

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

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Lent 2

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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,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Revision of Electoral Roll

Please be aware that a new electoral roll is being prepared. All members of the current roll must complete a new form if they wish to be included on the new roll. Forms will be available from the Wardens from Saturday 15th February.

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” But Abram said, “O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the heavens and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.” But Abram said, “O Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I shall gain possession of it?” So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.” Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking brazier with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates.”

Luke 13.31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ ³²He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.’”

³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me **until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”**

Readings

16th March	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18	Luke 13:31– end
23rd March	Isaiah 55:1-9	Luke 13:1-9
30th March	1 Samuel 1:20-end	Luke 2: 33-35

Lent Course 2025 – Cannock and Huntington
I Believe ...

As the bishop reads at every licensing of clergy, ‘The Church of

England is part of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic creeds, which **faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation.’**

This year we are taking a look at the Nicene Creed with reflections and readings to study together illustrating the heart of Christian faith, with a time of prayer for the churches through the Vacancy. Course booklet will be provided.

Thursdays 13th, 20th and 27th March, and 3rd and 10th April
2:30pm – 4:00pm

in St Luke’s Church Centre

Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will bless them: Oriel Close, Oxford Green, Oxford Road, Park Road, Park Street, Pasture Gate



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?

Many Happy returns to Stephen Roycroft on the 23rd March.

Wishing you a Happy Birthday, from your Church Family.



ST LUKE'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Day Trip to Bakewell on market day followed by 2 course carvery lunch
Monday 7th April Depart Hednesford (bus stop by Tesco) & Church Street, Cannock.

Cost £42.50

Contact Margaret 01543 505860 or by email

margaretgwalker@hotmail.co.uk

Payment by bank transfer, cash or cheque payable to Margaret Walker

Coach seats will be allocated on receipt of payment.

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.

Parish Profile

**To the congregations of St Luke's, St Thomas' and
St Saviours.**

We are in the process of creating our Parish profile and we would like to include some of your thoughts about our new vicar, what do you want to see in the new vicar? For example; their priorities?, interests? character?, and what important issues are to be addressed in our parishes?

Please write down any ideas/thoughts you have and hand them into the Parish Office or give them to a Warden.

Thank you in advance—your contributions will be most welcome.

Mon 17th	9.00am	Church Heating	St Luke's
Tue 18th	9.30am	Easter Cracked Open	St Luke's
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Wed 19th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Thur 20th	11.30am	Funeral	St Luke's
	2.30pm	Lent Course	Centre
Fri 21st	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sun 23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
	12.00pm	Holy Baptism	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'

Mothing Sunday

This year's Mothing Sunday service, on 30th March, will
be a joint service of Holy Communion with congregations
from St Thomas' and St Saviour's and

will be held at

St Saviours Church at 11.00am. The service will be
conducted by Rev Steve Reynolds.

A service of Holy Communion will also be held at St Luke's
at 8.00am on that day.

Please join us for this special service.



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 25th

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 26th

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th

8am Holy Communion

St Saviours

11am Mothering Sunday 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 NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: TINNED MEAT, RICE
PUDING, TINNED FRUIT, JAM, SQUASH AND UHT MILK.**

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

