

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 10th August

Trinity 8

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Office hours

Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm

(Office Closed Mon—Wed 11th—26th August

For Holidays)

Thursday—Friday 9.30am—12.30pm

The Church takes the safety of everyone within the church very seriously and expects that everyone will work within the church safeguarding policy. In particular, the Church expects anyone who becomes aware of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to report it immediately to our Safeguarding Coordinator,

Teresa Atherton

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

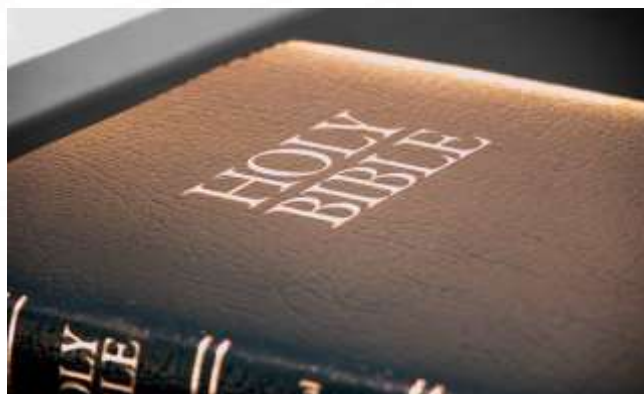
Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;

Readings

10th August	Hebrew 11:1-3,8-16	Luke 12:32-40
17th August	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
24th August	Corinthians 4:9-15	Luke 22:24-30
31st August	Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16	Luke 14:1,7-14

Reading 1 Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16

¹Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, **and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’** ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.



Reading 2 Luke 12.32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, ³²**‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.** ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at **an unexpected hour.**

PRAYER DURING A VACANCY

Almighty God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for our parishes and the congregations of St. Luke, St. Thomas and St Saviour. Give us discernment to recognise the gifts and ministries you have given to us together with the grace to exercise them in harmony with one another and for the good of all. May we have patience in awaiting the appointment and arrival of a new leader for our parish, and give support to those responsible for choosing that person. Finally, may we trust you, the God of faithfulness and generosity, to guide us through this time of transition and change, so that we are ready to enter a new chapter in the life of our parish for the glory of your Name and the furtherance of your kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



We are God's Family and like other families it would be good to celebrate birthdays and the milestones of life.

Don't be shy or embarrassed—we won't give your age away! We want to thank God for you, and ask him to bless you as you.

Please let the wardens or office know.

Best wishes to everyone celebrating this week
from your Church Family

An invitation to join us for prayer as we pray together for God's blessing and empowerment for ministry and witness in our communities.

Next Morning Prayer will be **Tuesday 19th August at 9.30am. Please come along and join us
Every Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9.30am in the Centre unless otherwise announced. Next Prayer Group at 85 Dartmouth Avenue will be on Thursday 28th August at 3pm
Everyone Welcome.**



St Luke's Friendship Group

Day Trip to Weston-Super-Mare

Including 2 course carvery lunch at Brent House

Friday 10th October

Depart from Hednesford & Church Street Cannock

Cost: £47.50

Deposit £10.00 Balance no later than 31st August

Contact Margaret Walker 01543 505860

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Payment by bank transfer, cash or cheque payable to

Margaret Walker.

Coach seats allocated on receipt of payment.



This weeks diary

Tue 12th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	7.00pm	Standing Cttee	St Thomas'
Wed 13th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers	St Luke's
Fri 15th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sat 16th	10.00am	Café	St Luke's
	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 17th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	12.00pm	Holy Baptism	St Luke's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours

Everyone Welcome

Reminder

Just a reminder that all car park pass applications need to be sent back in to the Parish Office.

It is important that if you have an email address and mobile telephone number to put it on the form in order for the office to add you to the distribution list in case of emergencies. Thank you Parish Office

Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 19th

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 20th

10.00 am Holy Communion - St Luke's

Sunday 24th

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00 am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you

*Please be generous and help those who have
less than yourself*

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF: SOUP, BEANS AND PASTA.

**WEEKLY REQUIRED FOOD ITEMS: TINNED MEAT, RICE
PUDING, TINNED FRUIT, JAM, SQUASH AND UHT MILK.**

****NB: THE FOOD BANK ARE DESPERATE FOR CARRIER
BAGS****

