer. Give thanks for the advance in medical treatment and for the hospitals dedicated to treating cancer. Pray for anyone you know who has cancer.

Monday 3rd

Pray for the County Council in its duty to provide social care for vulnerable adults across Staffordshire and to give support for those who care for them. Pray for the Children and Families Social Work Teams providing advice, support and social work to needy families.

Tuesday 4th

Pray this week for Christians suffering from discrimination, oppression and persecution. Pray for the work of the Barnabas Fund Organisation giving financial support to projects which help in supporting and strengthening individuals, churches and their communities and providing material and spiritual support.

Wednesday 5th

Pray for the work of the MacMillan nurses in their role in supporting patients and their families through diagnosis and treatment. They also advise on aspects of care when treatment is for comfort and not cure. Pray for any Macmillan Nurses who work locally as members of our primary health care team.

Thursday 6th

Pray the Parish Prayer on the front cover

Friday 7th

Pray for the USPG promoting the gospel with Anglican partners throughout the world. In a world is battered by suffering, distress and disturbance: environmental degradation, turbulent global politics, gender injustice, the forced displacement of millions of people and the harassment and killing of indigenous people. USPG brings encouragement and hope by supporting partners and their local community projects.

Saturday 8th

Today meditate on the awesome privilege that the Creator of the universe longs to have a personal relationship with each one of us. Sometimes speaking to us in bold and dramatic ways but also in the quiet, as we make time tomorrow, simply to be with him, to worship, to pray, to hear His Word and listen.

Sunday 9th Ps 138 the appointed psalm for today

¹ *I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the 'gods' I will sing your praise.*

² *I will bow down towards your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.*

³ *When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.*

⁴ *May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.*

⁵ *May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great*

Monday 10th

Pray for all those who have been elected to serve as one of the officers of the church at the APCM, or as a member of the PCC. Pray that members of the congregations may feel moved to offer themselves so that the vacancies that still exist for wardens or PCC members can be filled.

Tuesday 11th St. Barnabas Day

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, you poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Wednesday 12th UN Child Labour Day

This day highlights the use of child labour which is especially rampant in many developing countries - but according to UNICEF, children in the United States "are employed in agriculture, a high proportion of them from immigrant or ethnic-minority families." There have also been a number of incidents of westerns companies exploiting child labourers in developing countries to save production costs.

Thursday 13th Blood Donor Day

Pray for the efforts being made through various events to encourage younger people, who might be a bit nervous or unsure about giving blood, to feel encouraged to sign up and start donating, so that the donor population doesn't decline but stays strong. Pray those patients who need regular blood transfusions to keep healthy.

Friday 14th

Pray today for the work of MIND helping people with mental issues to have access to advice and nationally and locally, in England and Wales. Local Minds groups support over 513,000 people across England and Wales. Their services include supported housing crisis helplines, drop-in centres, employment and training schemes, counselling and befriending.

Saturday 15th

Pray for our local Cannock Policing Team keeping the streets safe for residents at all times and dealing with crime and disturbances in the area. The team are there to listen to concerns and act upon the issues that matter most to the community, helping everyone to feel more confident and safe.

Sunday 16th Father's Day

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. We remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways—both big and small—they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen

Monday 17th

Spend a little time today reflecting on what brings joy and happiness into your life. Is there anything that you are really looking forward to? Reflect on Jesus' words; "I came that you might have life, life in all its fullness."

Tuesday 18th

Pray today for the Anthony Nolan Trust, the UK blood cancer charity and bone marrow register. Give thanks for all donors on their register. Pray for children waiting for a bone marrow transplant donor. Give thanks for the doctors and surgeons and nurses caring for the patients.

Wednesday 19th

Pray for the work of the Church Army. Pray for the Centres of Mission where a community of evangelists working with local churches in a town or city, pioneer a fresh expression of church or a new piece of evangelism with the aim of bringing people to a living faith in Jesus Christ.

Thursday 20th World Refugee Day

Pray for all people who have become refugees. Refugees are vulnerable and in need, and are often misunderstood and maligned, and often have very little or nothing of their possessions and little food, they often have to leave their homes with nothing or with what they can carry. They suffer cold, hunger, trauma, despair, disease, violence and loss. Pray for the agencies, both governmental and non-governmental, working tirelessly to help refugees,

Friday 21st

Pray for the work of organisations such as Stop the Traffik, combating human trafficking and slavery. Human trafficking and modern slavery are thought to be amongst the most widespread crimes in the world, affecting millions of men, women and children each day. Pray for all those who are caught up in this trade, especially children.

Saturday 22nd St. Alban's Day

Saint Alban was the first English martyr for refusing to give up his faith. Pray for the many Christian martyrs who have died this year because of their allegiance to Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Pray for their families and their churches, that they may remain faithful to Jesus despite the constant fear of persecution.

Sunday 23rd

Great Shepherd of your people, blesses those called to the diaconate and the priesthood in your Church. Fire their hearts with passion for your word and care for your people, that they may joyfully proclaim the gospel, and faithfully minister your sacraments. Guide them in their prayer and study that they may be discerning and loving pastors, ministering to the glory of your name and the benefit of your people and world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Monday 24th

On John the Baptist Day we remember and give thanks that he was sent to prepare the way of Jesus the coming Messiah. Pray that we too, as part of the church commissioned by Jesus to "make disciples of all nations," may play our part in preparing people in our community to receive him into their hearts.

Tuesday 25th Day for Seafarers

Pray today for all the merchant seamen who sail the oceans bringing the food and goods we need to our shores from all over the world. 90% of goods reach us via the sea with 60% carried on container ships. Pray for the safety of the sailors who often face stormy and dangerous seas.

Wednesday 26th

Pray for the work of USPG under its new name, United Society Partners in the Gospel. USPG is an Anglican mission agency supporting churches around the world in their mission to bring fullness of life to the communities they serve. Pray for those with whom the society works, as together they seek ways to serve their communities to improve health, tackle poverty, put children in school, challenge discrimination, nurture leaders and much more.

Thursday 27th

Pray the parish prayer on the front of the diary.

Friday 28th

Pray for all those suffering with Alzheimers. Pray for anyone you know. Pray for relatives devoted to caring for loved ones suffering from the disease. Pray for scientists and researchers working to find ways of both treatment and prevention.

Saturday 29th

We remember with thanksgiving the ministry of St. Peter and St. Paul, the two great leaders of the early church. Pray for the present leaders of the Anglican Church, the archbishops of Canterbury and York. Pray God's blessing on them as they carry the burdens of their office. Pray also for Rev. Dr. Michael Igrave Bishop of our diocese.

Sunday 30th Paul's prayer for the Ephesian church

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Parish of St. Luke Cannock and St. Thomas Huntington



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Parish Prayer

*Father we know that everyone is a child of yours,
and is loved by you and is precious to you.
We know that you walk with us in our walk of
faith, and that you want all of your children to
know you and to walk daily in your presence.
We pray for all who live in this town who do not
yet acknowledge your Fatherhood or your
Sovereignty. We pray that through the work of the
Holy Spirit, working in those whom you have
called into your service, others may come to know
you fully as their Father in Heaven, and become
followers of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
All this we pray in his blessed name.*

Amen