

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 11th May 2025

Easter 4

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### **Office hours**

**Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm**

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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 God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings

11th May	Acts 9:36-end	John 10:22-30
18th May	Acts 11:1-18	John 13:31-35
25th May	Acts 16:9-15	John 14:23-29
29th May	Acts 1:1-11	Luke 24:44-end

Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will  
bless them: **St Luke's Close, St James' Road, St John's Road,**  
Stafford Road, Stag Drive

## Reading 1 - Acts 9.36-43

<sup>36</sup>In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter **was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.'** <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and **prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.'** Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## Reading 2 - John 10.22-30

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>**So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'** <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>**The Father and I are one.'**

## Deanery Open Day - Pioneering Parishes

The Deanery is exploring a 'Pioneering Parishes' with a taster day on 31 May. We are the first deanery in the country to try this and it has caused much interest in the diocese. We have been asked to invite people to come along and hear what Greg Baker and Tina Hodgetts (who will lead the day), have to say about doing things differently. At a recent meeting with Bishop Tim, he encouraged us with 'if you want to grow your churches, stop doing the same and do something different.' Let's start this journey together. If you are interested in coming, please let one of your Deanery Synod Reps know, Di, Gill or Maggie.

When: Saturday 31st May,

Where: St Peter's Church, Hednesford, WS12 1BD ,

Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

## Calling all Volunteers

**More readers are required to help out with readings at 9.30am services on Sundays, please don't be shy if you are even a little bit interested please speak with Janet Bolton.**





**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.

**Happy Birthday to Janet Bailey  
who celebrates her Birthday on the 14th May!  
Many Happy Returns, from your Church Family**



### 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.

# **YOUR CHURCHES NEEDS YOU!!!!**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. we will be holding our Annual PCC Meeting. At this meeting we elect your PCC representatives and officers for the forthcoming year and receive reports from church organisations. **Even if you don't want to join the PCC it is important that we have a good turnout at the Annual meeting.**

The PCC is the legal entity for the Parish and makes important decisions on behalf of your churches. It is therefore very important that we have a strong PCC, especially when we are hoping to attract the right person to be our next Vicar. We have 6 ordinary meetings per year and try to conduct some business by email.

**Please consider getting involved. We can't continue to rely on a small diminishing group of people to make such important decisions.**

Forms will be available in church from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please come and talk to Janet or Janice (St. Luke's) or Tricia (St. Thomas') if you would like more information.

## **This weeks diary**

Tue 13th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	7.00pm	APCM	Centre
Wed 14h	10.00am	Holy Communion	Centre
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
Sat 17th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Centre
Sun 18h	9.30am	Holy Communion	Centre
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours
Mon 19th	1.30pm	Friendship Group	Centre

**Everyone Welcome**

**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 13th May 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 Road will be on Thursday 22nd May at 3pm  
Everyone Welcome.**

## **Volunteers Wanted - To join the rota for Church Opening.**

**This year the Church will be open on Friday and Saturday mornings from June to October. If you could join the team to welcome visitors to our church please contact  
Gill Winter or David Gethin.**

## **Future Services**

**St. Luke's**

**Tues 20th**

**9.30am Morning Prayer Centre**

**Wednesday 21st**

**10.00 am Holy Communion - Centre**

**Sunday 25th**

**8.00am Holy Communion - Centre**

**9.30am Holy Communion**

**St Thomas'**

**11.00 am Holy Communion**

**St Saviours**

**11.00am 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 NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: TINNED MEAT, RICE PUDING, TINNED FRUIT, JAM, SQUASH AND UHT MILK.**

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

