

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

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11th Sunday after Trinity

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**** notice** Parish Office holidays Monday Tuesday and Wednesdays between 10th August and 19th.**

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

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Romans 11.1-2a,29-32*

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Second Reading Matthew 15.(10-20) 21-28

¹⁰Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' ²¹Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.



Message from Andy Brittle

Following our recent Quinquennial Inspection, we have been asked to start weekly routine checks with regards to movement, which may be associated with the nearby town centre demolition.

You may notice strategically placed red card which says 'do not move' and cloth around the pulpit area which looks out of place.

At the moment Andy and Donna have placed these 'dust/mortar traps' where we think the issues are, and these will be checked weekly in order for us to monitor and document any possible movement in the Church building. The architect has stated that as the Church's appointed architect, his priority is keeping St Luke's fully open and functional, this monitoring will help him ensure that any early signs of movement will be picked up. To that end we need your assistance. In your visits to Church, we ask that if you see any large particles of plaster and excess dust (particularly near walls and windows), you inform Donna, Andy or Janice/Teresa.

These items should not be touched or moved and remain in situ until we can take photographic evidence and document on our Structural Monitoring sheets. Please ensure that children near the carpeted area do not remove the red card dust traps and the fabric placed around the pulpit area. In addition, should anyone experience difficulties in the opening or closing of doors then please pass on this information as soon as possible again to Donna Andy Janice or Teresa. Please be assured that St Luke's is perfectly safe to visit at present, however, we do need to be mindful that things change quickly. If you do see something or hear vibrations etc then please report immediately to one of the above. Andy Brittle

Prayer for our next Vicar

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your loving presence within our churches and for your constant love for the communities of Cannock, Huntington and Hatherton. We thank you Father for all those people, past and present, who have been part of the witnessing life of St Luke's, St Thomas' and St Saviour's and have answered the call to serve you and your church.

Now as we look to the future, we pray for someone to come and serve as the vicar of our parish. Father, scripture reminds us that you have always called people into your service. We pray that you have already chosen the person who will be our new vicar. We pray that at the right time, prompted by your Spirit, that person will respond to the advertisement and be drawn to the parish to share with us, the challenges outlined in our Parish Profile. Father, we put our trust in you to send the right person to be our vicar and to lead us on to where you would have us be. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

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.

St Luke's Church

Teresa is looking to set up a Welcome Team to welcome people to the 9.30am Sunday service.

Full training on how to set up Church and the equipment will be provided.

Please come and offer to help us welcome people to our Church. Many thanks, Teresa

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

Morning Prayer

Please note there will be no Morning Prayer until Tuesday 8th September.

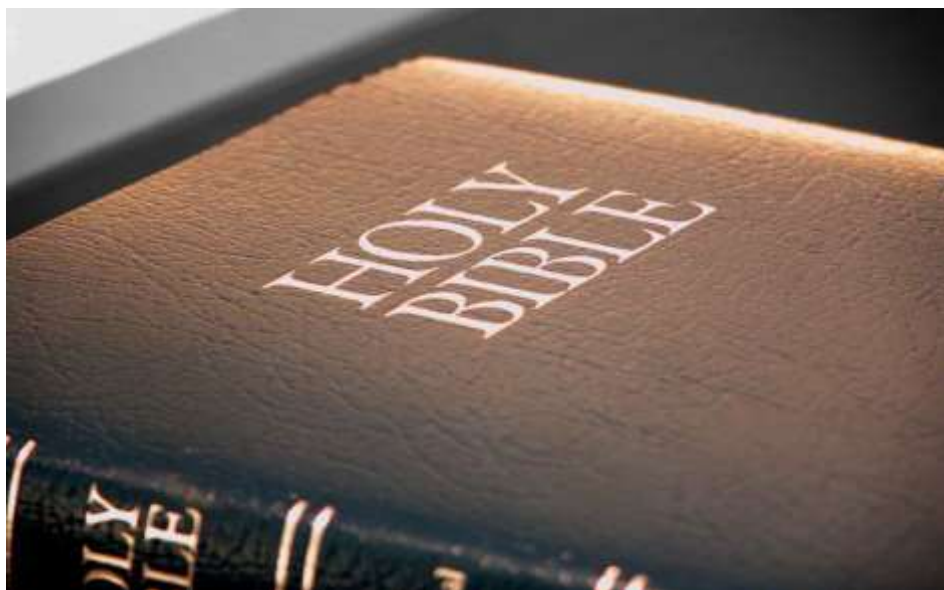
**Please come along and join us
Every Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9.30am in the Centre unless
otherwise announced. Next Prayer Group at
85 Dartmouth Avenue will be on Thursday 27th August at 3pm.
Everyone Welcome.**



This weeks diary

Tue 18th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
Wed 19th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.30am	Chris Gooch Funeral	Cannock Crem
	1pm	Chris Gooch Service	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 21st	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sat 22nd	10am	Church Café	St Luke's
	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Lukes
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours

Everyone Welcome



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 25th

~~9.30am Morning Prayer~~

Wednesday 26th

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th

8.00am Holy Communion

St Thomas' Joint Service

11.00am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you



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