

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 17th August

Trinity 9

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Office hours

Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm

(Office Closed Mon—Wed 11th—26th August

For Holidays)

Thursday—Friday 9.30am—12.30pm

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,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

17th August	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
24th August	Corinthians 4:9-15	Luke 22:24-30
31st August	Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16	Luke 14:1,7-14
7th September	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:24-33

Reading 1 Hebrews 11.29-12.2

²⁹By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better

resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reading 2 Luke 12.49-56

Jesus said to his disciples: ⁴⁹**‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:**
father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

⁵⁴**He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’**

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.



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.

Please let the Wardens or the Parish Office know.

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 19th August 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 on Thursday 28th August at 3pm
Everyone Welcome.**





St Luke's Friendship Group

Day Trip to Weston-Super-Mare

Including 2 course carvery lunch at Brent House

Friday 10th October

Depart from Hednesford & Church Street Cannock

Cost: £47.50

Deposit £10.00 Balance no later than 31st August

Contact Margaret Walker 01543 505860

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

Coach seats allocated on receipt of payment.



This weeks diary

Tue 19th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 20th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers	St Luke's
Fri 22nd	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sat 23rd	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 24th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours

Everyone Welcome

Reminder

Just a reminder that all car park pass applications need to be sent back in to the Parish Office.

It is important that if you have an email address and mobile telephone number to put it on the form in order for the office to add you to the distribution list in case of emergencies. Thank you Parish Office

Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 26th

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 27th

10.00 am Holy Communion - St Luke's

Sunday 31st

8.00am Holy Communion—St Luke's

**9.30am Holy Communion and dedication of
new altar frontal**

**Joint Service at St Luke's with St Thomas' &
St Saviours**

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****

