

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 15th December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

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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

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Readings

15th December	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
22nd December	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:39-45
29th December	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52

- **Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will bless them:**

Huntsmans Rise, Ivy Close, Keble Close, Keel Way, Keeling Drive, Kendal Court

1st Reading *Philippians 4.4-7*

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2nd Reading *Luke 3.7-18*

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptised by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

John answered, “The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.” Tax collectors also came to be baptised. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.”

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. John answered them all, “I baptise you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will **burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” And with many other words** John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.

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

Every **Tuesday Morning Prayer** at 9.00 in the Centre unless
otherwise announced.

Thursday Prayer Group 3.00pm

**Our JustGiving Page can be found on the St Luke's
Church website <https://www.stlukescannock.org.uk/>
for people to be able to make a donation towards the
Fabric of our church. Or type "St Luke's Church Cannock"
into the search box on the JustGiving Website**

<https://www.justgiving.com>

We really appreciate your donations.

**'Thank you to everyone who braved Storm Darragh and
came along to St Thomas' Christmas Fayre. We had a very
successful day and were grateful that so many people
came along to enjoy the refreshments and stalls on offer.**

Thank you to all the helpers and Morrisons store too.
Our next Coffee Morning will be Saturday 11th January
10.00 till 12.00 everyone welcome.

Sending best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the
new year from all at St Thomas'

Thank you

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. Why not give permission to the Parish Office to put your special days in the Pews News or at least give the Ministry Team the details so that we can pray for you in church?



St Luke's wardens ask, if anyone is able to make a donation to the church fund to provide flowers in Church at Christmas, they would very much appreciate it.

Parish Office Christmas Closure

The office will be

Closed on Monday 23rd December

and will re-open Thursday 2nd January 2025





St Thomas' Church Christmas Cards

There will be a special board in church from Sunday 24th November. Please write one card instead of cards to all at Church.

Give a donation in lieu of cards to Kathryn House Hospice.

There will be a donations tin in Church

Thank you.

This Week's Diary

Mon 16th	10.30am	Sherbrook School	St Luke's
Tue 17th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	2.00pm	Cannock High	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Cannock Civic Service	St Luke's
Wed 18th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	12.00pm	Nigel Bailey Funeral	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Thur 19th	10.00am	KS1 St Luke's	St Luke's
	2.30pm	Eileen Cryer Funeral	St Luke's
Fri 20th	10.00am	KS2 St Luke's	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Chase Choral	St Thomas'
Sun 22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Luke's

Everyone welcome

Services Week Beginning 22nd December

4th Sunday of Advent

St. Luke's

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 24th December

4.30pm Crib Service

11.30pm First Communion of Christmas

St. Thomas'

Sunday 11.00pm First Communion of Christmas

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****

