

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 15th March 2026

Mothing Sunday

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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

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A message from the Pastoral Care Group

If you are able to offer a lift to church, even if it is only one Sunday a month, please could let the Pastoral Care Group know your availability.

Many thanks Gill, Di and Sue.

First Reading Exodus 2.1-10

¹A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, **'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,'** she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, **'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'** ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, **'Yes.'** So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, **'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.'** So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, **'because,'** she said, **'I drew him out of the water.'**

Second Reading Luke 2.33-35

³³The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, **'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'**

A Walk Down The Aisle Through Time

23rd - 25th April 2026 10.00 am - 4.00pm

This event is an exhibition of wedding traditions and attire, illustrating how this has changed over time.

If you have any wedding memorabilia that you would be willing to loan for the exhibition, please contact either the wardens, the parish office or myself as soon as possible.

We are also collecting any short anecdotes connected to weddings. If you can contribute to this please speak to Janet Bolton.

As ever, we will require stewards and help with refreshments and of course your baking skills. Please offer your services to Janice Middleton or Linda Kelly.

Thank you for your support, Karen Dean

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.

A Walk Down The Aisle Through Time

Thank you to everyone who has already offered to loan photographs. The plan is to scan them and put them on a loop on the screens during the event. To this end, please send in via email any photos you can supply for the event. Anyone unable to send via email can bring them into the office. Please ensure they are labelled with your name so they can be returned to you. As we wish to show the changes in wedding attire over time, any photos are greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, please place your donation and name of your loved one(s) in an envelope and pass it to one of the Wardens or hand it in to the Parish Office.

The name of your loved one(s) will be displayed on the

noticeboard at Easter.

Many thanks, Janice



ST LUKE'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Day Trip to Trentham Gardens including entry to gardens

Tuesday 28th April - Depart Hednesford (bus stop by Tesco) and Church Street, Cannock.

Cost: £42.50 (with admission to gardens)

£32.50 (without admission) **Deposit:** £10 Balance no later than 31st March.

Contact Margaret 01543 505860 or by email

margaretwalker@hotmail.co.uk - Payment by bank transfer, cash or cheque payable to Margaret Walker. Seats will be allocated on receipt of deposit.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!



As some of you may know, Janet and I are standing down as Wardens at the APCM in May – Janice after 15 years as Deputy and Warden and Janet after 6 years as Warden. Therefore, there will be two vacancies for the post of Warden.

If you feel called to undertake this important post for St. Luke's Church, please speak to me or Janet. If you feel that you would be prepared to become part of a larger team to share the responsibilities of Warden, we would also love to hear from you. Many thanks, Janice Middleton

Collection Envelopes

This year's collection envelopes are now in Church please collect them from the back.

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 17th March**

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 April due to Lent Course in the

Church Centre

Everyone Welcome.



This weeks diary

Mon 16th	9.00am	Easter Cracked	St Luke's
Tue 17th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 18th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Sun 22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'

Everyone Welcome

Thank you to everyone who has offered to loan items for display in the Walk Down The Aisle Through Time event. Please can I remind you to fill in a form, available at the back of church or on the church website, whether you have spoken to one of us or not, so that we are aware of exactly what is coming in and can plan where to put items. I would ask you to remember to sign the indemnity on the back of the form to allow items to go on display.

St Thomas' Church - Easter Lilies

There will be a collection tin at the back of Church if you would like to donate towards the flowers for Easter.

With thanks,

Doreen Shaw



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 24th March

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 25th March

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th March

6.30pm Evensong

St Thomas'

11.00am No Service

St Saviours

11.00am Holy Communion Joint Service

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****

